



THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE CO. LTD.

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POLICY WORDINGS

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE (NON - INDUSTRIAL RISK) POLICY

1. OPERATIVE CLAUSE:

Whereas the Insured named in the schedule hereto and carrying on the business described in the said schedule has applied to The New India Assurance Company Limited (hereinafter called 'the company') for the indemnity hereinafter contained and has made a written proposal and declaration which shall be the basis of this contract and is deemed to be incorporated herein and has paid the premium as consideration for or on account of such indemnity.

NOW THIS POLICY WITNESSETH that subject to the terms exceptions, exclusions and conditions contained herein or endorsed hereon the company will indemnify the Insured against their legal liability (other than under the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 or any other statute based on the doctrine of "No Fault Liability") to pay compensation including claimant's costs, fees and expenses anywhere in India, in accordance with Indian Law.

2. INDEMNITY:

The Indemnity only applies to claims arising out of **Accidents** occurring in the Insured **Premises** during the **Period of Insurance** first made in writing against the Insured during the **Policy Period** and the Insured is indemnified in accordance with the Operative Clause for and/or arising out of **Injury** and/or **Damage** but only against claims arising out of or in connection with the business specified in the Schedule and not against claims arising out of or in connection with:-

- (a) **Pollution** howsoever caused unless specifically covered
- (b) Any **Product**.

For the purpose of determining the indemnity granted

- (a) '**Injury**' means death, bodily injury, illness or disease of or to any person,
- (b) '**Damage**' means actual and/or physical damage to tangible property;
- (c) '**Pollution**' means pollution or contamination of the atmosphere or of any water land or other tangible property;
- (d) '**Product**' means any tangible property after it has left the custody or control of the Insured, which has been designed, specified, formulated, manufactured,

constructed, installed, sold, supplied, distributed, treated, serviced, altered or repaired by or on

behalf of the Insured but shall not mean food and beverages supplied by or on behalf of the Insured primarily to the Insured's employees as a staff benefit.

(e) **'Policy Period'** means the period commencing from effective date and hour as shown in the policy schedule and terminating at midnight on the expiry date as shown in the policy schedule.

(f) **'Period of Insurance'** means the period commencing from the retroactive date and terminating on the expiry date as shown in the Policy Schedule.

(g) **'Accident'** means a fortuitous event or circumstance, which is sudden, unexpected and unintentional including resultant continuous, intermittent or repeated exposure arising out of the same fortuitous event or circumstance.

(h) **Retroactive Date** is the date as shown in the schedule against the same item.

3. (a) **NOTIFICATION EXTENSION CLAUSE:**

Should the Insured notify the company during the **Policy Period** in accordance with General Condition 9.1 of any specific event or circumstance which the company accepts may give rise to a claim or claims which form the subject of indemnity by this policy, then the acceptance of such notification means that the company will deal with such claim or claims as if they had first been made against the Insured during the policy period. The extension under this clause will be subject to the maximum time limit laid down under the Indian Limitation Act in force from time to time.

(b) **EXTENDED CLAIM REPORTING CLAUSE:**

In the event of non-renewal or cancellation of this policy, either by the company or by the Insured, the company will allow a time limit not exceeding 90 days from the date of expiry or cancellation of the policy provided no insurance is in force during this extended reporting period for the same interest, for notification of claims for accidents which had taken place during the **Period of Insurance** but could not be made during the **Policy Period**, provided, however, all claims made during the extended reporting period shall be handled as if they were made on the last day of the expiring policy period and are subject to the limits of indemnity and the terms, conditions and exceptions of the policy.

4. **INDEMNITY TO OTHERS:**

The indemnity granted extends to:

4.1 Officials of the Insured in their business capacity arising out of the performance of their business or in their private capacity arising out of their temporary engagement of the Insured's employees;

4.2 The officers, committees and members of the Insured's canteen, social, sports, medical, fire fighting and welfare organizations in their respective capacities as such;

4.3 The personal representatives of the estate of any person who would otherwise be indemnified by this Policy but only in respect of liability incurred by such person.

Provided always that all such persons or parties shall observe, fulfill and be subject to the terms, conditions and exclusions of this Policy as though they were the Insured.

5. CROSS LIABILITIES:

Each person or party indemnified is separately indemnified in respect of claims made against any of them by any other person or party (other than the named Insured) subject to company's total liability not exceeding the limits of indemnity stated in the Schedule of the Policy.

6. DEFENCE COSTS:

The company will pay all costs, fees and expenses incurred with their prior consent in the investigation, defence or settlement of any claim made against the Insured and the costs of representation at any inquest, inquiry or other proceedings in respect of matters which have a direct relevance to any claim made or which might be made against the Insured, provided such claim or claims are the subject of indemnity by the policy. Such costs, fees and expenses are called 'Defence Costs'.

7. INDEMNITY LIMITS:

Company's total liability to pay compensation, Claimant's costs, fees and expenses and defence costs shall not exceed the Indemnity limit stated in the schedule. Indemnity limit applies to any one claim or series of claims arising from one originating cause. Indemnity limit shall represent the total amount of company's liability during the **Policy Period**.

7.1 CLAIMS SERIES CLAUSE

For the purpose of this policy where a series of and/or several bodily injuries and/or property damages are attributable directly or indirectly to the same cause all such bodily injuries and/or property damages shall be added together and all such bodily injuries and/or property damages shall be treated as one claim and such claim shall be deemed to have been made at the point in time when the first of the claims was made in writing. There shall, however, be no coverage for claims made or arising from one specific cause, which are made later than 3 years after the first claim of the series.

7.2 EXCESS

The Insured shall bear as excess the amount or percentage of the Limit of Indemnity per any one accident so stipulated in the Schedule attached to the policy. This excess shall be applicable to both (a) death/ bodily injury and (b) property damage, inclusive of defence costs arising out of any one accident. The company's liability shall attach for the claim in excess of such excess.

8. EXCLUSIONS

This policy does not cover liability:

- 8.1 assumed by the Insured by agreement and which would not have attached in the absence of such agreement.
- 8.2 arising out of earthquake, earth-tremor, volcanic eruption, flood, storm, tempest, typhoon, hurricane, tornado, cyclone or other similar convulsions of nature and atmospheric disturbance.
- 8.3 arising out of deliberate, willful or intentional non-compliance of any statutory provision.
- 8.4 arising out of loss of pure financial nature such as loss of goodwill, loss of market, etc.
- 8.5 (a) arising out of all personal injuries such as libel, slander, false arrest, wrongful eviction, wrongful detention, defamation, etc. and mental injury, anguish, or shock resulting therefrom;
(b) infringement of plans, copy-right, patent, trade name, trademark, registered design;
- 8.6 arising out of fines, penalties, punitive or exemplary damages or any other damages resulting from the multiplication of compensatory damages.
- 8.7 directly or indirectly occasioned by, happening through or in consequence of war, invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, terrorism or military or usurped power.
- 8.8 directly or indirectly caused by or contributed to by
 - (a) ionizing radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel;
 - (b) the radioactive, toxic, explosive or other hazardous properties of any explosive nuclear assembly or nuclear component thereof;
- 8.9 This policy does not cover liability for claims arising out of:

the ownership possession or use by or on behalf of the Insured of any motor vehicle or trailer for which compulsory insurance is required by legislation other than the following;

 - (a) claims caused by the use of any tool or plant forming part of or attached to or used in connection with any motor vehicle or trailer;
 - (b) claims arising beyond the limits of any carriageway or thoroughfare caused by the loading or unloading of any motor vehicle or trailer;
 - (c) claims for damage to any bridge, weighbridge, road or anything beneath caused

by the weight of any motor vehicle or trailer or of the load carried therein;

- (d) claims arising out of any motor vehicle or trailer temporarily in the Insured's custody or control for the purpose of parking.
- 8.10 transportation of materials and / or hazardous / dangerous substances outside Insured's premises unless specifically covered.
- 8.11 the ownership possession or use by or on behalf of the Insured of any aircraft, watercraft or hovercraft.
- 8.12 damage to property owned leased or hired or under hire-purchase or on loan to the Insured or otherwise in the Insured's care custody or control other than the
 - (a) premises (or the contents thereof) temporarily occupied by the Insured for work thereon or other property temporarily in the Insured's possession for work thereon (but no indemnity is granted for damage to that part of the property on which the Insured is working and which arises out of such work).
 - (b) employees and visitors clothing and personal effects.
 - (c) premises tenanted by the Insured to the extent that the Insured would be held legally liable in the absence of any specific agreement.
- 8.13 **Injury** and/ or **Damage** occurring prior to the **Retroactive Date** in the Schedule.

Provided always that in the event of any **Injury** or **Damage** arising from continuous or continual inhalation, ingestion or application of any substance following the covered accident and where the Insured and company cannot agree when the **Injury** or **Damage** occurred, then

 - (a) **Injury** shall be deemed to have occurred when the claimant first consulted a qualified medical practitioner in respect of such **Injury**;
 - (b) **Damage** shall be deemed to have occurred when it first became evident to the claimant even if the cause was unknown.
- 8.14 the deliberate, conscious or intentional disregard of the Insured's technical or administrative management of the need to take all reasonable steps to prevent claims.
- 8.15 **Injury** to any person under the contract of employment or apprenticeship with the Insured their contractor(s) and/or Sub-Contractor(s) when such **Injury** arises out of the execution of such contract.
- 8.16 liability more specifically Insured elsewhere.

- 8.17 directly or indirectly caused by or arising from or in consequence of or attributable to any act of terrorism regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss.

For the purpose of this exclusion, an act of terrorism means an act or series of acts, 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), or unlawful associations, recognized under Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2008 or any other related and applicable national or state legislation formulated to combat unlawful and terrorist activities in the nation for the time being in force, 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 for such purposes.

- 8.18 arising out of **Accidents** occurring outside India.

9. GENERAL CONDITIONS

9.1 The Insured shall give written notice to the company as soon as reasonably practicable of any claim made against the Insured (or any specific event or circumstance that may give rise to a claim being made against the Insured) and which forms the subject of indemnity under this policy and shall give all such additional information as the company may require. Every claim, writ, summons or process and all documents relating to such event shall be forwarded to the Company immediately when they are received by the Insured.

9.2 No admission, offer, promise or payment shall be made or given by or on behalf of the Insured without the written consent of the company.

9.3 The company will have the right, but in no case the obligation, to take over and conduct in the name of the Insured the defence of any claim and will have full discretion in the conduct of any proceedings and in the settlement of any claim and having taken over the defence of any claim may relinquish the same. All amounts expended by the company in the defence settlement or payment of any claim will reduce the limits of indemnity specified in the Schedule of the Policy.

In the event the company, in its sole discretion, chooses to exercise its right pursuant to this condition, no action taken by the company in the exercise of such right will serve to modify or expand in any manner, the company's liability or obligations under this policy beyond what the company's liability or obligations would have been had it not exercised its rights under this condition.

9.4 The Insured shall give all such information and assistance as the company may reasonably require.

9.5 The Insured shall give notice as soon as reasonably practicable of any fact, event or circumstance which materially changes the information supplied to the company at the time when this policy was effective, and the company may amend the terms of

this policy according to the materiality of such change.

- 9.6 The company may at any time pay to the Insured in connection with any claim or series of claims under this policy to which an Indemnity limit applies the amount of such limit (after deduction of any sums already paid) or any lesser amount for which such claims can be settled and upon such payment being made the company shall relinquish the conduct and control of and be under no further liability in connection with such claims.
- 9.7 The Policy and the Schedule shall be read together as one contract and any word or expression to which a specific meaning has been attached in any part of this Policy or the Schedule shall bear such specific meaning wherever it may appear. The terms, conditions and exclusions of this Policy (and any phrase or word contained therein) shall be interpreted in accordance with Indian Law
- 9.8 The Insured shall keep accurate records of annual turnover which term shall include all leviabale duties and at the time of renewal of Insurances declare such details as the company may require. The company shall at all reasonable time have free access to inspect such records.
- 9.9 If at the time of happening of any event resulting into a liability under this policy, there be any other public liability insurance or insurances effected by the Insured or by any other person covering the same liability, then the company shall not be liable to pay or contribute more than its rateable proportion of such liability. This Policy does not cover liability which at the time of happening of any event resulting into such liability, be Insured by or would, but for the existence of this policy, be Insured by, any other Policy (but not a Public Liability Policy) or Policies, except in respect of any excess beyond the amount which could have been payable under such Policy / Polices, had this Insurance not been effected.
- 9.10 The company may cancel this Policy by giving thirty days notice in writing of such cancellation to the Insured's last known address and in such an event the company will return a pro-rata portion of the premium (subject to a minimum retention of 25 per cent of the annual premium) for the unexpired period of the Insurance.

The Policy may also be cancelled by the Insured by giving thirty days notice in writing to the company, in which event the company will retain premium at short-period scale provided there is no claim under the policy during the period of Insurance.

In case of any claim under the Policy no refund of premium shall be allowed.

- 9.11 In the event of liability arising under the Policy or the payment of claim under the Policy, the Limit of Indemnity per any one-year under the Policy shall get reduced by the extent of quantum of liability to be paid or actual payment of such claim. Under no circumstances, it shall be permissible to reinstate the limit of indemnity to the original level, even on payment of extra premium.

- 9.12 It is also hereby further expressly agreed and declared that if the company shall

disclaim liability to the Insured for any claim hereunder and such claim shall not within 12 calendar months from the date of such disclaimer have been made the subject matter of a suit in a court of law then the claim shall for all purposes be deemed to have been abandoned and shall not thereafter be recoverable hereunder.

9.13 The company shall not be liable to make any payment under this Policy in respect of any claim if such claim shall be in any manner fraudulent or supported by any statement or device whether by Insured or by any person on behalf of the Insured and/ or if the insurance has been continued in consequence of any material misstatement or the non- disclosure of any material information by or on behalf of the Insured.

9.14 Any dispute concerning the interpretation of the terms, conditions limitations and/ or exclusions contained herein is understood and agreed to by both the Insured and the Company to be subject to Indian law. Each party agrees to submit to the jurisdiction of any court of competent jurisdiction within India and to comply with all requirements necessary to give such court the jurisdiction. All matters arising hereunder shall be determined in accordance with the laws of India.

9.15 Arbitration

Any and all disputes or differences which may arise under, out of, in connection with or in relation to this Policy, or to its existence, validity or termination, or to the determination of the amount or any amounts payable under this Policy, shall be referred to a sole arbitrator to be appointed by the parties to the dispute within 30 days of any party giving notice of arbitration to the other(s).

In the event that the parties are unable to agree upon the identity of a sole arbitrator, the disputes or differences shall be referred to the decision of 3 arbitrators of whom one shall be appointed in writing by each of the parties within a period of 30 days after the failure to appoint a sole arbitrator and the third (who shall serve as Chairman) shall be appointed by the nominated arbitrators. In case either party shall refuse or fail to appoint an arbitrator within the aforesaid 30 days after receipt of notice in writing requiring an appointment, the other party shall be at liberty to appoint a sole arbitrator who shall thereafter be empowered to conduct the arbitration and determine the disputes or differences referred to him as if he had been appointed a sole arbitrator with the consent of both parties.

The parties shall share the expenses of the arbitrator or arbitral tribunal equally and such expenses, along with the reasonable costs of the parties in the arbitration, shall be awarded by the arbitrator or arbitral tribunal in favour of the successful party in the arbitration or, where no party can be said to have been wholly successful, to the party who has substantially succeeded.

The place of arbitration shall be India, the language of the arbitration shall be English, the law applicable to and in the arbitration shall be Indian law and the arbitration process will be in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996, as amended from time to time.

It is a condition precedent to any right of action or suit upon this Policy that the award by such arbitrator or arbitrators shall be first obtained.

In the event that these arbitration provisions shall be held to be invalid then all such disputes shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Indian courts.

9.16 Subrogation

In the event of any payment under this Policy, the Insurer shall be subrogated to all of the Insured's rights of recovery to the extent of such payments against any person or organization and the Insured shall execute and deliver instruments and papers and do whatever else is necessary to secure such rights and ensure that nothing is done to prejudice such rights and provide the Insurers with whatever reasonable co-operation and assistance they might require.

However, it is specifically agreed that the Insurer will not exercise its rights of subrogation against an employee of the Insured unless the aforesaid payment has been caused by or contributed to in any way by the fraud or dishonesty of any such employee.

In the event of any recovery being made, it is specifically understood that the recovered funds shall be applied in the following order:

- (a) Insurers shall be reimbursed to the extent of any payment they have made under this Policy.
- (b) Insurers shall be reimbursed the actual costs and expenses they have incurred in pursuing the recovery.
- (c) The Insured shall be entitled to reimbursement in respect of its losses only after the payment of (a) and (b) and only to the extent of any recovered funds that might remain.

9.17 Notices And Alterations To The Policy

Every notice and communication to the Company required by this Policy shall be in writing and be addressed to the nearest office of the Company. No receipt for renewal premium is valid except on the official form issued by the Company and no endorsement on this Policy or alteration in the terms thereof is valid unless countersigned by an authorized official of the Company or by an agent acting under Power of Attorney from the Company.

9.18 Duty Of Disclosure

This Policy shall be void and all premiums paid hereon shall be forfeited to the Company in the event of misrepresentation, misdescription or non-disclosure of any material fact in the Proposal form, personal statement, declaration and connected documents, or any material information having been withheld.

9.19 Renewal Notice

The Company shall neither be bound to issue any renewal notice nor to accept renewal premium thereunder. Unless renewed as herein provided, this Policy shall terminate at the expiration of the period for which the premium has been paid.

9.20 Fraud

If any claim under this Policy shall be in any respect fraudulent or if any fraudulent means or device are used by the Insured or any one acting on the Insured's behalf to obtain any benefit under this policy, all benefits and rights under the Policy shall be forfeited.

9.21 Observance Of Terms And Conditions

The due observance of the terms of this Policy by the Insured insofar as they relate to anything to be done or complied with by the Insured and the truth of the statements and answers in the said Proposal and declaration shall be conditions precedent to any liability of the Company to make any payment under this Policy. If there shall be any misstatement in or omissions of a material fact from the information supplied by the Insured whether by the said Proposal and declaration or otherwise, this Policy shall be null and void and any premium paid thereon shall be forfeited. No transfer in the interest in this Policy and no waiver of alterations to or change in the terms of this Policy shall be valid unless made in writing and signed by the Company.

9.22 Claim Settlement

The company will settle the claim under this policy within 30 days from the date of receipt of necessary documents required for assessing the claim. In the event that the Company decides to reject a claim made under this policy, the Company shall do so within a period of thirty days of the survey report or the additional survey report, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of Protection of Policyholders' Interest Regulations 2002.

9.23 Grievances

In case the Insured is aggrieved in any way, the Insured may contact Insurer at the specified address, during normal business hours. In case the Insured/Insured Person has not got his/her grievances redressed by the Company within 15 days, then he/she may approach the Insurance Ombudsman for the redressal of the same. A list containing the addressees of Offices of Ombudsman is attached to this Policy. Policy holder may also obtain copy of IRDA circular number 1385_GI-2002_ENG dated 26-04-2002, notification on Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (Protection of policy holders' interests) Regulations, 2002.