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DUAL Australia Management Liability Insurance

MODULE 1

Introduction

Welcome to DUAL Australia Pty Ltd.

Why is this document important?

This document is the Management Liability insurance **policy** wording. It contains details of **your** insurance if **you** purchase this product from **us**.

Who is this policy designed for?

DUAL's Management Liability insurance **policy** is designed to protect small and medium sized companies and their directors and **officers**.

There are five coverage parts and associated Additional Benefits. The policy Schedule will indicate what coverage parts have been selected, stating coverage is "Included". If the Schedule states "Not Included" there is no cover under that Insuring Clause and/or Additional Benefit.

Insuring Clause 1.1, 1.2(a) **Wrongful Acts** or **Employment Practice Breaches** by Directors & **Officers**

Insuring Clause 1.2(b) **Wrongful Acts** by the **Company**

Insuring Clause 1.2(c) **Employment Practice Breaches** by the **Company**

Insuring Clause 1.2(d) **Direct Financial Loss** sustained by the **Company** (Crime)

Insuring Clause 1.2(e) **Tax Audit Costs** for the **Company**

Understanding your policy and its important terms and conditions

Details of the available cover are set out in the **policy** document. Please read it carefully to be sure it provides the protection **you** need.

In return for **you** having paid the premium to **us**, subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations as set out in the **policy** wording and/or the Schedule, **we** will insure **you** during the **period of insurance** to the extent described in the **policy**.

The **policy** wording, Schedule and endorsements (if any) are to be read together, as they set out the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations that apply to this management liability insurance **policy**.

What we do not cover

There are things **we** do not cover, detailed within each section of the **policy**. Please refer to the 'Exclusions' section for information on what we do not cover under any part of the **policy**.

Your privacy

Your privacy and the security of **your** personal information are very important to **us**. **We** are committed to protecting the privacy of **your** personal information and the handling of your personal information in a responsible manner. **We** will take all reasonable steps to ensure that **your** personal information is accurate and current.

The information **you** give **us** is used by **us** to provide **you** with insurance product quotations. **We** also use that information to assist **us** in managing your **policy**, compiling statistics, processing any **claims you** may have and updating **you** with details of **our** products and services.

Please refer to DUAL's website to read **our** Privacy Policy www.dualaustralia.com.au

When to make a claim

As soon as practical and within the **period of insurance**, or during the **discovery period** if applicable.

How to make a claim

If **you** need to make a claim under this **policy**, please refer to Claims Conditions, Notification 9.1. If **you** have any questions, please contact **your** broker or insurance intermediary as soon as possible or contact DUAL Australia on 1300 769 772, or by email: claims@dualaustralia.com.au

Our claims forms are located on **our** website: www.dualaustralia.com.au

How Goods and Services Tax affects any payments we make

If **you** are entitled to an input tax credit for the premium paid for this **policy**, then **you** should advise **us** of the extent of that entitlement at or before making a claim under the **policy**. The **deductible** paid by **you** shall be net of any input tax credit that is or may be available in connection with **your** payment of **loss** within the **deductible**.

You must advise **us** of **your** correct Australian Business Number & Taxable Percentage.

Section 1: What we cover: Management Liability

We will provide cover to the extent described in this **policy** during the **period of insurance**, subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations set out in the **policy**. Cover commences upon payment of the premium unless otherwise agreed by **us** in writing.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the **policy**, the total amount payable by **us** under the **policy** shall not exceed the **limit of indemnity** displayed in the policy Schedule.

If there is a Sub Limit referred to in the Schedule for an Insuring Clause or an Additional Benefit, then that is the maximum amount, in the aggregate, which is payable by **us** for that Insuring Clause or that Additional Benefit .

All applicable Sub-Limits are displayed in the **policy** Schedule and shall be part of and not in addition to the **limit of indemnity** unless otherwise expressed.

If the **policy** Schedule states "Not Included" there is no cover under that Insuring Clause and/or Additional Benefit.

The **policy** only covers, under Insuring Clauses 1.1, 1.2 (a) to (c), **claims** first made against the **insured** and notified to **us** in the **period of insurance** or **discovery period** if applicable.

In the **policy**, except to the extent that the context otherwise requires:

- a. words and expressions in the singular include reference to the plural, and vice versa;
- b. any word or expression which is given a specific meaning in the **policy** will appear in bold typeface, is defined, and will have that meaning wherever it may appear;
- c. words that are not specifically defined in this **policy** have the meaning normally attributed to them.

The headings and sub headings contained in this **policy** document are used for convenience only and do not form part of the terms of this **policy**.

1.1 Cover for You

We agree to pay on behalf of each **insured person** all **loss** on account of any **claim** for any **wrongful act** or **employment practice breach** for which the **company** has not indemnified or agreed to indemnify the **insured person**.

1.2 Cover for the Company

We agree to pay on behalf of the **company**:

Company Reimbursement

- a. all **loss** on account of any **claim** against any **insured person** for any **wrongful act** or **employment practice breach** for which the **company** has indemnified or agreed to indemnify such **insured person**;

Entity

- b. all **loss** on account of any **claim** against the **company** for a **wrongful act** by the **company**;

Employment Practices Breach

- c. all **loss** on account of any **claim** against the **company** for an **employment practice breach**;

Crime

- d. **Direct financial loss** sustained by the **company**, in excess of the **deductible**, which is first **discovered** and notified to **us** during the **period of insurance**, or **discovery period** if applicable, and caused by **dishonest acts**;

Tax Audit Costs

- e. **Tax audit costs** resulting from a **tax audit notice** served on the **company**, and reported to **us**, during the **period of insurance**.

1.3 Defence costs for claims

Except where **we** deny liability under this **policy we** agree to pay **defence costs** either incurred by **us** or incurred by the **insured** with **our** prior written consent, in respect of a **claim** for **loss** covered by this **policy**. **We** also agree to advance **defence costs** in respect of such a **claim** before its final disposition.

We will not rely on Exclusion 3.7 (Fraudulent, Dishonest and Wilful Conduct) until there is a relevant judgment, final adjudication or admission by such **insured** that the relevant conduct by such **insured** did occur.

If **we** subsequently refuse to pay the **insured's loss** under the **policy**, the **insured** must reimburse **us** for any **defence costs** that **we** have paid in advance, according to the respective interests of the **insured**.

For the purpose of this clause and the application of the terms, conditions and exclusions of the **policy** to Additional Benefit 2.1 Official Investigations and Inquiries, **claim** also means an official investigation, examination or inquiry under Additional Benefit 2.1.

1.4 Retroactive Date

The **policy** shall only provide cover in connection with **wrongful acts, employment practices breaches, dishonest acts** and any other conduct occurring after the **retroactive date**.

Section 2: What we cover: Additional Benefits

We will provide a range of Additional Benefits subject to the policy terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations set out in the **policy**. These benefits are listed below.

Our liability for these Additional Benefits will be limited to:

- a. the amount shown in the **policy** Schedule for the relevant Additional Benefit; or
- b. if no amount is shown in the **policy** Schedule, then the amounts shown below, subject to the extent that the **limit of indemnity** is not otherwise exhausted.

2.1 Official Investigations and Inquiries

We agree to pay **defence costs** in connection with the attendance by an **insured** for examination at any **investigation** in relation to the affairs of the **company** or any other examination of an **insured person** by virtue of his/her position as such.

We will only do this if:

- i. the notice of the **investigation** is first received by the **insured** and notified to **us** during the **period of insurance**, or **discovery period** if applicable; and
- ii. the subject matter of the **investigation** may lead to a recommendation in respect of civil liability or civil proceedings which would be a **claim** against the **insured** covered by this **policy**.

For the purpose of this Additional Benefit only, Exclusions 3.4 Bodily Injury / Property Damage and 3.5 Pollution Cover do not apply.

2.2 Occupational Health and Safety Defence Costs

We agree to pay:

- i. **defence costs** in connection with the attendance by an **insured** for examination at any **investigation** in connection with a breach or alleged breach of any Commonwealth, State or Territory occupational or workplace health and safety legislation;
- ii. **defence costs** in respect of any **claim** made against an **insured** where such **claim** arises from a breach or alleged breach of any Commonwealth, State or Territory occupational or workplace health and safety legislation.

For the purpose of this Additional Benefit only:

- a. **claim** shall also include any official notice asserting a breach by an insured of any Commonwealth, State or Territory occupational or workplace health and safety legislation; and
- b. Exclusion 3.4 Bodily Injury / Property Damage does not apply.

2.3 Statutory Liability

Under Insuring Clauses 1.1, 1.2(a) and 1.2(b) only, **we** agree to pay on behalf of the **insured** as **loss** all **statutory liability** and **defence costs** on account of any **claim**, if **we** are not legally prohibited from doing so.

We are not liable to make any payment under this Additional Benefit for **statutory liability** or **defence costs** in any way whatsoever in connection with:

- i. alleged violation of any law in relation to vehicle, air or marine traffic;
- ii. actual or alleged plagiarism, misappropriation, infringement or violation of copyright, patent, trademark, intellectual property rights, trade secret, unfair trade practices or business competition or any consumer protection Act, including but not limited to any Fair Trading Acts, Trade Practices Act 1974 (Cth), and Competition and Consumer Act (2010) and any similar law of any state, territory or jurisdiction and any amendment, consolidation or re-enactment of any of those Acts;
- iii. contract of service, or any intended contract of service, with any current, former or prospective **employee**.

For the purpose of this Additional Benefit only, **we** shall not be liable for, or to pay as **loss**:

- a. any amounts payable as compensation, damages, including any exemplary or punitive damages or the multiplied part;
- b. the cost or payment of any compliance, remedial, reparation, restitution, or enforcement orders;
- c. any tax (including any fine or penalty resulting from the failure to pay any tax), rate, duty, or interest thereon or any amount on account of such tax, rate, duty or interest;
- d. any economic loss, consequential or otherwise;
- e. any other monetary payment, penalty or fine, the insurance of which is prohibited by the law where the claim is brought;
- f. fines or penalties ordered in any criminal proceeding, other than as described in the definition of **statutory liability**;
- g. any penalty awarded outside the jurisdiction or laws of Australia or New Zealand;
- h. any amount in connection with alleged breaches of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).

For the purpose of this Additional Benefit only:

- i. the reference in clauses 8.30 (a) **loss** and 4.1(d) of the **policy** to fines and penalties shall not apply to the extent that this Additional Benefit operates; and
- j. Exclusions 3.4 Bodily Injury / Property Damage and 3.5 Pollution Cover do not apply.

If any claim by an **insured** under this Additional Benefit 2.3 is in respect of a **claim** to which Additional Benefit 2.2 Occupational Health & Safety Defence Costs or Additional Benefit 2.4 Pollution Cover responds, then the cover under this Additional Benefit 2.3 in respect of such **claim** shall be limited solely to **statutory liability** and shall not include **defence costs**.

2.4 Pollution Cover

We agree to pay:

- a. **defence costs** in respect of any claim made against an **insured** in connection with **pollutants**; and
- b. for or on behalf of the **insured** all **loss** on account of any **claim** in respect of **pollutants** made by any shareholder of the **company** either directly or derivatively alleging damage to the **company** or its shareholders.

For the purpose of this Additional Benefit only, Exclusions 3.4 Bodily Injury / Property Damage and 3.5 Pollution do not apply to the cover under this Additional Benefit 2.4.

The total amount payable by **us** under this extension shall not exceed \$500,000 in respect of all **claims**. This Sub-Limit forms part of, and is not payable in addition to the **Indemnity Limit**.

2.5 Emergency defence costs

If it is not possible for the insured to obtain **our** consent prior to incurring **defence costs** for a **claim** covered under this **policy**, **we** will waive prior consent provided **our** consent is obtained within thirty (30) days of the first of such **defence costs** being incurred.

The sub-limit of liability for all such payments under this Additional Benefit is 10% of the **limit of indemnity** and is part of and not in addition to the **limit of indemnity**.

2.6 Continuous cover

Subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of this **policy**, in respect of any **claim** first made in the **period of insurance** where the **insured**:

- a. first became aware, prior to the **period of insurance**, that a **claim** might or could arise from facts or circumstances known to the **insured**; and
- b. had not prior to the **period of insurance** notified its insurer of such facts or circumstances.

Exclusion 3.1 (a) Prior or Pending will not apply, provided that:

1. **we** were the management liability insurer of the **insured** when the **insured** first became aware of such facts and circumstances;
2. **we** have continued without interruption to be the **insured's** management liability insurer up to when this **policy** came into effect;
3. the **claim** would have been covered under the management liability insurance policy in force at the time the **insured** first became aware of such facts or circumstances;
4. there has not been any fraudulent non-disclosure or fraudulent misrepresentation to **us** by the **insured** in respect of such facts or circumstances;
5. **we** have the discretion to apply either the terms and conditions of the policy on foot when the **insured** first became aware of the facts and circumstances, including but not limited to the limit of indemnity and deductible, or the terms and conditions of this **policy**; and
6. **we** will reduce **our** liability to the extent of any prejudice suffered as a result of the **insured's** failure to notify **us** of such facts or circumstances giving rise to a **claim** prior to the **period of insurance**.

For the purpose of this Additional Benefit only, the definition of **we/us/our** in clause 8.57 of this **policy** also includes the Underwriter(s) for which **we** were the agent on any previous policy issued by us as such Underwriter's agent to the **insured**. Subject to the terms of this Additional Benefit and the terms of the **policy**, the intention of this Additional Benefit is to provide continuous cover to the **insured** notwithstanding any change in the identity of the Underwriters for which we presently act, or have previously acted, as agent.

2.7 Employment Superannuation Scheme

We agree to pay on behalf of the **insured** all **loss** on account of a **claim** resulting from:

- a. a **wrongful act** by an **insured person** in their capacity as a **trustee**, or as a director or **officer** of the **company** acting as corporate **trustee**;
- b. a **wrongful act** by the **company** acting in its capacity as corporate **trustee**;
- c. conduct of any other person for which an **insured person** referred to in (a) or the **company** referred to in (b) above is legally liable;

but only in respect of the administration of a **fund**.

2.8 Reinstatement of Indemnity Limit

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **claim(s)** which require(s) reinstatement of the **limit of indemnity** during the **Insurance Period** because the **limit of indemnity** is eroded (partially or totally) as a result of the payment of an earlier and separate **Claim, Claims** or **Defence Costs**. However the aggregate of all such reinstatements in connection with all **Claims** will not exceed a total amount equal to the **limit of indemnity**, inclusive of **Defence Costs**, and such reinstatements are only available where the subsequent **Claim(s)** is/are based on facts and matters totally different from and unrelated to those which gave rise to the erosion or exhaustion of the **limit of indemnity**.

Further, this extension does not apply:

- a. until the **Insured** has exhausted the limits of any policy which is in excess of the original **limit of indemnity** under this **Policy**, other than any similar reinstatement provisions under such excess policies;
- b. to any sections or extensions under this **policy** that has a sub limit of indemnity.

2.9 Discovery period

If this **policy** is not renewed or replaced with a similar policy, the **insured** may give written notice to **us** of any **claim, investigation** or **loss** in respect of a **wrongful act, employment practice breach, dishonest act** or conduct occurring prior to the end of the **period of insurance**, during a **discovery period** immediately following the **period of insurance** of:

- a. 60 days, granted automatically with no additional premium payable; or
- b. at **our** discretion, 12 months, if the **insured** requests such period in writing within 15 days after the end of the **period of insurance** and the **insured** tenders an additional premium of 100% of the annual premium level in effect immediately prior to the end of the **period of insurance** within thirty (30) days after the end of the **period of insurance**.

If a **transaction** takes place prior to the end of the **period of insurance**, the **insured** does not have the right to purchase the **discovery period** specified above, however, the **company** does have the right, within 30 days of the end of the **period of insurance**, to request an offer from us for a **discovery period** of up to 72 months. **We** may, but are not obliged to, offer a **discovery period** on such terms and conditions as **we** may decide in **our** discretion.

The provision of any **discovery period** is conditional upon:

- a. the **insured** requesting its purchase in writing within 30 days following the end of the **period of insurance** or date of **transaction**; and
- b. payment of the additional premium within 30 days of the expiry of the **period of insurance**; and
- c. this **policy** not being replaced by a similar policy.

This Additional Benefit is not available if this **policy** is:

- i. renewed or replaced with any other management liability policy; or
- ii. cancelled or avoided.

A **discovery period** purchased under this Additional Benefit is non-cancellable and the premium paid for the **discovery period** is non-refundable. The purchase of a **discovery period** does not increase the **limit of indemnity**.

2.10 Retirement Cover

If the **company** does not renew this **policy** or replace it with any other insurance providing directors and officers liability coverage and one of the **discovery period** options detailed in Additional Benefit 2.9 of this **policy** has not been purchased, then the **insured persons** will be automatically entitled to a 72 month **discovery period** at no additional premium after the expiry of the **period of insurance** provided that the **insured person** retired from all employment or office prior to the expiry of the **period of insurance**.

2.11 Outside Directorship Cover

We agree to pay for or on behalf of an **insured** all **loss** on account of any **claim** made against an **insured person** who was, is or may become, at the written request of the **company**, a director, officer, trustee, governor or equivalent position, in any **outside entity** for any alleged conduct in such **insured person's** capacity as a director, officer, trustee, governor or equivalent position, in the **outside entity**.

This cover shall:

- a. only apply in excess of any insurance in respect of the **outside entity** as well as any indemnification provided by the **outside entity**; and;
- b. not apply in connection with any **claim** made against any **insured person** by any shareholder of the **outside entity** holding 20% or more of the issued and outstanding voting share capital of the **outside entity**; and;
- c. not apply in respect of any **claim** arising out of, based upon, attributable to or in any way whatsoever connected with the actual or alleged insolvency of any **outside entity** or any actual or alleged inability of any **outside entity** to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

2.12 New Subsidiaries

We agree to provide cover in respect of any entity which becomes a **subsidiary** because it was created or acquired by the **company** during the **period of insurance**, provided that such entity has:

- a. total gross assets which are less than 20% of the total gross assets of the **company**; or
- b. gross annual turnover of less than 20% of the total gross annual turnover of the **company**; or
- c. total gross assets which are less than 10% of the total gross assets of the **company** in the USA or Canada.

The cover provided shall only apply in respect of a **wrongful act, employment practice breach, dishonest act** or other conduct occurring after the date of creation or acquisition and while that entity is a **subsidiary**.

2.13 Former subsidiaries

We agree to provide cover in respect of any entity that ceases to be a **subsidiary** during the **period of insurance** or prior to commencement of the **period of insurance**, provided that the cover provided shall only apply in respect of a **wrongful act, employment practice breach** or other conduct whilst the entity was a **subsidiary**. There is no cover under Insuring Clause 1.2(d) Crime under this Additional Benefit unless expressly agreed by us.

2.14 Directors' Tax Penalties

Under Insuring Clause 1.1, **we** shall pay as **loss** an **insured person's** personal liability arising out of the **company's** unpaid taxes where the **company** is insolvent and where the **company** has failed solely because of its insolvency to pay such taxes, except to the extent that such liability arises from the wilful intent of the **insured person** to breach legislation governing the payment of such taxes or condoned the **company** failing to do so.

For the purpose of this Additional Benefit only, Exclusion 3.11 Insolvency shall not apply.

2.15 Identity Theft Expenses

We will pay as **loss** the reasonable legal fees, costs and expenses incurred by an **insured person**, with **our** prior written consent (which will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed):

- a. when applying for civil or criminal proceedings to be dismissed or withdrawn on the basis it is that the alleged conduct by a third party perpetrator of an **identity theft** fraud and not the **insured person**;

- b. to correct or reinstate public records after an **identity theft** has occurred.

We will also pay for **public relations expenses** to mitigate the adverse publicity or reputational injury due to an **identity theft**.

2.16 Deprivation of Assets

Under Insuring Clauses 1.1 and 1.2 (a) **we** will pay for the following services directly to the provider of such services in the event of an interim or interlocutory order confiscating, controlling, suspending or freezing rights of ownership of real property or personal assets of an **insured person** or creating a charge over real property or personal assets of the **insured person** during the **period of insurance** in connection with a **claim** that is covered under this **policy**:

- a. Schooling;
- b. Housing;
- c. Utilities; and
- d. Personal Insurance

Such expenses shall only be payable after a personal allowance which has been directed by the court to meet such payments has been exhausted. Expenses will be payable after 30 days following the event above for a period of up to 12 months.

2.17 Extradition Costs

Under Insuring Clauses 1.1 and 1.2 (a) **we** will pay as **loss**:

- a. any reasonable fees, costs and expenses of an **insured person** (except remuneration of any **insured**, costs of their time or overheads of any **insured**) incurred with **our** prior written consent (which will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) incurred in challenging, resisting and/or defending a **claim** for extradition including any appeal relating thereto, brought against such **insured person** following the execution of a warrant for arrest against such person; and
- b. any reasonable fees, costs and expenses of any accredited:
 - i. Counsellor; or
 - ii. Tax advisor

retained by an **insured person** in connection with an extradition proceeding with **our** prior written consent.

2.18 Bail & Civil Bond Expenses

Under Insuring Clauses 1.1 and 1.2 (a) **we** will pay as **loss** the **bail bond & civil bond expenses** of each **insured** person incurred during the **period of insurance** in connection with a **claim** that is covered under this **policy**.

For the purpose of this Additional Benefit, **bail bond & civil bond expenses** means the reasonable premium (but not collateral) for a bond or other financial instrument to guarantee an **insured person's** contingent obligation for bail required by a Court hearing a **claim** for any **wrongful act**.

2.19 Crisis Containment

We shall reimburse the **company** for **crisis loss** in excess of the **deductible** that the **company** incurs by reason of a **crisis event** which first occurs and is notified to **us** during the **period of insurance**.

For the purpose of this Additional Benefit only, the **deductible** applicable to Insuring Clause 1.2 (b) shall apply.

2.20 Public Relations Expenses

Under Insuring Clauses 1.1 and 1.2(b), **we** shall pay as **loss**, at the election of the **insured**, the **public relations expenses** of an **insured person** to mitigate any adverse effect on such **insured person's** reputation by disseminating findings which exonerate the **insured person** from fault, liability or culpability in connection with a **claim** that is covered under this **policy**, provided such findings are made by a Court with jurisdiction to finally dispose of such **claim** (including the outcome of any appeal in relation to such **claim**).

2.21 Court Attendance

We agree to pay as **loss** the Court attendance costs of any **insured person** who is legally required to attend Court as a witness in a **claim** covered by the **policy**, to an amount not exceeding \$500 per day for all **insured persons**. No **deductible** applies under this Additional Benefit.

2.22 Third Party Discrimination and Sexual Harassment

Under Insuring Clauses 1.1, 1.2(a) and 1.2(c) Employment Practices Breach, **we** shall reimburse, on behalf of an **insured, loss** on account of any **third party claim**.

2.23 Crime Investigation Fees

Under Insuring Clause 1.2 (d) Crime and subject to Clause 9.6 Notification of Direct Financial Loss **we** will pay the reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses of a fraud investigator nominated by the **company** and approved in writing by **us** to establish the amount of any **direct financial loss** notified to **us** and covered by the **policy**, in excess of the **deductible** applicable for Insuring Clause 1.2 (d) Crime.

The investigation fees do not include expenses incurred by the **company**.

The fraud investigator shall:

- a. Investigate the facts behind such **direct financial loss**; and
- b. Determine the quantum of such **direct financial loss**, and
- c. Advise when and how the **company's** controls were or may have been breached; and
- d. Provide recommendations which may prevent future similar **direct financial loss**; and
- e. Issue their findings in a report format approved by **us**; and
- f. Provide a copy of the report to the **company** and to **us**.

We will pay for the reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses of the fraud investigator provided the **direct financial loss** is ultimately determined to be covered under this **policy**. If that part of the **direct financial loss** is determined not to be covered under this **policy**, the **company** must reimburse **us** for any fees, costs and expenses of the fraud investigator **we** have incurred.

The Sub-Limit for this Additional Benefit is in addition to the Sub-Limit applicable for Insuring Clause 1.2 (d) Crime displayed in the **policy** Schedule.

2.24 Unidentifiable Employees

Under Insuring Clause 1.2 (d) Crime only, if the **company** suspects a **loss** to have been caused by **dishonest acts** of any one or more **employees** and the **company** is unable to identify the specific **employee(s)** causing such **loss**, subject to the terms conditions exclusions and limitations for Insuring Clause 1.2 (d) Crime the **company** will be entitled to an indemnity provided the **company** furnishes evidence to **us** to prove the **loss** was due to the **dishonest acts** of one or more of its **employee(s)**.

2.25 Copyright Defence Costs

Under Insuring Clause 1.2(b) Entity **we** agree to pay as **loss defence costs** arising from any **claim** in connection with an unintentional and accidental breach of copyright by the **company** in the course of its business.

We shall only provide such **defence costs** where the **company** can demonstrate it has adequate copyright compliance procedures. Such copyright compliance procedures include but are not limited to:

- i. procedures for posting content online;
- ii. procedures for seeking permission to copy and reproducing material;
- iii. all employment contracts issued to former, current and prospective **employees**; and contracts for service or goods issued to independent contractors, contractors, consultants and agents, contain clear provisions regarding

ownership of any intellectual property rights belonging to the **company** or for which the **company** is legally liable; and

- iv. appropriately qualified independent third parties review and confirm that any product designed, manufactured or supplied by the **insured** and any publication issued by the **insured** do not breach third party intellectual property rights.

Exclusion 4.1(a) Entity shall have no effect in respect of breach of copyright only to the extent of the cover under this Additional Benefit. A separate **deductible** of \$5,000 shall apply under this Additional Benefit.

2.26 Unintentional Defamation

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **Claim** against the **Insured** which results from the **Insured** making and unintentional defamatory statement

2.27 Loss of Documents

Subject to the Insuring Clauses and all other **policy** terms and conditions, **we** agree to provide cover in respect of any costs and expenses incurred by the **Insured** in replacing or restoring **Lost Documents** for which the **insured** is legally responsible if:

- a. The loss of the **documents** is first discovered during the **Insurance Period**;
- b. The **insured** notifies **us** within 30 days of the loss of the **Documents**;
- c. The **insured** provides **us** with bills and accounts substantiating the costs and expenses incurred by the **insured** in replacing or restoring the **Lost Documents**; and
- d. **We** approve or a competent person nominated by **us** approves the bills and accounts.

2.28 Free Legal Consultation

During the **period of insurance** the **Insured** is entitled to up to two hours free legal advice from the appointed firm and nominated practitioner listed on the Schedule, on any matter relating to the **Insured's** professional business practice. This extension is subject to the following:

- a. Legal advice is limited to two hours per **policy** per year and any unused hours cannot be aggregated from one **policy** period to another;
- b. **We** reserve the right to change the appointed firm or nominated practitioner at any time. These changes will be notified to the **insured** upon request; and
- c. The **insured** may not seek legal advice on this **policy** or other indemnity issues concerning insurance policies issued by **us** under this extension.

2.29 Intellectual Property

Notwithstanding Clause 4.1 (a) Intellectual Property Exclusion of this **policy**, DUAL agrees to provide cover under Insuring Clause 1.1 or Insuring Clause 1.2 (a) in respect of any **claim** against the **insured Person** for or in connection with actual or alleged breaches of Intellectual Property Rights, including but not limited to any actual or alleged plagiarism, misappropriation, infringement or violation of copyright, patent, trademark or trade secret.

Section 3: What we do not cover: General Exclusions

The exclusions in this Section apply to Insuring Clauses 1.1 - 1.2(c) and 1.2 (e) and the Additional Benefits relating to those Insuring Clauses. **We** will not cover the **insured** for or in connection with:

3.1 Prior or Pending

any **claim** arising out of or in any way connected with any:

- a. actual or alleged facts which were known to the **company** or any **insured person** prior to the commencement of the

period of insurance and which the **company** or the **insured person** knew or ought reasonably to have known might give rise to a **claim**; or

- b. actual or alleged facts which were, which could have been or which can be notified under any policy existing prior to the commencement of the **period of insurance**; or
- c. pending or prior **litigation**, or **litigation** derived from the same or essentially the same facts as are or might be alleged in such pending or prior **litigation**, as at the commencement of the **period of insurance**; or
- d. any fact or matter referred to in the **proposal**, no matter how it is recorded or expressed therein; or
- e. any contingent liability noted in the **company's** financial statements.

3.2 Breach of Professional Duty

any **claim** directly or indirectly based upon, attributable to, or in consequence of any breach of professional duty, or the provision of any professional services and/or advice, or the failure to provide such services or advice.

For the sake of clarity, this Exclusion does not apply to **wrongful acts** by any **insured person** in their capacity as an **insured person** other than in the provision of professional services to a third party. This Exclusion does not apply to the extent that cover may be provided under Additional Benefit 2.7 Employment Superannuation Scheme.

3.3 Insured versus Insured

any **claim** which is brought by or on behalf of the **company** or any **outside entity**; provided, however, this exclusion shall not apply to:

- a. **defence costs**;
- b. any **claim** brought or maintained by the **company** for contribution or indemnity, if the **claim** directly results from another **claim** otherwise covered under the **policy**;
- c. any **claim** brought or maintained on behalf of the **company** or any **outside entity** by any external administrator to the **company** or any **outside entity** (including but not limited to a liquidator, receiver, administrator or other external administrator) where such external administrator is appointed by a Court and such **claim** is brought without the solicitation, assistance or co-operation of any **insured person** or director, officer, trustee, governor or equivalent position in any **outside entity**, except when such solicitation, assistance or cooperation is required by law;
- d. any shareholder derivative action brought or maintained on behalf of the **company** or any **outside entity** without the solicitation, assistance or co-operation of an **insured person** or director, officer, trustee, governor or equivalent position in any **outside entity**, except when such solicitation, assistance or co-operation is required by law;
- e. any **claim** instigated by any regulatory authority on behalf of the **company** or any **outside entity** without the solicitation, assistance or co-operation of an **insured person** or director, officer, trustee, governor or equivalent position in any **outside entity**, except when such solicitation, assistance or co-operation is required by law.

3.4 Bodily Injury / Property Damage

any **claim** for bodily injury, sickness, mental anguish or emotional distress or disturbance, disease or death of any person howsoever caused or damage to or destruction of any tangible property, including loss of use thereof.

This Exclusion shall not apply to any **claim** in respect of mental anguish or emotional distress or disturbance alleging an **employment practice breach** or **third party claim** alleging such mental anguish or emotional distress or disturbance.

3.5 Pollution

any **claim** arising from or in any way connected with:

- a. the actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, release or escape of **pollutants** into or upon land, the atmosphere or any water course or body of water, whether such discharge, dispersal, release or escape is intentional or accidental; or
- b. any direction or request to test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralise **pollutants**.

3.6 Radioactivity

any **claim** arising from or in any way connected with:

- a. loss or destruction of or damage to any property whatsoever or any loss or expense whatsoever resulting from or arising there from or any consequential loss; or
- b. any legal liability of whatsoever nature

directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from:

- i. ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel; or
- ii. the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.

3.7 Fraudulent, Dishonest and Wilful Conduct

any **claim** arising from or in any way connected with any **insured**:

- a. gaining any personal profit or advantage to which the **insured** was not legally entitled;
- b. having improperly benefited from any **securities** transaction as a result of information that is/was not available to other sellers or purchasers of such **securities**;
- c. committing any reckless, intentional, dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious act or omission or any reckless, intentional, wilful violation or breach of any statute, regulation, contract or duty;
- d. committing any breach of either Section 182 or Section 183 of the Corporations Act 2001(Cth).

This Exclusion (c) does not apply to the extent there is cover available under Additional Benefit 2.3 Statutory Liability.

These exclusions shall only apply if it is established through a judgment or any other final adjudication adverse to the **insured**, or any admission by the **insured** against whom the conduct is alleged, that the relevant conduct did in fact occur.

In such event any **defence costs** that **we** have paid in advance will be reimbursed according to the respective interests of the **insured**. Clause 10.7 Non-Imputation applies to this Exclusion.

3.8 Capital-raising

any **claim** made against any **insured** arising out of or in any way connected with:

- a. any **disclosure document** which contains an offer or invitation for the issue, sale, purchase or transfer of securities;
- b. the making of any written or verbal representations, forecasts or projections by an **insured** in connection with a **disclosure document** or any offer referred to in (a);
- c. any representation made by an **insured** in connection with any sale or purchase agreement of the **company's** assets or **securities** unless such statement has been authorised by an independent party other than an **insured** and who is or which is a duly qualified professional in that field;
- d. any rendering of advice, recommendations or a fairness opinion by an **insured** in connection with any actual or alleged merger, acquisition, divestment, tender offer, capital restructuring or raising, dissolution, or sale of all or substantially all of the assets or stock of a business entity, or any activity similar in nature or effect;
- e. an amount which represents the price paid in relation to the acquisition or sale of substantially all of the issued shared capital or the assets of an entity and in respect of which it is alleged that the value of the assets acquired or consideration received was inadequate, by which such price or consideration is effectively increased.

3.9 Superannuation Liabilities

any **claim**:

- a. arising out of or in any way connected with the failure of the **company** to pay into, or collect contributions for, a **fund** as required by law and/or a **fund** trust deed;

- b. for or in respect of **benefits**.

3.10 Major Shareholder

any **claim** brought by or on behalf of any shareholder:

- a. who or which currently owns, controls or has an interest in, or previously owned, controlled or had an interest in, directly or indirectly, equal to or more than 15% of the voting share capital of the **company**, any **subsidiary** or any **associated company**; and/or
- b. who or which has or had, at any time, any Board representation on the **company**, any **subsidiary** or any **associated company**

irrespective of the time of the **wrongful act, employment practice breach** or other conduct.

3.11 Insolvency

any **claim** arising from or in any way whatsoever connected with the insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, receivership or administration of the **company**, any **subsidiary** or any **associated company**, its actual or alleged inability to meet any or all of its debts as and when they fall due.

3.12 Territorial and Jurisdictional Limits

- a. any **claim** resulting from or arising out of any **wrongful act, employment practice breach, dishonest act** or conduct committed or alleged to have been committed outside the **territorial limits**; or
- b. any **claim** brought or judgment entered in a court of law, arbitration, tribunal, forum or other body entitled to impose enforceable orders against the **insured** pursuant to the laws of the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada or their territories or protectorates; or
- c. any **claim** arising out of the enforcement of any judgement, order or award obtained within or determined pursuant to the laws of the United States of America or the Dominion of Canada or their territories or protectorates.

3.13 War / Acts of terrorism

any **claim** of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in any way connected with any of the following, regardless of any cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence:

- a. war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, or civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power; or
- b. any **act of terrorism**; or
- c. any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to (a) and/or (b) above.

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

3.14 Asbestos

any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of, or in any way involving the existence, mining, handling, processing, manufacture, sale, distribution, remediation, storage or use of, asbestos or other things that contain it, including but not limited to clean up costs.

3.15 Trading Debt

Any **claim** arising from or directly attributable to any trading debt or business liability of the **insured** or any guarantee given by any **insured** for a debt.

3.16 Investment Performance

Any **claim** or liability directly or indirectly arising from attributable to or in consequence of:

- a. any actual or alleged dealings of any nature by which it is sought to affect the price of, or market in, any shares or debentures of any **association** or commodity or currency, or of any negotiable instrument, other than dealings carried out in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations applicable to such dealings;
- b. any **claim** arising from any financial or investment advice provided by any **Insured**, including but not limited to any advice or recommendation as to the valuation, tax implications or performance of any investment;
- c. a failure by the **insured** to warn of the risks of market fluctuation of any investment.

3.17 Assumed Liability

Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of any duty or obligation assumed by an **insured** by way of warranty, guarantee, indemnity, contract or agreement, unless the **insured** would have incurred the liability in the absence of such warranty, guarantee, indemnity, contract or agreement.

3.18 Liability as Occupier, Motor, Marine

Any **claim** or liability arising from or incurred or alleged to have been incurred:

- a. in connection with the use, occupation, ownership or lease of any real estate or personal property, by or on behalf of the **insured**; or
- b. as an owner or operator of any aircraft, marine craft or motor vehicles of any kind.

3.19 Product Liability

Any **claim** or liability arising from or in connection with the manufacture, preparation, modification, repair, supply, maintenance or treatment of any goods or products sold, supplied or distributed by the **Insured**.

3.20 Medical Treatment

Any **claim** based upon, arising out of, resulting from or in connection with or consequence of any medical treatment, advice and/or services and/or scientific or medical research. This exclusion does not apply to counselling services provided by the **insured**.

3.21 Molestation

Any **Claim**, including **Defence Costs**, directly or indirectly related to, based upon, attributable to or in connection with or in consequence of any actual or alleged molestation of, interference with, mental abuse of or physical abuse of any person, whether by the **Insured**, or by any agent, or **Employee** of the **Insured**, or by any person performing any volunteer service for or on behalf of the **Insured**.

This exclusion does not apply to any **Claim** brought under Insuring Clause 2.2(c) Employment Practices.

3.22 Sanctions Limitation Exclusion

Any **claim** or liability for any matter arising from or in any way connected with any matters where to do so would expose **us** to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America and **we** shall have no liability to the **insured** to the extent that to do so would be in breach of the foregoing.

3.23 Jurisdictional

Any **claim, investigation, loss** or any other amount:

- i. in respect of any **claim, investigation**, court order, judgment, award, payment, costs and expenses or settlement delivered, made or incurred or arising from or in connection with:
 - a. a court of law (or equivalent) within any of the **Territories**; or
 - b. any Arbitration, Mediation or Adjudication (or any other dispute resolution process) within any of the **Territories**; or

- c. any court of law or dispute resolution process operating under the laws of any of the **Territories**; or
- ii. in respect of any order made anywhere in the world to enforce any court order, judgment sums, award, payment, costs and expenses or settlement either in whole or in part arising out of (i) above; or
- iii. incurred by or resulting from activities that involve or benefit either directly or indirectly the Government or State of any of the **Territories**, or where the payment of such indemnity by the Insurer will benefit either directly or indirectly the Government or State of any of the **Territories**; or
- iv. agreed or incurred prior to, during or subsequent to any matters referred to in (i) and/or (ii) above being brought by, or to the benefit of persons and/or **Entities** that are resident in any of the **Territories**.

3.24 Crypto

Any **loss**, costs, expenses, liabilities, settlement sums and other amounts directly or indirectly connected to, involving or attributable to any **Cryptoasset** or allegation relating to any **Cryptoasset**, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this **policy** (including any endorsement).

Section 4: Additional Exclusions applying to Insuring Clause 1.2(b) Entity

In addition to the Exclusions outlined in Section 3 above, the following Exclusions apply with respect to Insuring Clause 1.2 (b) Entity and any relevant Additional Benefit.

- 4.1** We will not cover the **company** for or in connection with any **claim** against it for or in connection with:
- a. breaches of intellectual property rights, including but not limited to any actual or alleged plagiarism, misappropriation, infringement or violation of copyright, patent, trademark or trade secret; or
 - b. any actual or alleged breach of any law, whether statutory, regulatory or common law that regulates or restricts anti-trust or cartel conduct, business competition, price fixing, price discrimination, predatory pricing, unfair or restrictive trade practices, or tortious interference in any other party's business or contractual relationships; or
 - c. any actual or alleged contractual liability of the **company** whether under any express or implied contract or agreement (including but not limited to any guarantee or warranty). However, this Exclusion shall not apply to the extent the **company** would have had such liability in the absence of such contract or agreement; or
 - d. fines or penalties or non-monetary relief; or
 - e. the repayment or refund by the **company** of any amount paid to any party for services, advice or goods of any kind whatsoever; or
 - f. any trading debt or business liability of the **company**; or
 - g. any obligation, or breach of an obligation, under any law or regulation providing for paid or unpaid leave of any kind or any **industrial instrument**; or
 - h. any **employment practice breach**, or any obligation pursuant to any law, regulation, or **industrial instrument** in respect of workers' compensation, disability benefits, unemployment benefits or compensation, unemployment insurance, retirement benefits, social security benefits or any similar law, regulation or **industrial instrument** whatsoever; or
 - i. the imposition of, or seeking to impose, any tax, penalty tax, costs, interest or any fees or expenses in connection with any criminal prosecution; or
 - j. any entity, trust or person in any way associated with an **employee** who has alleged an **employment practice breach**, and which claim is based upon the separate entitlement of that entity, trust or person to compensation, damages or other monetary amounts as a result of conduct in any way whatsoever connected with that alleged **employment practice breach**.

This includes, but is not limited to, any **claim** against the **company** in respect of stock, shares, stock options, share options or any entitlement or right of that entity, trust or person to any monetary amount, including but not limited to dividends or amounts calculated by reference to dividends, that in any way whatsoever relates to the remuneration of an **employee** of the **company** or otherwise.

Section 5: Additional Exclusions applying to Insuring Clause 1.2(c) Employment Practices Breach

In addition to the Exclusions in Section 3 above, the following Exclusions apply with respect to Insuring Clause 1.2(c) Employment Practices Breach and any relevant Additional Benefit.

5.1 We will not cover the **company** in connection with any claim for or in connection with:

- a. any obligation, or breach of an obligation, under any law or regulation providing for paid or unpaid leave of any kind or under any **industrial instrument**; or
- b. any obligation pursuant to any law, regulation, or **industrial instrument** in respect of workers' compensation, occupational or workplace health and safety, disability benefits, unemployment benefits or compensation, unemployment insurance, retirement benefits, social security benefits or any similar law, regulation or **industrial instrument** whatsoever; or
- c. front pay, future loss, future damages, future compensation or future economic relief (in all cases, considered from the point in time that reinstatement was to occur) where the **company** is ordered by the relevant court or tribunal to reinstate the claimant as an **employee** but refuses or fails to do so for whatever reason; or
- d. any **employment-related benefits** or amounts calculated by reference to any **employment-related benefits**; or
- e. **benefits**; or
- f. any actual or alleged contractual liability of the **company**, whether under any express or implied contract or agreement (including but not limited to any guarantee or warranty). However, this Exclusion shall not apply to the extent the **company** would have had such liability in the absence of such contract or agreement.

Section 6: Exclusions applying to Insuring Clause 1.2(d) Crime

The following Exclusions apply with respect to Insuring Clause 1.2(d) Crime and any relevant Additional Benefit.

6.1 We will not cover the **company** for or in connection with:

- a. **direct financial loss** arising out of or in any way connected with any **dishonest acts** committed, in whole or part, outside of Australia or New Zealand.
- b. **direct financial loss**:
 - i. first **discovered** prior to the commencement of the **period of insurance**; or
 - ii. first **discovered** after the end of the **period of insurance**, or the **discovery period** if applicable; or
 - iii. in any way connected with any **employee** or **third party** from the time any director or **officer** (who is not in collusion with such **employee** or **third party**) had actual knowledge that the **employee** or **third party** had committed or was suspected of having committed any fraudulent or dishonest act, even if it does not constitute a **dishonest act** as defined; or
 - iv. caused by any **employee** if a director or **officer** possessed at any time knowledge of any act or acts of theft, fraud or dishonesty committed by such **employee** prior to employment by the **company** provided the act(s) involved **money, securities** or property valued at \$10,000 or more, or such director or **officer** failed to make reasonable enquiries prior to employment of such **employee**; or

- c. **direct financial loss** arising out of or in any way connected with any fraudulent or dishonest activities, or involving collusion by or complicity, of:
 - i. a director who at the time of the **dishonest act** owns or controls more than 5% of the issued share capital of the **company**; or
 - ii. any shareholder who, at the time of committing such acts, had direct or indirect ownership of or control over more than 5% of the voting share capital of the **company** or any of its **subsidiaries** or any **associated company**.
- d. any indirect or consequential loss of any nature, including but not limited to:
 - i. any loss of income (such as interest and dividends) not realised by the **company** or any other person or organisation; or
 - ii. any costs incurred by the **company** in re-writing or amending the **company's** software programs or systems where such re-writing or amending is necessary to correct the programs or systems; or
 - iii. any contractual penalties incurred by the **company**; or
 - iv. any liability to a third party; or
 - v. any costs, fees or other expenses incurred by the **insured** in establishing a right under this **policy** (except as provided for under Claims Condition 9.6 Notification of Direct Financial Loss); or
 - vi. any costs, fees or other expenses incurred by the **insured** in prosecuting or defending any demand, claim or legal proceeding resulting from a **direct financial loss** which is covered under this **policy**.
- e. **direct financial loss** the proof of which is dependent solely upon:
 - i. a profit and loss computation; or
 - ii. a comparison of inventory records with an actual physical count.

If, however, an **employee** is identified as having caused a **direct financial loss**, then inventory records and actual physical count of inventory can be submitted as partial evidence in support of proof of the **direct financial loss** as required by Claims Condition 9.6 Notification of Direct Financial Loss.

- f. **direct financial loss** arising out of or in any way connected with the accessing, use or dissemination of any confidential information including, but not limited to, proprietary information, trade secrets, computer programs, customer information, patents, trademarks, copyrights or processing methods.
- g. **direct financial loss** arising out of or in any way connected with:
 - i. the voluntary giving or surrendering of **money, securities** or other tangible property in any exchange or purchase, unless such **direct financial loss** is directly caused by **dishonest acts** committed; or
 - ii. the complete or partial non-payment or default under any **credit arrangement** including any payments made or withdrawals from any customer account involving items which are not finally paid for any reason; or
 - iii. any trading, whether or not in the name of the **company** and whether or not in a genuine or fictitious account; or
 - iv. the forgery or alteration or fraudulent use of any credit card, store card, fuel card or other form of credit issued by the **company** to **employees**, unless the provisions, conditions and other terms under which such credit card, store card or fuel card issued have been fully complied with by the **company**.

6.2 We will not cover the **company** for or in connection with **direct financial loss** connected with the issuing and drawing of cheques, account withdrawals or funds transfers sustained by the **company** by reason of the absence of or failure to have a clear segregation of duties and procedures in connection with the issuing and drawing of cheques, account withdrawals or fund transfers in excess of \$5,000 in value.

Such cheques, account transactions or fund transfers must be counter signed or authorised by another authorised officer who must, independently of the **employee** drawing the cheque, making account withdrawals or fund transfers, examine the supporting vouchers or requisitions or verify against an authorised payment list prepared and checked independently of the drawer of the cheque, or person making the account withdrawals or fund transfers.

- 6.3** We will not cover the **company** for or in connection with **direct financial loss, claim, investigation, loss** or any other amount:
- i. in respect of any **claim, investigation**, court order, judgment, award, payment, costs and expenses or settlement delivered, made or incurred or arising from or in connection with:
 - a. a court of law (or equivalent) within any of the **Territories**; or
 - b. any Arbitration, Mediation or Adjudication (or any other dispute resolution process) within any of the **Territories**; or
 - c. any court of law or dispute resolution process operating under the laws of any of the **Territories**; or
 - ii. in respect of any order made anywhere in the world to enforce any court order, judgment sums, award, payment, costs and expenses or settlement either in whole or in part arising out of (i) above; or
 - iii. incurred by or resulting from activities that involve or benefit either directly or indirectly the Government or State of any of the **Territories**, or where the payment of such indemnity by the Insurer will benefit either directly or indirectly the Government or State of any of the **Territories**; or
 - iv. agreed or incurred prior to, during or subsequent to any matters referred to in (i) and/or (ii) above being brought by, or to the benefit of persons and/or **Entities** that are resident in any of the **Territories**.
- 6.4** We will not cover the **company** for or in connection with **direct financial loss, loss**, costs, expenses, liabilities, settlement sums and other amounts directly or indirectly connected to, involving or attributable to any **Cryptoasset** or allegation relating to any **Cryptoasset**, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this **policy** (including any endorsement).

Section 7: Exclusions applying to Insuring Clause 1.2(e) Tax Audit Costs

The following Exclusions apply with respect to Insuring Clause 1.2(e) Tax Audit Costs and any relevant Additional Benefit.

- 7.1** We will not cover the **company** for or in respect of any **tax audit costs** in connection with:
- a. Any improper, unwarranted or unjustified delay, refusal or failure to comply with any request made by or on behalf of the Australian Taxation Office, for the production of documents or the provision of information by the **company**; or
 - b. Inquiries from the Australian Taxation Office which are not related to an identified intention to conduct an audit of a return or likely future audit of a return, of the **company** or likely future audit of the **company**; or
 - c. Any audit concerning income earned, or where the source of income is, outside Australia and its external territories or protectorates, or where the services giving rise to the audit are performed by persons or any corporate entity outside of Australia and its external territories or protectorates; or
 - d. Matters arising under customs legislation; or
 - e. Any audit, where notice or information as to their likely conduct was received by the **company** prior to the **period of insurance**. Receipt of such communication will have occurred when the Australian Taxation Office makes communication with the **company** or any other person acting on its behalf; or
 - f. Any fraudulent act, error, omission or misrepresentation committed by or on behalf of the **company**; or
 - g. The imposition of, or seeking to impose, any tax, penalty tax, costs, interest, fine or any fees or expenses in connection with any criminal prosecution; or
 - h. An audit of a return of income that has not been prepared or reviewed by an **accountant** or **registered tax agent**.

Section 8: Words with Special Meaning

8.1 Accountant or registered tax agent means a person who is not an **insured** and is recognised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants or the Australian Society of Accountants, or any other person registered by the Australian Taxation Office as a tax agent, engaged by the **company**.

8.2 Act means any legislation of a State or Territory in, or the Federal Parliament of, the Commonwealth of Australia.

8.3 Associated Company means any company named in the **proposal** and in which the **company** owns on or before the inception of the **period of insurance** more than or equal to 25% of the issued and outstanding voting shares, either directly or indirectly through one or more of its **subsidiaries** but is not a **subsidiary**.

8.4 Benefits mean any amount payable to a beneficiary of a **fund** by the **trustee** under the rules governing the **fund**.

8.5 Claim means:

- a. A civil proceeding, or written demand for compensation or damages; or
- b. A criminal proceeding against an **insured person** commenced by summons, charge or equivalent document, including but not limited to a Court Attendance Notice; or
- c. Any formal administrative or regulatory proceeding, including an arbitration, mediation, conciliation or alternative dispute resolution proceeding,
alleging a **wrongful act**; and
- d. A civil proceeding, or a written demand, by an **employee** for compensation or damages alleging an **employment practice breach**.

For the purpose of Additional Benefit 2.3 Statutory Liability only **claim** shall also mean the receipt by an **insured** of a formal written notice or process which asserts a breach of an **Act**.

8.6 Company means:

- a. the entity or entities specified in the Schedule; and
- b. any **subsidiary** in existence at the commencement of the **insurance period** which is controlled by the **insured** and over which the **company** named in the Schedule has active management.

Company does not include any outside entity.

8.7 Credit Arrangement means any credit agreement, extension of credit, loan or transaction in the nature of a loan, lease or rental agreement, invoice, account, agreement or other evidence of debt.

8.8 Crisis Event means any of the following unforeseen events where, in the reasonable opinion of the chief executive officer (or equivalent) of the **company**, the event has the potential to cause a material impact on the reputation or an imminent decrease of greater than 30% of the total consolidated annual revenues of the **company** if left unmanaged:

- a. the sudden, unexpected death or disability of any Executive;
- b. loss of a major customer, contract or credit facility;
- c. workplace violence;
- d. the first apparent unauthorised intrusion into any **company's** computer facilities;
- e. a recall, illegal tampering, contamination or boycott of any product;
- f. a man-made disaster;
- g. any criminal or fraud investigation or conviction;
- h. the sudden and unexpected death or injury of any **insured person**;

- i. the unexpected imposition of a tax bill

Crisis event does not include an event that affects a **company's** industry in general; rather than a **company** specifically.

8.9 Crisis Loss means the reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses paid by the **company** for external crisis management services provided in response to a **crisis event** within the first thirty (30) days after the event.

8.10 Cryptoasset means a **Digital Asset** and a public or private key or any component thereof solely when used for a **Digital Asset**.

8.11 Deductible means the amount the **insured** must pay towards every **claim** as shown on the Schedule in respect of each Insuring Clause, Additional Benefits or Optional Extension or otherwise stated in any Additional Benefit.

8.12 Defence costs means that part of **loss** consisting of reasonable costs, charges, fees and expenses, incurred with **our** prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), in defending, investigating, settling or appealing any **claim** for **loss** covered by this **policy**.

Defence costs does not include:

- i. wages, salaries, fees or costs of time or other remuneration of any **insured** or **employees**; or
- ii. profit, costs or office overheads of any **company**; or
- iii. travel costs incurred by the **insured**; or
- iv. other administration costs; or
- v. costs and expenses in defending a **claim** where no other **loss** is covered by the **policy**, unless Additional Benefit 2.1 Official Investigations, Additional Benefit 2.2 Occupational Health & Safety Defence Costs, Additional Benefit 2.4 Pollution and/or Additional Benefit 2.25 Copyright Defence Costs is operative.

8.13 Digital Asset means any actual, counterfeit or fictitious:

- a. digital coin;
- b. digital token;
- c. cryptocurrency;
- d. cryptosecurity; or
- e. any other digital representation of value or contractual rights that uses a type of distributed ledger of technology and that:
 - i. functions, or purports to function, as a medium of exchange, a unit of account or a store of value; or
 - ii. is or becomes regulated as a security.

8.14 Direct financial loss means direct financial loss to the **company** directly caused by the loss of **money, securities** or other tangible property:

- a. owned by the **company**; or
- b. in the care, custody or control of the **company** and for which the **company** is legally liable.

Direct financial loss also includes the direct financial loss to the **company** of **money** or **securities** resulting directly from a **fraudulent funds transfer** from an account, maintained by the **company** and which **loss** is **discovered** during the **period of insurance**.

All such **loss** caused by multiple **dishonest acts** that are related, or are part of a series of such conduct that is not entirely unconnected and entirely different, shall be considered a single **loss** for the purpose of cover under Insuring Clause 1.2 (d) Crime.

8.15 Disclosure document means any prospectus, information memorandum, registration statement or similar document regardless of whether or not it has been, or is required to be, filed or registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission or any other similar authority in any other jurisdiction.

8.16 Discovered or discovery means when any director or **officer** (who is not in collusion with an **employee** or **third party** who has committed or is attempting to commit a **dishonest act**) becomes aware of any facts which would cause a reasonable person to suspect that a **direct financial loss** has been or may be incurred, even though the exact amount or details of the **direct financial loss** are not known at the time of **discovery**. Such **discovery** constitutes **discovery** by every **insured**.

8.17 Discovery Period means the period of time specified in Additional Benefit 2.9 Discovery Period during which time written notice may be given to **us** of any:

- a. **claim** which is first made against the **insured** in that period for a **wrongful act, employment practice breach** or other conduct committed or allegedly committed prior to the end of the **period of insurance** or **transaction**;
- b. **direct financial loss** which is first **discovered** in that period and results from **dishonest acts** or conduct committed or allegedly committed prior to the end of the **period of insurance**.

8.18 Dishonest acts means any fraudulent or dishonest act committed by an **employee** or **third party** (acting alone or in collusion with others) with the intent to cause the **company** to sustain a **loss** or to obtain financial benefit for that **employee** or **third party** or for any other person or organisation intended by that **employee** or **third party** to receive the financial benefit.

8.19 Employee means:

- a. any person who is a past, present or prospective employee of the **company** whose labour or service is engaged and directed by the **company** including volunteers, those undertaking an apprenticeship, traineeship, or work experience, part-time, casual, seasonal and temporary employees, but only while that natural person is acting in his capacity as such.

Employee does not mean an independent contractor, on-hire labour or secondees to the **company**, any person providing services for labour only under contract for services to the **company** or any **insured persons**, unless agreed by **us** and provided at the time of the **employment practice breach** such individual is under the direction and supervision of the **company**,

and in respect of Insuring Clause 1.2(d) Crime only, any person who:

- i. is an employee; or
- ii. is assigned by any agency providing temporary personnel on a contingent or part-time basis to perform duties within the usual duties of an employee, as described in (a) above, within the **company**. However this Definition does not cover any **loss** if such **loss** is also covered by any other insurance or sureties, including but not limited to any held by the agency providing temporary personnel to the **company**;

at the time of the **dishonest act**, or for a period of up to thirty (30) days following termination of employment with the **company**.

8.20 Employment Practice Breach means any actual or alleged:

- a. unfair or wrongful dismissal from or termination or discharge of employment (either actual or constructive, including breach of an implied contract) or refusal to hire or failure to employ or promote wrongful deprivation of career opportunity; or
- b. adverse change in the terms and conditions of a person's employment, wrongful demotion or negligent employee evaluation (including the provision of negative or defamatory statements in connection with an employee reference); or
- c. discrimination, harassment, humiliation, retaliation (including lockouts); or
- d. defamation, invasion of privacy; wrongful deprivation of career opportunity, allegations of retaliatory treatment of a person on account of such person exercising his rights under law; refusing to violate any law; disclosing or threatening to disclose any alleged violation of law; or filing or pursuing any claim under any 'whistle blower' law anywhere in the world

which relates solely to the **company** and its past, present or prospective **employee(s)**.

8.21 Employment-related benefits includes but is not limited to:

- a. non-monetary benefits including but not limited to the allocation of a company car travel allowance, mobile or landline telephone, medical or life insurance expenses, education and training allowances, and equipment allowances;
- b. stock, shares, stock options, share options or any entitlement or right under any employee plan of any description including dividends payable directly to **employees** or by way of associated entities or trusts set up by **employees**;
- c. participation in any stock, share option or share option plan, or participation in any employee plan of any description;
- d. severance or redundancy payments or entitlements, including but not limited to payment in lieu of notice required by law to be paid;
- e. any benefit, payment or entitlement of any kind in respect of paid or unpaid leave;
- f. bonus or incentive payments, or any entitlement or right under a bonus or incentive plan;
- g. payments or contributions in respect of any provident, benefit, superannuation, pension or retirement fund, or any other account, fund, scheme or plan intended to provide benefits, in whole or in part, at retirement or a particular age, or on the happening of a particular event;
- h. any amount the **company** pays or is ordered to pay pursuant to any determination or settlement in respect of an allegedly unfair contract, notwithstanding that it acted in accordance with the terms of the employment contract.

8.22 Entities means any company, direct or indirect holding company owned or controlled (either in whole or in part) either directly or indirectly by the Government or State of any of the **Territories**.

8.23 Fraudulent Funds Transfer means fraudulent telephonic, facsimile, cable, teletype, electronic, telegraphic or written instructions issued to a financial institution directing the financial institution to pay, deliver or transfer **money** or **securities** from any account maintained by the **company** at such financial institution, without the knowledge or consent of the **company**.

8.24 Fund means any single employer superannuation fund established for the benefit of **employees**. **Fund** does not include any industry or master superannuation fund, or superannuation fund or trust set up for the personal benefit of **employees** and or the **insured persons** related beneficiaries, heirs or legal representatives.

8.25 Identity Theft means the theft, duplication of and fraudulent use of the publicly available data on file or within the computer storage and processing facilities (including memoranda and articles of association, statutorily required returns or filings, official records of regulatory authorisations, licences or permits and records of legal compliance or infractions, the purpose of which is to publicly document, authenticate or prove the existence and good standing of the entity or which may be relied upon by investors, financial institutions, clearing corporation, vendors, credit reporting authorities and others in assessing and establishing the **insured's** credit ratings and/or reputation) of an **insured**, an official registry or of any party which relates to the **insured's** formation and genuine identity.

8.26 Industrial Instrument means

- a. an award, collective or individual agreement, minimum wage order or any other instrument made or authorised under statute or regulation;
- b. any other collective agreement

that regulates the terms and conditions of employment.

8.27 Insured means the **company** and any **insured persons**, and any incorporated **joint venture** where declared and agreed by **us**.

8.28 Insured person(s) means:

- a. any past, present or future director, shadow director, secretary, **officer**, **employee** performing a management function, or any natural person who by virtue of any applicable legislation or law is deemed to be a director or

officer of the **company**, or any natural person **trustee**;

- b. the estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns of any deceased or mentally incompetent, bankrupt or insolvent person in (a) above, but only in respect of **loss** arising from a **wrongful act** committed by such person;
- c. a legal or de facto spouse, domestic partner or companion of a person in (a) above, but only in respect of loss arising from a **wrongful act** committed by such person;
- d. any natural person who is a past, present or future director of a corporate **trustee** of a **fund**;
- e. any person in (a) above or **employee** who holds an executive position in an **outside entity** at the specific request of the **company**; and
- f. for the purpose only of a **claim** for an **employment practice breach** against an **employee**, such **employee** shall also be considered an **insured person**.

Insured person does not include:

- i. a receiver, receiver and manager, official manager, liquidator, administrator, trustee or other person administering a compromise or scheme of arrangement made between the **company** and any other person or persons;
- ii. any company, organisation or other body corporate.

8.29 Investigation means where the insured receives a written notice from an **official body** that:

- i. requires, invites or directs them to attend before or produce documents to, or answer questions by or attend interviews with, an **official body**; or
- ii. identifies them as a target of the investigating **official body** for a hearing, examination, investigation or inquiry into the **company**, or an **insured person** in their capacity as such.

Investigation does not include a routine regulatory supervision, inspection or compliance review or hearing, investigation or examination or inquiry which focuses on an industry rather than the **insured**.

8.30 Joint venture means any enterprise undertaken jointly by the **company** and any other party.

8.31 Limit of indemnity means the amount specified in the Schedule.

8.32 Litigation includes, but is not limited to, any civil, criminal, administrative or regulatory proceeding as well as any official investigation, examination, inquiry, arbitration or adjudication.

8.33 Loss means, for the purpose of Insuring Clauses 1.1 and 1.2 (a) – (c), damages, compensation, settlements to which **we** have consented, claimant costs and **defence costs** which a person or entity becomes legally obliged to pay on account of a **claim**. However, **loss** does not include:

- a. fines or penalties (whether civil or criminal) imposed by law, punitive, aggravated, exemplary or multiple damages, or matters uninsurable under the laws governing this **policy**; or
- b. taxes; or
- c. costs incurred by the **company** to modify any building or property, or to provide any service, in order to make such building or property, or make any service more accessible or accommodating to any disabled person; or
- d. costs incurred by the **company** in connection with any educational, corrective, sensitivity or other programme, policy or seminar relating to any **employment practice breach**; or
- e. any amount payable by the **insured** under any warranty, guarantee, debt or for fees payable to a third party for good or services supplied to the **insured** (including but not limited to amounts which the **insured** is required to refund or repay); or
- f. any damages ordered or settlement agreed to in connection with any dispute arising from the agreed sale or purchase agreement for a **transaction**; or
- g. **defence costs** or any other cost or expense where there is no other covered **loss**.

For the purpose of Insuring Clause 1.2(d) Crime, **loss** means only **direct financial loss**.

For the purposes of Insuring Clause 1.2(e) Tax Audit Costs, **loss** means only **tax audit costs**.

8.34 Money means only local or foreign currency, coins, bank notes, cheques, travellers' cheques, registered cheques, postal orders, money orders and bullion.

8.35 Officer means any natural person who was, now is or shall be a company secretary, executive officer, officer, principal, partner, or the holder of an equivalent position, of the **company** or senior manager as defined in Section 9 of Corporations Act 2001 (Cth).

8.36 Official body means any regulator, government or administrative body or agency empowered to investigate the affairs of the **company** or the conduct of an **insured person** in such capacity. For the avoidance of doubt this includes a coronial inquest, judicial body or commission of inquiry.

8.37 Outside entity means a company, corporation, partnership or joint venture other than the **company, subsidiary** or any **associated company**.

Outside entity shall not include any other corporation, partnership, joint venture which is:

- a. registered or approved for direct or indirect trading on a national securities exchange or over the counter trading system anywhere in the world; or
- b. which is located, incorporated or domiciled or operates in the United States of America or any territory under its jurisdiction; or
- c. which is an authorised deposit taking institution, finance company, leasing company, friendly society, life insurance company, general insurance company, reinsurance company, investment company, mutual fund, collective investment scheme, fund manager, investment adviser, responsible entity of a managed investment scheme, trustee company, money market corporation, investment bank or any broker in securities or commodities, mortgage broker, real estate agent, stock exchange, commodities exchange, futures exchange, custodian, clearing house, registrar, medical benefits association or hospital benefits association or organisations of similar nature.

8.38 Period of insurance means the period shown in the Schedule.

8.39 Policy means this policy wording, the Schedule, the **proposal** and any endorsements attaching to and forming part of the **policy**.

8.40 Pollutants means any substance, solid, liquid, gaseous or thermal irritant or contaminant, including, but not limited to smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals, toxic mould, fibres, spores, fungi, germs, dust, liquids or gases, or waste materials. Waste materials include but are not limited to recycled, reconditioned or reclaimed materials.

Pollutants shall also mean any other air emission, odour, waste water, oil or oil products, infectious or medical waste, and noise.

8.41 Proposal means the **insured's** written application for insurance made to **us** and including attachments and materials submitted therewith.

8.42 Public relations expenses means any reasonable fees, costs and expenses of a public relations consultant retained with **our** prior written consent (which shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld).

8.43 Retroactive Date means the date specified in the Schedule.

8.44 Securities for the purposes of the cover in, and terms of this **policy** applicable to, Insuring Clause 1.2 (d) Crime means any negotiable or non-negotiable instruments or contracts representing money or other property, but excluding **money**. For the purposes of the other terms, conditions and exclusions of this **policy, securities** means any shares, preference shares, stocks, debentures, warrants, options, bonds, promissory notes or other equity or debt security.

8.45 Statutory Liability means:

- a. civil fines and civil penalties awarded against an **insured** for breach of an **Act**; and

- b. pecuniary penalties awarded in criminal proceedings, but solely in respect of accidental and unintentional:
 - i. breaches by an **insured** of any Commonwealth, State or Territory occupational or workplace health and safety legislation; and
 - ii. breaches by an **insured person** resulting in the discharge, dispersal, release or escape of **pollutants**.

8.46 **Subsidiary** means

- a. any entity in which the **company** owns or controls, directly or indirectly, in any combination, more than 50% of the outstanding securities or voting rights representing the present right to vote for election of directors; and
- b. any entity which is deemed to be the **company's** subsidiary under any applicable legislation, law or Australian Accounting Standard; and
- c. any incorporated **joint venture** over which the **company** exercises effective management and control.

8.47 **Tax Audit Costs** means any reasonable fees, charges or disbursements of an **accountant** or **registered tax agent** who is engaged by the **company** for work undertaken in response to a **tax audit notice**.

Tax Audit Costs does not include **legal costs and expenses**.

8.48 **Tax Audit Notice** means a formal notice or process from the Australian Taxation Office relating to a specific return filed by the **company** as to its liability to pay income tax, fringe benefits tax, capital gains tax, A New Tax System (Goods and Services) Tax, superannuation payments tax, termination payments tax or sales tax (including the amount of any such tax).

8.49 **Territorial limits** means anywhere in the world, other than:

- a. for the purpose of Additional Benefits 2.1 Official Investigations and Inquiries, 2.2 Occupational Health and Safety Defence Costs and 2.4 Pollution Cover **territorial limits** shall mean anywhere in Australia; and
- b. for the purpose of Insuring Clause 1.2(d) Crime and Additional Benefit 2.3 Statutory Liability **territorial limits** shall mean anywhere in Australia and New Zealand.

8.50 **Territories** means Belarus, Russia, any disputed Russian territories, including but not limited to, Donetsk Region, Luhansk Region, Crimea Region.

8.51 **Third Party** means any natural person who is a customer, vendor, service provider, or business invitee of a **company**.

8.52 **Third Party Claim** means a **claim** which is brought and maintained by or on behalf of a **third party** against an **insured** in connection with any actual or alleged **third party discrimination and sexual harassment** including any appeal therefrom.

8.53 **Third Party Discrimination and Sexual Harassment** means:

- a. discrimination against a **third party** based upon such **third party's** race, colour, religion, creed, age, sex, disability, marital status, national origin, pregnancy, HIV status, sexual orientation or preference or protected military status or other status which is protected pursuant to any law anywhere in the world; and
- b. sexual harassment, including unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favours or conduct of a sexual nature against a **third party**.

8.54 **Transaction** means any one of the following events:

- a. the **company** consolidates with or merges into or sells all or substantially all of its assets to any other person or entity or group of persons and/or entities acting in concert; or
- b. any person or entity, whether individually or together with any other person or persons, entity or entities becomes entitled to exercise more than 50% of the rights to vote at general meetings of the **company** or control the appointment of directors who are able to exercise a majority of votes at Board meetings of the **company**; or
- c. the **company** lists its securities on any **securities** exchange or market; or
- d. the **company** is placed into external administration, receivership, liquidation or similar.

- 8.55** **Trustee** means any **insured person** or the **company** if validly appointed to act, and while acting in the capacity, as a trustee of a **fund**.
- 8.56** **You/your** means any **insured person(s)** and the **company**.
- 8.57** **We, our** or **us** means DUAL Australia Limited, ACN 107 553 257 as agent of the Underwriters named in the Schedule under the heading "Underwriters".
- 8.58** **Wrongful act** shall mean any alleged breach of duty, breach of trust, neglect, error, omission, misstatement, misleading statement, or other act by:
- any **insured person**, individually or otherwise, solely because of their status as such and in the course of his or her duties to the **company** or **outside entity**, or
 - the **company**.

Section 9: Claims Conditions

These **claims** conditions apply to all Sections of this **policy**.

9.1 Notification

In the event of a **claim** arising under this insurance, immediate notice should be given to:

[The National Claims Manager](#)

DUAL Australia Pty Limited
Level 29, Angel Place,
123 Pitt Street,
Sydney NSW 2000
Australia

Or by email to: claims@dualaustralia.com.au

9.2 Co-operation

The **insured** shall, at its own cost, frankly and honestly provide **us** with all information and assistance required by **us** and/or lawyers and investigators and others appointed by **us** in relation to any **claim** or **loss**. Any unreasonable failure to comply with this obligation shall entitle **us** to deny liability under the **policy** in whole or part.

The **insured** shall, at its own cost, do all things reasonably practicable to minimise the **insured's** liability in respect of any **claim** or **loss**.

If the **wrongful act** or conduct is a continuing one, the **insured** shall promptly take, at its expense, all reasonable steps to prevent its continuation.

9.3 Legal Defence and Settlement

- Unless otherwise agreed, **we** shall have the right to assume in the name of the **insured** the legal defence of any **claim** and we shall have full discretion in managing the defence of any **claim** and any negotiation or proceeding as to the resolution or settlement of such **claim**. In exercising such discretion, **we** will act in utmost good faith towards the **insured** and consult with the **insured** about decisions in the conduct, negotiation and settlement of any **claim**.
- Unless otherwise agreed, **we** shall appoint the lawyers that will defend and represent the **insured** in respect of any **claim**. Those lawyers remain at all times able to report all information obtained from the **insured** to **us** and to be able to advise **us** on all issues, including on the right of the **insured** to indemnity under the **policy**. The **insured** has no right to assert as against **us** any form of client or other privilege or confidentiality in respect of information provided to lawyers appointed by **us**.
- The **insured** agrees not to admit liability for or settle any **claim**, make any admission, offer any payment or assume any obligation in connection with any **claim**, or incur any **defence costs** in connection with any **claim** without **our** prior written consent.

- d. **We** shall not be liable for any settlement, **loss, defence costs**, admission, offer, payment or assumed obligation to which **we** have not given **our** prior written consent.
- e. If **we** are of the opinion that a **claim** will not exceed the **deductible**, **we** may require the **insured** to conduct the defence of a **claim**. If the **defence costs** and/or payment exceed the **deductible** then, subject to the terms and conditions of the **policy**, **we** will pay the amount in excess of the **deductible**.

9.4 Insured's right to contest and our discharge of liabilities

- a. In the event that **we** recommend settlement of a **claim** and the **insured**:
 - i. does not agree to the settlement of the **claim**; and
 - ii. decides to contest the **claim**

our liability shall not exceed the amount for which the **claim** could have been settled, and **defence costs** incurred up to the date upon which the **claim** could have been settled.

- b. At any time, **we** may pay to the **insured**, or on the **insured's** behalf, in respect of any **claim**, the **limit of indemnity**, or any applicable sub-limit, (after deduction of any amount already paid) or any lesser amount for which a **claim** or **claims** may reasonably be settled.

After **we** have paid such an amount, **we** will relinquish the conduct and control of such **claim** or **claims** and **we** will no longer be liable for the **claim(s)** (or future conduct of the **claim(s)**) except for **defence costs** incurred up until the time **we** agreed to pay.

We will not pay any amount or defend any **claim** after **our limit of indemnity** has been exhausted.

9.5 Allocation

- a. Where a **claim** involves matters and/or parties which give rise to **loss** covered by this **policy** and matters and/or parties which do not, then **we** will use **our** best efforts to agree upon a fair and proper allocation of the proportion covered under this **policy**, having regard to the relative legal and financial exposures attributable to covered and uncovered matters and/or parties.

Only **loss** incurred by the **insured persons** or **company** (if applicable), and in the case of **defence costs** those that are directly attributable to (where applicable) both the **insured person** and the **company's** defence of such **claim**, is covered, subject always to the terms and conditions of this **policy**.

- b. If an allocation cannot be agreed then it shall be determined by a Senior Counsel to be mutually agreed upon or, in default of agreement, to be nominated by the then president of the Bar Association.

Such determination will be as an expert and will be based upon written submissions only and will be final and binding. The Senior Counsel shall make the determination based on the relative legal and financial exposures attributable to covered and uncovered matters and/or parties.

Pending that determination **we** may at our sole discretion meet the **loss** on an interim basis. After the allocation has been determined, the **insured persons** or the **company** (whichever is appropriate) or both will refund to **us** any amount which **we** have paid that exceeds the entitlement under this **policy**.

The costs of Senior Counsel under this clause shall be borne by **us**.

- c. If the **deductible** applicable to Insuring Clause 1.1 applies to part of a **loss** and the **deductible** applicable to Insuring Clause 1.2 applies to part, then **we** and the **insured** must use best efforts to reach an agreement of a fair and proper allocation of such **loss** between Insuring Clause 1.1 and Insuring Clause 1.2. If no agreement can be reached, the dispute will be referred to Senior Counsel using the mechanism in (b) above for determination of the issue.

9.6 Notification of Direct Financial Loss

The **company** shall, as a condition precedent to **our** obligations under this **policy**, give written notice to **us** of any **direct financial loss** as soon as practicable within the **period of insurance**, or within the **discovery period** if applicable, but in any event not later than 60 days after any **direct financial loss** is first **discovered**. The **company** may offer a comparison between the **company's** inventory records and actual physical counts of its inventory to prove the amount of **loss** only

where the **company** establishes that, wholly apart from such comparison, it has sustained a covered **loss** caused by an **employee**.

The **insured** must, at its own cost, also:

- a. Provide **us** with affirmative proof of the **direct financial loss** with full particulars within 6 months of the **direct financial loss** being first **discovered**; and
- b. Provide **us** with all requested information and documents and co-operate with **us** in all matters pertaining to the **direct financial loss**.

Section 10: General Conditions

10.1 Order of Payment

If the payment of **loss** in respect of a **claim** is due under this **policy** but the amount of such **loss** in the aggregate exceeds the remaining available **limit of indemnity**, **we** shall:

- a. first pay such **loss** for which coverage is provided to an **insured person** under Insuring Clause 1.1 and Additional Benefit 2.1 Official Investigations and Inquiries for which there is no indemnification by any **company**; then
- b. to the extent of any remaining amount of the **limit of indemnity** available after payment under (a) above, pay such **loss** for which coverage is provided under any other provision of this **policy**.

We shall remain entitled, but not obliged, to pay **loss** in the sequence in which it is submitted to **us**.

10.2 Alteration of risk

- a. The **company** in the Schedule must notify **us** in writing as soon as possible of any changes in the insured risk during the **period of insurance** which alters the nature of the **insured's** business. This includes if the **insured** acquires by merger, consolidates with, is merged into or acquired by any other entity during the **period of insurance**. In such event, written notice shall be given to **us** as soon as practicable together with such information and any additional premium **we** may require.
- b. If during the **period of insurance** a **transaction** takes place, then the cover provided under this **policy** is amended to apply only to **wrongful acts, employment practice breaches, dishonest acts** or conduct committed prior to the effective date of the **transaction**.
- c. The **insured** shall give **us** written notice of the **transaction** as soon as practicable but not later than 30 days after the effective date of the **transaction**.
- d. If, during the **period of insurance**, the **company** decides to make a public offering of its **securities** in any jurisdiction then as soon as the information is publicly available, the **company** shall provide **us** with any prospectus or offering statement for **our** evaluation and assessment of the increased exposure of the **insured**, and **we** shall be entitled at **our** discretion to amend the terms and conditions of this **policy** and/or charge a reasonable additional premium reflecting the increase in exposure.
- e. At the **company's** request and at our **discretion**, prior to the public announcement of such **securities** offering, **we** shall evaluate and assess the increased exposure and advise of all necessary amendments to the terms and conditions of this policy and additional premium. In this event and at the request of the **company**, **we** will enter into a confidentiality agreement with the **company** relating to any information provided regarding the proposed **securities** offering.

We may impose additional premium and/or terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations arising from such alteration of the risk.

10.3 Assignment

The **insured** must not assign the **policy** or any rights under the **policy** without our prior written consent by way of endorsement to the **policy**.

10.4 Subrogation

- a. Where **we** have paid an amount under the **policy we** become entitled to any rights the **insured** has against any person or entity in relation to the **claim** or **loss**, to the extent of **our** payment.
- b. The **insured** must, at its own cost, assist **us** and provide information as **we** may reasonably require to exercise **our** rights of subrogation. This may include providing and signing statements and other documents and the giving of evidence.
- c. Other than as set out in (d) below, **we** shall not exercise any subrogated rights of recovery against any **employee** unless the **claim** or **loss** has been brought about by or contributed to by the dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious conduct of such **employee**. **We** shall only exercise such rights where it has been established that such conduct did occur.
- d. In respect of Insuring Clause 1.2(d) Crime **we** may at any time and at **our** own expense exercise **our** rights of subrogation against any **third party** or **employee** where it has been found they have committed **dishonest acts** resulting in a **direct financial loss** that **we** have paid or will be liable to pay under the **policy**.

10.5 Limit of Indemnity

- a. Subject to Additional Benefits 2.8 Automatic Reinstatement for Insured Persons and 2.23 Crime Investigation Fees, **our** total liability under the **policy** in respect of any **claim** or **loss** and in the aggregate for all **claims** and **losses** shall not exceed the **limit of indemnity**.
- b. Any Sub-Limit stated on the Schedule, except for 2.23 Crime Investigation Fees, will be part of and not in addition to the **limit of indemnity**, and each Sub-Limit is an aggregate amount for the **period of insurance**. Other than for Additional Benefits 2.2 Occupational Health and Safety Defence Costs, 2.3 Statutory Liability and/or 2.4 Pollution Cover, if more than one Sub-Limit is applicable to any one **claim** then only the highest Sub-Limit shall apply.
- c. All **claims** which arise out of or are attributable to or are in any way connected with a single **wrongful act** or **employment practice breach** shall constitute a single **claim** for the purpose of this **policy**. A single **wrongful act** or **employment practice breach** means all respective **wrongful acts** or **employment practice breaches** which are related or form part of a series of related conduct or form part of a course of conduct that is not entirely unconnected, different and/or unrelated.

10.6 Deductible

- a. **Our** liability shall only apply to that part of **loss** which is in excess of the **deductible**.
- b. Such **deductible** shall be borne by the **insured person** and/or **company**, as the case may be, at their own risk.
- c. Unless otherwise expressed in the Schedule, all **deductibles** are inclusive of **defence costs** up to the amount of the **deductible**.
- d. Except as otherwise stated in the **policy**, costs and expenses incurred by **us** in determining whether **we** are liable to indemnify the **insured** under the **policy** shall not be subject to the **deductible** and will be met by **us**.

10.7 Non-Imputation

- a. Except for Exclusion 3.1 'Prior or Pending', no state of mind or knowledge possessed by any one **insured person** will be imputed to any other **insured person** for the purpose of determining whether any provision in this **policy** applies.
- b. The terms of the **policy** apply to each insured provided that the failure by any **insured** to observe and fulfill the terms of this **policy** will not prejudice any other **insured**.
- c. Any state of mind or knowledge possessed by any past or present chairman of the board, chief executive officer, director, chief operating officer or chief financial officer of the **company** will be imputed to the **company**.

10.8 Basis of Valuation

With respect to any **direct financial loss** which is covered under this **policy**, **we** are not liable for more than:

- a. the actual market value of **securities**, **money** or precious metals at the close of business on the day the **direct**

financial loss was first **discovered** (determined by the value published in the Australian Financial Review), or the actual cost of replacing the **securities, money** or precious metals, whichever is less;

- b. the actual cash value of other tangible property (not referred to in (a) above) at the close of business on the day the **direct financial loss** was first **discovered**, or the actual cost of replacing the property with property of like quality or value, whichever is less;
- c. the cost of blank books, blank pages or other materials plus the cost of labour and computer time for the actual transcription or copying of data furnished by the **company** in order to reproduce books of account and other records; and
- d. the cost of labour for the actual transcription or copying of electronic data furnished by the **company** in order to reproduce such electronic data.

10.9 Preservation of Right to Indemnity

In the event and to the extent that the **company** is legally permitted or required to indemnify an **insured person** in respect of a **claim**, but for whatever reason fails or refuses to do so, then **we** shall pay on behalf of the **insured person** any **loss** arising from the **claim**.

In such event, the **deductible** applicable to the Insuring Clause 1.2 (a) Company Reimbursement shall be paid by the **company** to **us** unless the **company** is insolvent and for that reason is unable to pay the **deductible** to **us**.

10.10 Other insurance

To the extent permitted by the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth), this **policy** will only cover **loss** to the extent that the amount of such **loss** is in excess of any indemnity or cover available to the **insured** in respect of that **loss** under any other **policy** entered into by the **insured** or under any other **policy** effected on behalf of the **insured** or under which the **insured** is a beneficiary.

This clause does not apply to such other insurance that is written as specific excess insurance over the **limit of indemnity** provided in this **policy**.

If such other insurance is provided by **us**, or any other related or member company, associate or affiliate, and it covers a **loss** covered by this **policy** in respect of that **claim** or **investigation**, the **limit of indemnity** or any applicable sub-limit shall be reduced by any amount paid by **us** (or related or member company, associate or affiliate) under such other insurance.

10.11 Several Liability of Underwriters

The obligations of our subscribing Underwriters, where there is more than one Underwriter named in the Schedule subscribing to the **policy**, are several and not joint and are limited solely to the extent of their individual subscriptions. No subscribing Underwriter is responsible for the subscription of any co-subscribing Underwriter who, for any reason, does not satisfy all or part of its obligations.

10.12 Governing law and jurisdiction

This **policy** is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia and the State or Territory where the **policy** was issued. Any disputes relating to the interpretation of this **policy** shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Australia and the State or Territory where the **policy** was issued.

10.13 Cancellation

The **insured** may cancel the **policy** at any time by notifying **us** in writing.

We may cancel the **policy** in accordance with the provisions of the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth).

On cancellation, **we** agree to allow a pro-rata refund of premium based upon the unexpired **period of insurance** unless **we** have been notified of any matter under this **policy**.

10.14 Complaints Procedures

If **you** have any concerns or wish to make a complaint in relation to this **policy**, **our** services or **your** insurance **claim**,

please let **us** know and **we** will attempt to resolve **your** concerns in accordance with **our** Internal Dispute Resolution procedure.

Please contact **us** in the first instance:

[General Counsel Team](#)
DUAL Australia Pty Limited
Email: complaints@dualaustralia.com.au
Telephone: 02 9248 6300
Level 29, Angel Place, 123 Pitt Street,
Sydney NSW 2000
Australia

We will acknowledge receipt of **your** complaint and do **our** utmost to resolve the complaint to **your** satisfaction within 10 business days.

If **we** cannot resolve your complaint to your satisfaction, **we** will escalate **your** matter to Lloyd's Australia who will determine whether it will be reviewed by their office or the Lloyd's UK Complaints team. A final decision will be provided to **you** within 30 calendar days of the date on which **you** first made the complaint unless certain exceptions apply.

You may refer **your** complaint to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA), if **your** complaint is not resolved to **your** satisfaction within 30 calendar days of the date on which **you** first made the complaint or at any time. AFCA can be contacted as follows:

[Australian Financial Complaints Authority Limited](#)
GPO Box 3
Melbourne VIC 3001
Australia
Telephone Number: 1800 93 678
Facsimile Number: (03) 9613 6399

Your complaint must be referred to AFCA within 2 years of the final decision, unless AFCA considers special circumstances apply. If **your** complaint is not eligible for consideration by AFCA, **you** may be referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service (UK) or **you** can seek independent legal advice. **You** can also access any other external dispute resolution or other options that may be available to **you**.

10.15 General Insurance Code of Practice

We are compliant with the Insurance Council of Australia General Insurance Code of Practice.

The Insurance Council of Australia has developed the General Insurance Code of Practice ("the Code"), which is a voluntary self-regulatory code. The Code aims to raise the standards of practice and service in the insurance industry.

Lloyd's has adopted the Code on terms agreed with the Insurance Council of Australia. For further information on the Code please visit www.codeofpractice.com.au

The Code Governance Committee (CGC) is an independent body that monitors and enforces insurers' compliance with the Code. For more information on the Code Governance Committee (CGC) go to www.insurancecode.org.au.

10.16 Service Of Suit (Australia) and About DUAL Australia

DUAL Australia Pty Limited ABN 16 107 553 257 AFSL 280193 (**We/Us/Our**) is a Coverholder for certain Underwriters at Lloyd's of London (Underwriters) and an Insurer Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company (BHSI). DUAL has the authority to bind this policy on behalf of these Underwriters and BHSI.

The Underwriters and BHSI accepting this Insurance agree that:

- i. if a dispute arises under this Insurance, this Insurance will be subject to Australian law and practice and the Underwriters and BHSI will submit to the jurisdiction of any competent Court in the Commonwealth of Australia;
- ii. any summons notice or process is to be served upon the Underwriters and BHSI as follows:

Lloyd's Underwriters' General Representative in Australia

Suite 1603

Level 16

1 Macquarie Place

Sydney NSW 2000

who has authority to accept service on the Underwriters' behalf; and

Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance

Level 25, 8 Chifley Square

Sydney NSW 2000

- iii. if a suit is instituted against any of the Underwriters or BHSI, all Underwriters and BHSI participating in this Insurance will abide by the final decision of such Court or any competent Appellate Court.

10.17 Authority

This is to certify that in accordance with the authorisation granted under contract to the undersigned by certain underwriters:

In consideration of the premium paid the underwriters are hereby bound, severally and not jointly, to insure in accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein or endorsed hereon. **We** hereby agree, to the extent and in the manner hereinafter provided, to indemnify or otherwise pay the **insured** in respect of the contingencies or events specified in the sections of the **policy**. However this **policy** only applies to those sections as indicated in the Schedule attached to this **policy**.

DUAL Australia Professional Indemnity Insurance

MODULE 2

Section 1: Preamble

- 1.1** We shall provide the cover described in the **policy**, subject to its terms and conditions, for the **insurance period**.
- 1.2** The cover under the **policy** commences upon the payment of the Premium unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Section 2: Insuring Clause

- 2.1** We agree to pay on behalf of the **insured** for all loss for which it becomes legally liable to pay on account of any **claim** first made against the **insured** and reported to **us** during the **insurance period** in respect of any civil liability incurred by the **insured** in the conduct of the **insured's professional business**.
- 2.2** We also agree to pay **defence costs** either incurred by **us** or incurred by the **insured** with **our** prior written consent.
- 2.3** The **policy** shall only provide cover for breaches of professional duty committed after the **retroactive**.

Section 3: Automatic Extensions

The automatic extensions are subject to the Insuring Clauses and all other **policy** terms and conditions.

3.1 Fraud and Dishonesty

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **claim** which would otherwise be excluded because of fraud and dishonesty in Exclusion 6.14 of the **policy** provided that **we** will not provide cover in respect of any:

- a. person committing or condoning any act, omission or breach excluded by Exclusion 6.14 Fraud and Dishonesty of the **policy**.
- b. **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of:
 - i. any loss of money, negotiable instruments, bonds, coupons, currency, bank notes, stamps, cheques, bills of exchange, letters of credit or other instruments whether negotiable or not or whether matured or not or securities or documents evidencing title to or ownership of land or any other property; or
 - ii. any actual or alleged fraudulent or dishonest instruction or direction; or use of electronic equipment, including but not limited to, telephony or the internet; resulting in:
 - a. any unauthorised transfer, delivery or payment of, or dealing with, any money, land or other property; or
 - b. any unauthorised reduction in the amount of any funds or other assets held by any person with any bank, building society or other institution or person having a responsibility for the maintenance or care of such funds or assets; or
 - c. any adverse effect upon any right of any person to the payment of money.

3.2 Former Principals

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **claim** against any former principal, partner, director, or **employee** of the **insured** in respect of the conduct of the **insured's professional business**.

3.3 Consultants, Subcontractors and Agents

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **claim** against the **insured** resulting from the conduct of any consultant, subcontractor or agent in the **professional business** of the **insured** and for whose acts, errors or omissions the **insured** is liable.

We will not cover the consultant, subcontractor or agent.

3.4 Loss of Documents

We agree to provide cover in respect of any costs and expenses incurred by the **insured** in replacing or restoring **lost documents** for which the **insured** is legally responsible if:

- a. The loss of the **documents** is first discovered during the **insurance period**;
- b. The **insured** notifies **us** within 30 days of discovery of the loss of the **documents**;
- c. The **insured** provides **us** with bills and accounts substantiating the costs and expenses incurred by the **insured** in replacing or restoring the **lost documents**; and
- d. **We** approve or a competent person nominated by **us** approves the bills and accounts.

A separate **deductible** will apply to each loss under this extension.

3.5 Run-off Cover Insured Entity or Subsidiary (Former Subsidiary)

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **claim** against the **insured** resulting from the conduct of the **professional business** by a **subsidiary** that ceased or ceases to be a **subsidiary** either before or during the **insurance period**.

3.6 Joint Venture Liability

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **claim** against the **insured** resulting from its conduct of the **professional business** as a joint venturer.

We will not cover any liability of the joint venture partner.

3.7 Defamation

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **claim** against the **insured** which results from the **insured** making a defamatory statement in the conduct of the **professional business**.

3.8 Fidelity

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **claim** against, or loss discovered by, the **insured** resulting from:

- a. any loss of money, negotiable instruments, bonds, coupons, currency, bank notes, stamps, cheques, bills of exchange, letters of credit and other instruments whether negotiable or not or whether matured or not or securities or documents evidencing title to or ownership of land or any other property belonging to the **insured** or for which the **insured** is legally liable; and/or
- b. any actual or alleged fraudulent or dishonest instruction, direction or use of electronic equipment, including but not limited to telephony and the internet, resulting in the unauthorised transfer, delivery or payment of, or dealing with, money, land or any other property belonging to the **insured** or for which the **insured** is legally liable ("fraudulent transaction")

where such loss is sustained or fraudulent transaction occurs in consequence of any dishonest, fraudulent, malicious or reckless act or omission of any **insured**, provided always that:

- i. Such **claim** is first made against the **insured** or loss or fraudulent transaction is first discovered by the **insured** during the **insurance period** and is notified in writing to **us** within 28 days after such discovery and where the **insured** must bear any costs or expenses to substantiate the loss or fraudulent transaction; and
- ii. **We** shall not be liable for any **claim** based on or loss sustained in respect of any fraudulent transaction which occurs in consequence of any act or omission occurring after the date of the discovery of, or of reasonable cause for suspicion of, dishonest or fraudulent conduct on the part of the **insured** concerned; nor will **we** be liable to indemnify any **insured** committing or condoning any dishonest or fraudulent conduct.

- iii. The **insured** kept a separate trust account for any money misappropriated or stolen and the trust account was audited annually by a qualified, independent accountant.
- iv. All cheques prepared on that trust account were countersigned by two authorised people; and
- v. The **insured** took all reasonable precautions to prevent any loss and continued to perform all supervision, controls, checks and audits.

The cover provided under this extension is sub-limited to \$50,000 any one **claim** or loss and in the aggregate all **claims** and losses. This sub-limit is part of and not in addition to the **indemnity limit**. A separate **deductible** will apply to each loss under this extension.

3.9 Intellectual Property

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **claim** which would otherwise be excluded by Exclusion 6.9 Intellectual Property of the **policy**, provided that the liability incurred from the breach of intellectual property rights results from the provision of advice by the insured in the conduct of the **professional business**.

3.10 Reinstatement of indemnity limit

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **claim(s)** which require(s) reinstatement of the **indemnity limit** during the **insurance period** because the **indemnity limit** is eroded (partially or totally) as a result of the payment of an earlier and separate **claim, claims** or **defence costs**. However the aggregate of all such reinstatements in connection with all **claims** will not exceed a total amount equal to two times the **indemnity limit**, inclusive of **defence costs**, and such reinstatements are only available where the subsequent **claim(s)** is/are based on facts and matters totally different from and unrelated to those which gave rise to the erosion or exhaustion of the **indemnity limit**. Further, this Extension does not apply until the **insured** has exhausted the limits of any policy which is in excess of the original **indemnity limit** under this **policy**, other than any similar reinstatement provisions under such excess policies.

3.11 Attendance at Inquiries

We agree to provide cover in respect of any legal representation costs resulting directly from the attendance by the **insured** at any **inquiry**. **We** will only do this if:

- a. the **inquiry** is ordered or commissioned during the **insurance period**, and
- b. **our** consent is obtained before such costs are incurred, and
- c. the **insured** notifies **us** during the **insurance period** that the **insured** is legally compelled to attend the **inquiry**, and
- d. the **inquiry** is not being held in USA or Canada, and
- e. the **insured's** attendance is required because of the **insured's** conduct of its **professional business**, and
- f. at **our** option, **we** can nominate legal advisers to be used.

The cover provided under this extension is sub-limited to \$500,000 any one **inquiry** and in the aggregate for all **inquiries** and a separate **deductible** will apply to each **inquiry** under this extension. This sub-limit is part of and not in addition to the **indemnity limit**. For the application of the terms and conditions of this **policy** to this Extension, **inquiry** is deemed to be a **claim**.

3.12 Court Attendance Costs

We agree to provide cover in respect of any Court attendance costs of any partner, principal, director or **employee** of the **insured** who is legally required to attend Court as a witness in a **claim** covered by the **policy**, to an amount not exceeding \$250 per day for **employees** and \$500 per day for those other persons. No **deductible** applies.

3.13 Public Relations

We agree to provide cover in respect of any **public relations expenses** incurred by the **insured** in connection with an **incident** in order to prevent or minimise the risk of a **claim** which would be covered under the **policy**, or in connection with an **incident** that results in a **claim** covered under the **policy**.

The **insured's** entitlement to this cover is conditional upon the **insured** providing **us** with full written details of the

incident no later than 30 days after the **insured** first becomes aware of the **incident**. The **incident** must occur and be reported during the **insurance period**. The **incident** must occur outside of the USA/Canada.

The cover provided under this extension is sub-limited to \$100,000 any one **incident** and in the aggregate for all **incidents**. A separate **deductible** of \$1,000 will apply to each **incident** under this extension. This sub-limit is part of and not in addition to the **indemnity limit**.

3.14 Heirs, Estates and Legal Representatives

We agree to provide cover in respect of any Estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns of any deceased or mentally incompetent **insured** in respect of **claims** resulting from the conduct of the **professional business** by such **insured**.

3.15 Continuous Cover

Notwithstanding the Prior Knowledge Exclusions 6.1 (a) and (b), **we** agree to provide cover in respect of any **claim** where the **insured**:

- a. first became aware, prior to the **insurance period**, that a **claim** might or could arise from facts or circumstances known to it; and
- b. had not notified to **us**, or notified to any other insurer of, such facts or circumstances prior to the **insurance period**.

Provided that:

- i. the **claim** would have been covered under the professional indemnity insurance policy in force at the time the **insured** first became aware of such facts or circumstances; and
- ii. the **insured** has been continuously, without interruption, covered under a professional indemnity insurance policy from the time the **insured** first became aware of such facts or circumstances; and
- iii. there has not been any fraudulent non-disclosure or fraudulent misrepresentation by the **Insured** in respect of such facts or circumstances; and
- iv. had not notified **us** or the previous insurer of such facts or circumstances prior to the **insurance period**; and
- v. **we** have the discretion to apply either the terms and conditions of the policy on foot when the **insured** first became aware of the facts and circumstances, including but not limited to the indemnity limit and deductible, or the terms and conditions of this **policy**; and
- vi. the **insured** agrees to only make a **claim** under one professional indemnity policy issued by **us**.

If the **insured** still has an entitlement to indemnity, in whole or in part, under another professional indemnity insurance **policy** in respect of a **claim**, then this extension does not apply under this **insured** in respect of such **claim**.

We may reduce the amount **we** pay out under this extension by the amount of any prejudice **we** have suffered as a result of any delayed notification to **us** or the previous insurer.

Entitlement to cover under this extension is conditional upon the receipt of all policy documents issued to the **insured** by the previous insurer for each professional liability policy in force from the time the **insured** first became aware of a fact or circumstance which might give rise to a **claim** under this **policy**.

For the purpose of this extension only, the definition of **we/us/our** in clause 5.24 of this **policy** also includes the Underwriter(s) for which **we** were the agent on any previous Policy issued by **us** as such Underwriter's agent to the **insured**. Subject to the terms of this extension and the terms of the **policy**, the intention of this extension is to provide continuous cover to the **insured** notwithstanding any change in the identity of the Underwriters for which **we** presently act, or have previously acted, as agent.

Except as otherwise provided in this endorsement, the Insuring Clause and all other **policy** terms and conditions shall have full force and effect.

3.16 Defence Costs In Addition

We agree to provide cover for any **defence costs** in addition to the **indemnity limit**, in an amount not exceeding the

indemnity limit. We will only pay these, however, if:

- a. We incur them; or
- b. The **insured** incurs them after first obtaining **our** agreement in writing and the **defence costs** are in **our** view reasonable and necessary.

We will not be obliged to defend, or to continue to defend, any **claims** or pay, or continue to pay, any **defence costs** associated with such defence, once the **indemnity limit** has been exhausted.

Defence costs does not include any internal or overhead expenses of the **insured** or the cost of the **insured's** time.

3.17 Emergency Defence Costs

We agree to provide cover for any **defence costs** incurred by the **insured** prior to obtaining **our** consent, provided **our** consent is obtained within 30 days of the first of such **defence costs** being incurred, and provided that for the purposes of this Extension only:

- a. We are only liable to indemnify the **insured** for that part of the **insured's** liability in respect of each **claim** and **defence costs** in excess of the **deductible**; and
- b. If we subsequently refuse to pay under the **policy**, the **insured** must reimburse us for any **defence costs** that we have paid in advance, according to their respective rights and interests.

The sub limit of liability for all such payments under this Extension is \$100,000. This sub limit forms part of, and is not payable in addition to, the **indemnity limit**.

3.18 Previous Business

We agree to provide cover in respect of any principal, partner or director of the **insured** for **claims** resulting from professional services they performed prior to joining the **insured**.

This extension will only apply if:

- a. the professional services were performed in the same profession as the **professional activity** of the **insured**; and
- b. there were no more than 10 partners or directors in the past business in which the principal, partner or director practised; and
- c. the principal, partner or director of the **insured** does not have the benefit of cover under any other insurance or indemnity.

The retroactive date for this Extension is limited to the commencement date of the past business in which the principal, partner or director practised.

3.19 Free Legal Consultation

During the **insurance period** the **insured** is entitled to up to two hours free legal advice from the appointed firm and nominated practitioner as prescribed by us, on any matter relating to the **insured's professional business** practice. This extension is subject to the following:

- i. The legal advice will be of a general nature;
- ii. Any unused hours or consultations cannot be aggregated from one **policy** period to another;
- iii. We reserve the right to change the appointed firm or nominated practitioner at any time. These changes will be notified to the **insured** upon request; and
- iv. The **insured** may not seek legal advice on this **policy** or other indemnity issues concerning insurance policies issued by us under this extension.

Section 4: Interpretation

In the **policy**:

- 4.1** a. Person includes individuals, partnerships, bodies corporate and associations.
 - b. The singular includes the plural and the masculine includes the feminine.
 - c. The headings are for descriptive purposes only.
- 4.2** The construction and interpretation of the **policy** shall be determined in accordance with the law of the jurisdiction in which it is issued.
- 4.3** In the event that any portion of the **policy** is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.
- 4.4** All **policy** documents shall be read together as one contract and any word or expression to which a specific meaning has been attached shall bear the same meaning wherever it may appear.

Section 5: Definitions

In the **policy**:

- 5.1 Claim** means:
- a. any written or oral demand made by a third party against the **insured** for compensation; or
 - b. Any writ, statement of claim, summons, application or other originating legal or arbitral process, cross-claim, counterclaim or third or similar party notice served upon the **insured** which seeks compensatory relief made by a third party against the **insured**.
- 5.2 Cryptoasset** means a **digital asset** and a public or private key or any component thereof solely when used for a **digital asset**.
- 5.3 Defence costs** means any necessary and reasonable fees, expenses, costs and disbursements incurred in investigating or defending a **claim** covered by the **policy**.
- 5.4 Deductible** means the amount specified in the Schedule or otherwise specified in any extension to this **policy**.
- 5.5 Digital asset** means any actual, counterfeit or fictitious:
- a. digital coin;
 - b. digital token;
 - c. cryptocurrency;
 - d. cryptosecurity; or
 - e. any other digital representation of value or contractual rights that uses a type of distributed ledger of technology and that:
 - i. functions, or purports to function, as a medium of exchange, a unit of account or a store of value; or
 - ii. is or becomes regulated as a security.
- 5.6 Documents** means deeds, wills, agreements, maps, plans, books, letters, policies, certificates, forms and documents of any nature, whether printed, written or reproduced by any method including computer records and electronically stored data but does not mean bearer bonds or coupons, stamps, bank or currency notes, money or any negotiable instrument.

- 5.7 Employee** means any person employed by the **insured** under a contract of service or apprenticeship during or prior to the commencement of the **insurance period**.
- 5.8 Entities** means any company, direct or indirect holding company owned or controlled (either in whole or in part) either directly or indirectly by the Government or State of any of the **territories**.
- 5.9 Family member** means the **insured's**
- Legal or de facto spouse, domestic partner or companion;
 - Parent, or the parent of the **insured's** legal or de facto spouse, domestic partner or companion;
 - Children and children of (a) and (b) above; and/or
 - Siblings.
- 5.10 Incident** means a matter in which the **insured's** reputation and skill in the conduct of the **professional business** is brought into question.
- 5.11 Indemnity limit** means the amounts specified in the Schedule.
- 5.12 Inquiry** means any official investigation, examination, inquiry or other proceedings ordered or commissioned by any official body or institution empowered by law to investigate the conduct of the **professional business** of the **insured**.
- 5.13 Insurance period** means the period specified in the Schedule.
- 5.14 Insured** means
- The person, partnership, company, **subsidiary** or other entity, specified as the **insured** in the Schedule; and
 - Any person who is during the **insurance period** a principal, partner, director, employee, of the person, partnership, company, **subsidiary** or other entity specified as the **insured** in the Schedule, but only while acting in the course of the **professional business**.
- 5.15 Lost documents** means **documents** that cannot be located following a diligent search, and **documents** that have been destroyed or damaged.
- 5.16 Policy** means this **policy** wording, the Schedule, the **proposal** and any endorsement attaching to and forming part of the **policy** either at commencement or during the **insurance period**.
- 5.17 Pollutants** means any contaminant whether solid, liquid or gas including but not limited to chemicals, smoke, vapours and fumes.
- 5.18 Professional business** means the **professional activity** set out in the Schedule but shall only include services of design, advice, specification, calculation and formula undertaken by or under the direct supervision of a properly qualified and appropriate professional in that **professional activity**. A person will be properly qualified if they possess appropriate professional qualifications from a recognised body relevant to that **professional activity**. For the avoidance of doubt, the **professional business** does not include manual labour or physical construction work, or supervision of such, that is normally the responsibility of a builder.
- 5.19 Proposal** means the written proposal made by the **insured** to **us** together with any attachments.
- 5.20 Public relations expenses** means any reasonable fees, costs and expenses of a public relations consultant retained with **our** prior written consent (which shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld).
- 5.21 Retroactive** means the date specified in the Schedule but no earlier than the commencement of the **insured's** business specified in the Schedule but only while in the course of the **professional business**.
- 5.22 Subsidiary** means any entity which by virtue of any applicable legislation or law is deemed to be a **subsidiary** of the **insured** or in which the **insured** owns or controls, directly or indirectly 50% of the issued voting shares of such entity.

5.23 Territories means Belarus, Russia, any disputed Russian territories, including but not limited to, Donetsk Region, Luhansk Region, Crimea Region.

5.24 We/us/our means DUAL Australia Pty Limited, ACN 107 553 257 as agent of the Underwriters named in the Schedule under the heading "Underwriters".

Section 6: Exclusions

We will not cover the **insured**, including for **defence costs** or other loss, in respect of:

6.1 Prior knowledge

- a. Any **claim** arising from or in connection with a fact or circumstance that the **insured** knew or ought reasonably to have known prior to the **insurance period** might or could give rise to a **claim**;
- b. Any **claim** arising from or in connection with a fact or circumstance of which notice has been or reasonably should have been given under any previous insurance; and
- c. Any **claim** that was first made, threatened or intimated against the **insured** prior to the **insurance period**.

6.2 Fines and Penalties and Non-Compensatory

- a. Taxes, fines or penalties;
- b. Punitive, aggravated, multiple, exemplary, liquidated or other non-compensatory damages or the consequences of non-payment;
- c. Any demand for the repayment or refund by the **insured** to a third party of professional fees paid to the **insured** for the provision of professional or other services.

6.3 Assumed Liability

Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of any duty or obligation assumed by the **insured** by way of warranty, guarantee, indemnity, contract or agreement, unless the **insured** would have incurred the liability in the absence of such warranty, guarantee, indemnity, contract or agreement.

6.4 Liability to Employees

Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of bodily injury, mental injury, sickness, disease or death of any **employee** or damage to or destruction of any property of any **employee**, including loss of use.

6.5 Bodily Injury

Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of the death of, or bodily injury or illness to, any person, unless it results directly from the **insured's** conduct of the **professional business**.

6.6 Property Damage

Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of the loss or destruction of, or damage to, any property, unless it results directly from the **insured's** conduct of the **professional business**.

6.7 Liability as Occupier

Any **claim** or liability arising from or incurred or alleged to have been incurred in connection with the use, occupation, ownership or lease of any real estate or personal property, by or on behalf of the **insured**.

6.8 Product Liability

Any **claim** or liability arising from or in connection with the manufacture, preparation, modification, repair, supply, maintenance or treatment of any goods or products sold, supplied or distributed by the **insured**.

6.9 Intellectual Property

Any **claim** arising from infringement or alleged infringement of any intellectual property right including but not limited to copyright, patent, trademark, privacy, plagiarism, design or confidentiality.

6.10 Pollution

Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of the actual or alleged release or discharge of **pollutants**.

6.11 War/Terrorism

Any **claim** or liability of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with any of the following, regardless of any cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence:

- a. War, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities or warlike operations (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power; or
- b. Any **act of terrorism**; or
- c. Any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or in any way relating to (a) and/or (b) above.

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

6.12 Nuclear

Any **claim** or liability arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in connection with:

- a. Loss or destruction of or damage to any property whatsoever or any loss or expense whatsoever resulting from or arising therefrom or any consequential loss; or
- b. Any legal liability of whatsoever nature

directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by or arising from:

- i. Ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel; or
- ii. The radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof.

6.13 Trading Debts

Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to any trading debt or business liability of the **insured** or any guarantee given by the **insured** for a debt.

6.14 Fraud and Dishonesty

- a. Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of any actual or alleged act or omission by the **insured**, its consultants, sub-contractors or agents which was reckless, fraudulent, dishonest, malicious or criminal.
- b. Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of any wilful breach of any statute, regulation, contract or duty by the **insured**, its consultants, sub-contractors or agents.

6.15 Associates

- a. Any **claim** by, on behalf of or for the benefit of any **insured**;
- b. Any **claim** by, on behalf of or for the benefit of any **subsidiary**; or

- c. Any **claim** by, on behalf of or for the benefit of any **family member** of the **insured**, unless the **family member** is acting without any prior direct or indirect solicitation or co-operation from the **insured**.

irrespective of the capacity in which the **claim** is brought.

6.16 Directors & Officers

Any **claim** alleging a breach by an **insured** of a duty owed or any alleged wrongful conduct in the capacity of a director, secretary or officer of a body corporate.

6.17 Asbestos and Toxic Mould

Any **claim** or liability arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of:

- a. asbestos or other things that contain it; or
- b. the actual, potential, alleged or threatened formation, growth, presence, release or dispersal of fungi, moulds, or mycotoxins relating to Stachy Botrys, such action to including investigating, testing for, detection of, monitoring of, treating, remediating or removing such fungi, moulds, mycotoxins relating to Stachy Botrys.

6.18 Performance Obligation

Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly caused by, or in any way connected with the **insured's** failure to perform its obligations within any agreed period of time, including but not limited to any delay in delivery or failure to deliver the product or service to be supplied by the agreed time.

6.19 Infrastructure, Manufacturing and Financial

Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of:

- a. any errors in an estimate of probable construction cost or cost estimate; or
- b. any construction, assembly, installation, erection or maintenance undertaken by or on behalf of the **insured**; or
- c. any breach of any express or implied warranty arising out of the development of any property; or
- d. the insolvency or financial failure of any person or entity involved in any project; or
- e. the failure to provide, effect or maintain any bond or any form of insurance; or
- f. actual or alleged advice in relation to finance, accounting or tax matters; or
- g. any loss or damage which would normally be the responsibility of a contractor; or
- h. any loss of or damage to, including loss of use of or value in, any goods in the care, custody or control of the **insured**; or
- i. any failure by the **insured** to inspect, access, sight or review any property or relevant part thereof in respect of any report or assessment of such property prepared by or on behalf of the **insured** in the conduct of the **professional business**; or
- j. any valuation of property or premises made by or on behalf of the **insured**; or
- k. the carrying out of any pest and/or pre purchase property inspection or provision of any pest and/or pre purchase property inspection report, whether oral or written; or
- l. any bodily injury or property damage occurring in the course of a property inspection or tangible property inspection or testing; or
- m. work undertaken in connection with any railway signalling; or
- n. work undertaken in connection with design of amusement rides, lifting and bulk handling equipment; or
- o. work undertaken in connection with swimming pool contracts; or
- p. work undertaken in connection with building certification; or

- q. work undertaken in connection with cooling towers.

6.20 Investment Performance

Any **claim** or liability directly or indirectly arising from attributable to or in consequence of:

- a. any actual or alleged dealings of any nature by which it is sought to affect the price of, or market in, any shares or debentures of any company or commodity or currency, or of any negotiable instrument, other than dealings carried out in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations applicable to such dealings;
- b. any **claim** arising from any financial or investment advice provided by the **insured**, including but not limited to any advice or recommendation as to the valuation, tax implications or performance of any investment;
- c. a failure by the **insured** to warn of the risks of market fluctuation of any investment.

6.21 Excluded Activities

Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of:

- a. Finance and or Mortgage Broking;
- b. Corporate Advisory;
- c. Stockbroking;
- d. financial planning, insurance-related or funds management activities, whether or not it requires an Australian Financial Services Licence or an authority under such a License;
- e. advice or consulting in connection with mergers and acquisitions of entities or businesses or parts thereof.

6.22 Prescription Drug

Any **claim** arising from or directly or indirectly attributable to or in consequence of the death of, or personal injury or illness to, any person as a result of prescription drugs, unless it results directly from the actual provision by the **insured** of a prescription in accordance with the standards of the relevant professional body in the conduct of the **professional business** on the matter or thing which gives rise to the personal injury.

6.23 Molestation

Any **claim**, including **defence costs**, directly or indirectly related to, based upon, attributable to or in connection with or consequence of any actual or alleged molestation of, interference with, mental abuse of or physical abuse of any person, whether by the **insured**, or by any agent, or **employee** of the **insured**, or by any person performing any volunteer service for or on behalf of the **insured**.

6.24 Sanctions Limitation Exclusion

Any **claim** or liability for any matter arising from or in any way connected with any matters where to do so would expose **us** to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanctions, laws or regulations of Australia, the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America and **we** shall have no liability to the **insured** to the extent that to do so would be in breach of the foregoing.

6.25 Jurisdictional

We will not cover any **claim**, investigation, loss or any other amount:

- i. in respect of any **claim**, investigation, court order, judgment, award, payment, costs and expenses or settlement delivered, made or incurred or arising from or in connection with:
 - a. a court of law (or equivalent) within any of the **territories**; or
 - b. any Arbitration, Mediation or Adjudication (or any other dispute resolution process) within any of the **territories**; or

- c. any court of law or dispute resolution process operating under the laws of any of the **territories**; or
- ii. in respect of any order made anywhere in the world to enforce any court order, judgment sums, award, payment, costs and expenses or settlement either in whole or in part arising out of (i) above; or
- iii. incurred by or resulting from activities that involve or benefit either directly or indirectly the Government or State of any of the **territories**, or where the payment of such indemnity by the Insurer will benefit either directly or indirectly the Government or State of any of the **territories**; or
- iv. agreed or incurred prior to, during or subsequent to any matters referred to in (i) and/or (ii) above being brought by, or to the benefit of persons and/or entities that are resident in any of the **territories**.

6.26 Crypto

We will not cover the **insured** for any loss, costs, expenses, liabilities, settlement sums and other amounts directly or indirectly connected to, involving or attributable to any **cryptoasset** or allegation relating to any **cryptoasset**, notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this **policy** (including any endorsement).

Section 7: Claim Conditions

7.1 The cover provided by the **policy** shall extend to the conduct of the **professional business** by the **insured** anywhere in the world, except within the territorial limits of the United States of America or the dominion of Canada or their respective territories or protectorates.

7.2 Notification

In the event of a **claim** arising under this insurance, immediate notice should be given to:

[The National Claims Manager](#)

DUAL Australia Pty Limited

Level 29, Angel Place,

123 Pitt Street,

Sydney NSW 2000

Australia

Or by email to: claims@dualaustralia.com.au

Please refer to the Claims Conditions section of this **policy** for further details regarding the notification of **claims** or loss subject to this Insurance.

7.3 Co-operation

- a. The **insured** shall, at the **insured's** own cost, frankly and honestly provide **us** with all information and assistance required by **us** and/or the lawyers and investigators and others appointed by **us** in relation to any **claim** or loss. Any unreasonable failure to comply with this obligation may entitle **us** to deny cover for the **claim** or loss, in whole or part.
- b. The **insured** shall, at its own cost, do all things reasonably practicable to minimise the **insured's** liability in respect of any **claim** or loss.

7.4 Legal Defence and Settlement

- a. Unless otherwise agreed, **we** shall have the right to assume, in the name of the **insured**, the legal defence of any **claim** covered under this **policy**. **We** shall have the right to appoint the lawyers that will defend and represent the **insured** in respect of any **claim**.
- b. **We** shall have full discretion in managing any negotiation or proceeding as to the resolution of such **claim**. **We** shall be entitled to settle a **claim** if **we** so choose.
- c. The **insured** agrees not to admit liability for or settle any **claim** or loss, make any admission, offer any payment or assume any obligation in connection with any **claim** or **loss**, or incur any **defence costs** in connection with any **claim**,

without **our** written consent.

- d. **We** shall not be liable for any settlement, **defence costs**, admission, offer, payment or assumed obligation made, incurred or entered into without **our** written consent.
- e. If **we** are of the opinion that a **claim** will not exceed the **deductible**, **we** may require the **insured** to conduct the defence of the **claim**. If the **defence costs** and/or any other payment exceed the **deductible** then **we** will pay the amount in excess of the **deductible**.

7.5 Insured's right to contest

In the event that **we** recommend settlement of a **claim** and the **insured** does not agree to the settlement of the **claim**, and the **insured** decides to contest the **claim**, **our** liability shall not exceed the amount for which the **claim** could have been settled, and **defence costs** incurred up to the date upon which the **claim** could have been settled.

7.6 Senior Counsel

- a. **We** shall not require the **insured** to contest a **claim** unless a Senior Counsel (agreed upon by the **insured** and **us**) advises that the **claim** should be contested, taking into account all likely **defence costs**, prospects of successfully defending the **claim** and the damages and costs likely to be recovered by the third party claimant.
- b. The costs of Senior Counsel's advice shall be regarded as part of the **defence costs**.

7.7 Non-Imputation

Except for Exclusion Clause 6.1 Prior Knowledge, no state of mind or knowledge possessed by any one **insured** will be imputed to any other **insured** for the purpose of determining whether any provision in this **policy** applies. However, any state of mind or knowledge possessed by any past or present principal, director, partner of the **insured** will be imputed to the **insured** in Clause 5.14(a) of this **policy**.

7.8 Other Insurance

To the extent permitted by the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984*, this **policy** will only cover loss to the extent that the amount of such loss is in excess of any indemnity or cover available to the **insured** in respect of that loss under any other policy entered into by the **insured**.

To the extent permitted by the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984*, this **policy** will only cover loss to the extent that the amount of such loss is in excess of any indemnity or cover available to the **insured** in respect of that loss under any other policy effected on behalf of the **insured** or under which the **insured** is a beneficiary (but not a policy to which the preceding paragraph applies).

Neither of the two paragraphs immediately above applies to such other insurance that is written only as specific excess insurance over the **indemnity limit** provided in this **policy**.

If such other insurance is provided by **us**, or any other member company, associate or affiliate, and it covers a loss covered by this **policy** in respect of a **claim** or **inquiry**, the **indemnity limit** under this **policy** in respect of that **claim** or **inquiry** shall be reduced by any amount paid by **us** (or member company, associate or affiliate) under such other insurance.

Section 8: General Conditions

8.1 Subrogation

- a. Where **we** have paid an amount under the **policy** **we** become entitled to any rights of the **insured** against any party in relation to the **claim** or loss, to the extent of **our** payment.
- b. The **insured**, at its own cost, must assist **us** and provide information as **we** may reasonably require to exercise **our** rights of subrogation. This may include providing and signing statements and other documents and the giving of evidence, among other things.

8.2 Alteration to Risk

The **insured** must notify **us** in writing as soon as practicable of any material alteration to the risk during the **insurance period** including:

- a. The **insured** going into voluntary bankruptcy, receivership or liquidation; or
- b. The **insured** failing to pay debts as and when those debts become due; or
- c. The **insured** breaching any other obligation giving rise to the appointment of a receiver or the commencement of bankruptcy or winding up proceedings; or
- d. Any material change in the nature of the **professional activity**.

We may not cover the **insured** for any **claim** if the **insured** does not notify **us** in writing as soon as practicable of any material alteration to risk.

8.3 Assignment

The **insured** must not assign the **policy** or any rights under the **policy** without **our** prior written consent by way of endorsement to the **policy**.

8.4 Cancellation

- a. The **insured** may cancel the **policy** at any time by notifying **us** in writing.
- b. **We** may cancel the **policy** in accordance with the provisions of the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth).
- c. On cancellation of this **policy**, **we** will retain the proportion of the premium calculated pro rata as at the date of the cancellation plus fifteen percent (15%) of that amount.

8.5 Jurisdictional Limitation

The cover provided by the **policy** shall extend to a **claim** brought anywhere in the world except:

- a. Any **claim** brought within the territorial limits of the United States of America or the dominion of Canada or their territories or protectorates;
- b. To enforce any judgement, order or award obtained in or determined under the laws of the United States of America or the dominion of Canada or their territories or protectorates.

8.6 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

This **policy** is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia and the State or Territory where the **policy** was issued. Any disputes relating to interpretation shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Australia.

8.7 Insuring Clause Clarification

For the avoidance of doubt, the cover provided by the Insuring Clause of this **policy**, includes but is not restricted to civil liability under the Part V of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010, the Fair Trading Act 1987 (NSW), the Fair Trading Act 1985 (Victoria), Australian Securities and Investment Commission Act or similar legislation enacted by the other States or Territories of the Commonwealth of Australia or the Dominion of New Zealand.

8.8 Several Liability Notice

The subscribing insurers' obligations under contracts of insurance to which they subscribe are several and not joint and are limited solely to the extent of their individual subscriptions. The subscribing insurers are not responsible for the subscription of any co-subscribing insurer who for any reason does not satisfy all or part of its obligations.

8.9 Complaints Procedures

If you have any concerns or wish to make a complaint in relation to this **policy**, **our** services or your insurance **claim**, please let **us** know and **we** will attempt to resolve your concerns in accordance with **our** Internal Dispute Resolution procedure.

Please contact us in the first instance:

[General Counsel Team](#)

DUAL Australia Pty Limited

Email: complaints@dualaustralia.com.au

Telephone: 02 9248 6300

Level 29, Angel Place, 123 Pitt Street,

Sydney NSW 2000

Australia

We will acknowledge receipt of your complaint and do **our** utmost to resolve the complaint to your satisfaction within 10 business days.

If **we** cannot resolve your complaint to your satisfaction, **we** will escalate your matter to Lloyd's Australia who will determine whether it will be reviewed by their office or the Lloyd's UK Complaints team. A final decision will be provided to you within 30 calendar days of the date on which you first made the complaint unless certain exceptions apply.

You may refer your complaint to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA), if your complaint is not resolved to your satisfaction within 30 calendar days of the date on which you first made the complaint or at any time. AFCA can be contacted as follows:

[Australian Financial Complaints Authority Limited](#)

GPO Box 3

Melbourne VIC 3001

Australia

Telephone Number: 1800 93 678

Facsimile Number: (03) 9613 6399

Your complaint must be referred to AFCA within 2 years of the final decision, unless AFCA considers special circumstances apply. If your complaint is not eligible for consideration by AFCA, you may be referred to the Financial Ombudsman Service (UK) or you can seek independent legal advice. You can also access any other external dispute resolution or other options that may be available to you.

8.10 Service of Suit (Australia) and About DUAL Australia

DUAL Australia Pty Limited ABN 16 107 553 257 AFSL 280193 (**we/us/our**) is a Coverholder for certain Underwriters at Lloyd's of London (Underwriters) and an Insurer Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company (BHSI). DUAL has the authority to bind this **policy** on behalf of these Underwriters and BHSI

The Underwriters and BHSI accepting this Insurance agree that:

- i. if a dispute arises under this Insurance, this Insurance will be subject to Australian law and practice and the Underwriters and BHSI will submit to the jurisdiction of any competent Court in the Commonwealth of Australia;
 - a. any summons notice or process is to be served upon the Underwriters and BHSI as follows:

[Lloyd's Underwriters' General Representative in Australia](#)

Suite 1603

Level 16

1 Macquarie Place

Sydney NSW 2000

who has authority to accept service on the Underwriters' behalf; and

[Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance](#)

Level 25, 8 Chifley Square

Sydney NSW 2000

- ii. if a suit is instituted against any of the Underwriters or BHSI, all Underwriters and BHSI participating in this Insurance will abide by the final decision of such Court or any competent Appellate Court.

8.11 General Insurance Code of Practice

We are compliant with the Insurance Council of Australia General Insurance Code of Practice.

The Insurance Council of Australia has developed the General Insurance Code of Practice (“the Code”), which is a voluntary self-regulatory code. The Code aims to raise the standards of practice and service in the insurance industry.

Lloyd’s has adopted the Code on terms agreed with the Insurance Council of Australia. For further information on the Code please visit www.codeofpractice.com.au

The Code Governance Committee (CGC) is an independent body that monitors and enforces insurers’ compliance with the Code. For more information on the Code Governance Committee (CGC) go to www.insurancecode.org.au.

Section 9: Limit Of Liability

9.1 Indemnity Limit

Subject to Clause 3.10 Reinstatement of Indemnity Limit and Clause 3.16 Defence Costs in Addition, **our** total liability under the **policy** for any one **claim** including **defence costs** and in the aggregate from all **claims** including **defence costs** shall not exceed the **indemnity limit**. For the purposes of determining the **indemnity limit** available for each **claim** covered by the **policy**, all **claims** arising from the same breach of professional duty, or related breaches of professional duty, shall be regarded as one **claim**.

9.2 Deductible

- a. The **insured** is responsible for the **deductible** in respect of each and every **claim**. Subject to clause (c) below, **we** are only liable to indemnify the **insured** for that part of the **insured’s** liability in respect of each **claim** and **defence costs** in excess of the **deductible**.
- b. Where **we** have paid on the **insured’s** behalf part or all of the **deductible**, the **insured** shall reimburse **us**.
- c. Unless otherwise expressed in the Schedule, all **deductibles** are inclusive of **defence costs** up to the amount of the **deductible**.
- d. Costs and expenses incurred by **us** in determining whether **we** are liable to indemnify the **insured** under the **policy** shall not be subject to the **deductible** and will be met by **us**.
- e. For the purposes of determining the **deductible(s)** applicable to any **claim(s)** covered by the **policy**, all **claims** arising from the same breach of professional duty, or related breaches of professional duty, shall be regarded as one **claim**.

Section 10: Authority

- 10.1** This is to certify that in accordance with the authorisation granted under Contract to the undersigned by the Underwriters as named in the schedule.
- 10.2** In consideration of the premium paid the Underwriters are hereby bound, severally and not jointly, to insure in accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein or endorsed hereon.