Employment Practices Liability Insurance Policy

Notice: This is a Claims Made Policy. This Policy covers only those **Claims** first made against the **Insured** during the **Policy Period** or Extended Reporting Period, if purchased. **Defense Costs** shall be applied against the Retention.

In consideration of the payment of the premium and in reliance upon all statements made and information furnished to the **Company**, including the statements made in the **Application** and all attachments and materials submitted therewith, and subject to all the provisions of this Policy, the **Company** agrees as follows:

I. INSURING AGREEMENT

- A. The Company will pay on behalf of the Insured, Loss in excess of the Retention not exceeding the Limit of Liability shown on the policy Declarations for which this coverage applies that the Insured shall become legally obligated to pay because of Claims first made against the Insured during the Policy Period or during any Extended Reporting Period, if applicable, for Wrongful Acts arising solely out of an Insured's duties on behalf of the Organization.
- **B.** The **Company** has the right and duty to defend any **Claim** to which this insurance applies, even if the allegations of the **Claim** are groundless, false or fraudulent.

II. FULL PRIOR ACTS COVERAGE PROVISION

Coverage shall apply to any **Claim** made against an **Insured** for **Wrongful Acts** arising solely out of the **Insured's** duties on behalf of the **Organization** committed prior to the expiration date of this Policy or the effective date of cancellation or non-renewal of this Policy, if applicable, provided that the **Claim** is first made during the **Policy Period**, or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable.

However, coverage shall not apply to any Claim based upon or arising out of any Wrongful Act or circumstance likely to give rise to a Claim of which the person or persons signing the Application had knowledge or otherwise had a reasonable basis to anticipate might result in a Claim, prior to the earlier of:

A. the inception date of this Policy; or

B. the inception date of the first Policy of this type the Company has issued to the Parent Organization, provided that the Company has written continuous coverage for the Parent Organization from such date to the inception date of this Policy.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. "Application" means:

- (1) an application and any material submitted for this Policy and
- (2) an application(s), and any material submitted, for all previous Policies issued by the **Company** providing continuous coverage until the inception date of this Policy.

The content of (1) and (2) above is incorporated by reference in this Policy as if physically attached hereto.

B. "Claim" means:

- (1) any written notice received by any Insured that any person or entity intends to hold such Insured responsible for a Wrongful Act; or
- (2) any proceeding initiated against any Insured, including any appeal therefrom, seeking to hold such Insured responsible for a Wrongful Act, including any proceeding conducted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or similar federal, state or local agency and any appeal therefrom;

A **Claim** shall be considered first made when the **Insured** or its legal representative or agent first receives notice of a **Claim**.

- **C.** "Company" means the insurer identified on the Policy Declarations.
- D. "Defense Costs" means reasonable and necessary legal fees and expenses incurred by the Company, or by any attorney designated by the Company to defend any Insured, resulting from the investigation, adjustment, defense and appeal of a Claim. Defense Costs includes other fees, costs, costs of attachment or similar bonds (without any obligation on the part of the Company to apply for or furnish such bonds,) but does not include salaries, wages, overhead or benefits expenses of any Insured.

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- E. "Discrimination" means:
 - (1) the termination of an employment relationship; or
 - (2) a demotion or a failure to hire or promote any individual; or
 - (3) any other limitation or classification of an Employee or applicant for employment which would deprive any individual of employment opportunities or adversely affect any individual's status as an Employee;

because of race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, pregnancy, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation or other protected class or characteristic established under applicable federal, state, or local statute, ordinance, regulation or order.

- F. "Domestic Partner" means any natural person qualifying as a domestic partner under the provisions of any applicable federal, state or local law.
- G. "Employee" means any natural person whose labor or service is engaged by and directed by the Organization while performing duties related to the conduct of the Organization's business and includes leased, part-time, seasonal and temporary workers, independent contractors, volunteers and interns.

An **Employee's** status as an **Insured** will be determined as of the date of the **Wrongful Act** that results in a **Claim**.

- H. "Harassment" means:
 - (1) sexual harassment including unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that are made a condition of employment, are used as a basis for employment decisions, or create a work environment that is hostile, intimidating or offensive or that interferes with performance; or
 - (2) other harassment which creates a work environment that is hostile, intimidating or offensive or that otherwise interferes with performance.
- I. "Individual Insured(s)" means any persons who were, now are, or shall be directors, officers, partners, managing members or Employees of the Organization including their estates, heirs, legal representatives or assigns in the event of their death, incapacity or bankruptcy.

- J. "Insured(s)" means the Organization and the Individual Insureds.
- K. "Loss" means damages and settlements, front pay and back pay, and pre-judgment and post judgment interest awarded by a court and punitive or exemplary damages to the extent such damages are insurable under applicable law but does not include fines, penalties, taxes, the multiplied portion of any multiple damage award or an express obligation to make payments in the event of the termination of employment.

For the purpose of determining the insurability of punitive damages and exemplary damages, the laws of the jurisdiction most favorable to the insurability of such damages shall control, provided that such jurisdiction has a substantial relationship to the relevant **Insured** or to the **Claim** giving rise to the damages.

- L. "Organization" means:
 - (1) the Parent Organization and
 - (2) any Subsidiary of the Parent Organization; and
 - (3) any entity in its capacity as a debtor in possession of (1) or (2) above under the United States bankruptcy law or equivalent status under the law of any other jurisdiction.
- **M.** "Parent Organization" means the entity named in Item 1 of the Policy Declarations.
- N. "Policy Period" means the period from the effective date of this Policy as set forth in the Policy Declarations, to the expiration date or effective date of cancellation or non-renewal, if any.
- O. "Retaliation" means any actual or alleged retaliatory treatment against an Employee because of:
 - (1) the exercise of or attempt to exercise an **Employee's** rights under law; or
 - (2) an Employee's disclosure of or threat to disclose to a governmental agency or superior, acts of actual or alleged wrongdoing by an Insured; or
 - (3) the filing of any claim under any federal, state, or local "whistle-blower" law including the Federal False Claims Act; or
 - (4) Employee strikes or slowdowns.
- P. "Subsidiary" means, for the purpose of this Policy, any entity which is more than 50% owned by the Parent Organization as of the effective date of this Policy and is disclosed

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as a **Subsidiary** in an **Application** to the **Company**.

An entity formed or acquired after the effective date of this Policy is, for the purpose of this Policy, a **Subsidiary** if:

- (1) the entity's **Employees** total less than 25% of the total work force of the **Parent Organization** and
- (2) notice is given to the Company with full particulars about the new Subsidiary as soon as practicable but no later than the expiration date of this Policy or effective date of cancellation or non-renewal, if any

An entity which is formed or acquired after the effective date of this Policy and its **Employees** total 25% or more of the total work force of the **Parent Organization** is, for the purpose of this Policy, a **Subsidiary** if:

- (1) notice is given to the **Company** of such **Subsidiary** as soon as practicable but within sixty (60) days of the formation or acquisition of the **Subsidiary** and
- (2) the Parent Organization provides the Company with such information as the Company may deem necessary to determine insurability of the Subsidiary and
- (3) the Parent Organization accepts any special terms, conditions, exclusions, limitations or premium imposed by the Company and
- (4) the **Company**, at its sole discretion, agrees to insure the **Subsidiary**.

A **Subsidiary** which is sold or dissolved:

- after the effective date of this Policy and which was an **Insured** under this Policy; or
- (2) prior to the effective date of this Policy and which was an **Insured** under a prior Policy issued by the **Company**;

shall continue to be an **Insured**, but only with respect to **Claims** first made during this **Policy Period** or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable, arising out of **Wrongful Acts** committed or allegedly committed during the time the entity was a **Subsidiary** of the **Parent Organization**.

- Q. "Workplace Tort" means any actual or alleged employment-related:
 - (1) misrepresentation; or
 - (2) negligent supervision, training or evaluation; or
 - (3) wrongful discipline; or
 - **(4)** wrongful deprivation of a career opportunity; or

- (5) failure to enforce written policies and procedures relating to a **Wrongful Act**.
- **R**. "Wrongful Act" means any actual or alleged act of:
 - (1) Discrimination; or
 - (2) Harassment; or
 - (3) Retaliation; or
 - (4) Wrongful Termination; or
 - (5) Workplace Tort; or
 - (6) negligent violation of the Uniform Services Employment & Reemployment Rights Act; or
 - (7) negligent violation of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993; or
 - (8) negligent violation of state law having the same or substantially similar purpose as the Acts in (6) or (7) above; or
 - (9) acts described in clauses (1) through (8)above arising from the use of the Organization's Internet, e-mail, telecommunication or similar systems, including the failure to provide and enforce adequate policies and procedures relating to such use of the Organization's Internet, e-mail, telecommunication or similar systems;

committed or allegedly committed by the Organization or by an Individual Insured acting solely within his/her capacity as such, involving and brought by any Employee, former Employee or applicant for employment with the Organization or asserted by any Employee, former Employee or applicant for employment with the Organization against an Individual Insured because of his/her status as such.

It is further agreed that the same Wrongful Act, an interrelated series of Wrongful Acts or a series of similar or related Wrongful Acts by one or more Insureds shall be deemed to be one Wrongful Act and to have commenced at the time of the earliest Wrongful Act.

S. "Wrongful Termination" means the actual or constructive termination of an employment relationship or the demotion of or the failure to promote any Employee in a manner which is illegal and wrongful or in breach of an implied agreement to continue employment.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

A. The Company shall not be liable to make payment for Loss or Defense Costs in connection with any Claim made against the Insured for;

any actual or alleged bodily injury, sickness, disease or death of any person, or damage to or destruction of any tangible property

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including any resulting loss of use; provided that this exclusion shall not apply to **Claims** for mental anguish, emotional distress, invasion of privacy, humiliation, libel, slander or defamation that result from a **Wrongful Act.**

- B. The Company shall not be liable to make payment for Loss or Defense Costs (except where otherwise noted) in connection with any Claim made against the Insured arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from or in consequence of, or in any way involving:
 - (1) conduct of the Insured or at the Insured's direction that is fraudulent, dishonest or criminal provided that this exclusion will not apply to:
 - (a) Defense Costs incurred until such conduct is established to be fraudulent, dishonest or criminal by final and non-appealable judgment or adjudication;
 - (b) the strictly vicarious liability of the Insured for the fraudulent, dishonest or criminal conduct of another Insured; or
 - (2) any pension, profit sharing, welfare benefit or other employee benefit program established in whole or in part for the benefit of any Individual Insured, or based upon, arising out of or in any way involving the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (except Section 510 thereof) or any amendments thereof or regulations promulgated thereunder or similar provisions of any federal, state or local statutory law or common law; provided that this exclusion will not apply to any Claim for actual or alleged Retaliation with regard to benefits paid or payable; or
 - (3) any obligation under a worker's compensation, disability benefits, insurance benefits or unemployment compensation law or any similar law or regulation; provided that this exclusion will not apply to any Claim for actual or alleged Retaliation with regard to benefits paid or payable; or
 - (4) any prior or pending litigation, administrative or regulatory proceeding, Claim, demand, arbitration, decree or judgment of which the Insured had written notice before the effective date of this Policy; or any fact, circumstance, event, situation, or Wrongful Act which before the effective date of this Policy

was the subject of any notice under any other similar policy of insurance to the **Insured**; or any future **Claims** or litigation based upon the pending or prior litigation or derived from the same or essentially the same facts, actual or alleged;

provided that, if this Policy is a renewal of a Policy or Policies previously issued by the **Company** and if the coverage provided by the **Company** was continuous from the effective date of the first such other Policy to the effective date of this Policy, the reference in this exclusion to the "effective" date" will mean the effective date of the first Policy under which the **Company** first provided continuous coverage to the **Insured**; or

- (5) any lockout, strike, picket line, replacement of worker(s) or other similar actions resulting from labor disputes or labor negotiations; provided that this exclusion will not apply to a Claim for actual or alleged Retaliation arising from the foregoing; or
- (6) the National Labor Relations Act, Labor Management Relations Act and amendments thereto, or any similar state, federal or local law or regulation; provided that this exclusion will not apply to a Claim for actual or alleged Retaliation arising from an Insured's alleged violation of such laws; or
- (7) any Claim against any Subsidiary or its Individual Insureds for any Wrongful Act occurring prior to the date that such entity became a Subsidiary or any Wrongful Act occurring at any time that such entity is not a Subsidiary; or
- (8) any damages which the Insured is legally obligated to pay by reason of the assumption of another's liability for a Wrongful Act in a contract or agreement. This exclusion does not apply to liability for damages that the Insured would have in the absence of the contract or agreement;
- (9) actual or alleged violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act, any amendments thereto, or any similar provisions of any federal, state or local law(except the Equal Pay Act); or improper wages or wage disputes due to misclassification of Employees as exempt or non exempt; or misrepresentation involving any

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Employee's status as exempt or non-exempt.

- C. The Company shall not be liable to make payment for Loss in connection with any Claim made against the Insured arising out of, directly or indirectly resulting from or in consequence of, or in any way involving:
 - (1) the Insured's actual or alleged liability for damages under any express employment contract or express employment agreement; provided that this exclusion shall not apply to liability for a Wrongful Act which the Insured would have in the absence of such contract or agreement; or
 - (2) any costs or actual or alleged liability resulting from the modification of any real or personal property in order to make said real or personal property more accessible or accommodating to any disabled person.

Defense Costs shall be a part of and not in addition to the Limit of Liability stated in Item III of the Policy Declarations for C.(1) and C.(2) above.

V. LIMITS OF LIABILITY AND RETENTION

Regardless of the number of **Insureds** under this Policy, **Claims** made or brought on account of **Wrongful Acts** or otherwise, the **Company's** liability is limited as follows:

- A. The Limit of Liability specified in the Policy Declarations as "in the aggregate" shall be the maximum liability for **Loss** from all **Claims** to which this Policy applies.
- **B.** The Limit of Liability specified in the Policy Declarations as the Limit for each **Claim** shall be the maximum liability for **Loss** for each **Claim** to which this Policy applies.
- **C. Defense Costs** shall be in addition to the Limit of Liability shown in the Policy Declarations.
- D. Subject to the Limits of Liability provisions stated in A., B., and C. above, the Company shall be liable to pay only Defense Costs and Loss in excess of the Retention specified in the Policy Declarations hereof as respects each and every Claim to which this Policy applies.
- **E.** The **Company** shall have no obligation to pay any part or all of the Retention specified in the Policy Declarations for any **Claim** on

behalf of an **Insured**. If the **Company**, at its sole discretion, elects to pay any part or all of the Retention, the **Insureds** agree to repay such amounts to the **Company** upon demand.

- **F.** The Limit of Liability for the Extended Reporting Period, if applicable, shall be a part of and not in addition to the Limit specified in the Policy Declarations.
- G. Claims based upon or arising out of the same Wrongful Act, interrelated Wrongful Acts, or a series of similar or related Wrongful Acts shall be considered a single Claim and shall be considered first made during the Policy Period or Extended Reporting Period, if applicable, in which the earliest Claim arising out of such Wrongful Act(s) was first made and all Loss for such Claims shall be subject to the one Limit of Liability that applies to such earliest Claim.
- H. The Limit of Liability for this Policy shall apply separately to each consecutive annual period starting with the beginning of the Policy Period shown in the Policy Declarations. If this Policy is issued for a period of more than twelve (12) months but less than twenty four (24) months or if the Policy Period is extended after issuance, the additional Extended Reporting Period will be deemed part of the last Policy Period for the purposes of determining the Limit of Liability.

VI. SPOUSAL AND DOMESTIC PARTNER EXTENSION

If a Claim against an Individual Insured includes a Claim against the lawful spouse or Domestic Partner of such Individual Insured solely by reason of (a) such spousal or Domestic Partner status or (b) such spouse's or Domestic Partner's ownership interest in property or assets that are sought as recovery for Wrongful Acts, any Loss which such spouse or Domestic Partner becomes legally obligated to pay on account of such Claim shall be deemed Loss which the Individual Insured becomes legally obligated to pay as a result of the Claim.

All definitions, exclusions, terms and conditions of this Policy, including the Retention, applicable to any **Claim** against, or **Loss** or **Defense Costs** sustained by, such **Individual Insured** shall also apply to this coverage extension.

The extension of coverage afforded by this Section VI shall not apply to the extent the **Claim** alleges any **Wrongful Act**, error, omission, misstatement, misleading statement, neglect or breach of duty committed by such spouse or

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Domestic Partner as long as they are not also an **Individual Insured**.

VII. EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD

- **A.** If the Policy expires, is cancelled or is non renewed for any reason other than non payment of premium, the Parent Organization shall have the right to purchase an Extended Reporting Period to report any Claim(s) or circumstance(s) which could be expected to give rise to a Claim being first made against an Insured during the twelve (12) months, twentyfour (24) months or thirty-six (36) months after the expiration date or effective date of such cancellation or non-renewal (depending upon the Extended Reporting Period purchased). An Extended Reporting Period shall only apply to a Wrongful Act committed before the date of the Policy expiration, cancellation or non-renewal. For the purpose of this clause, any change in premium terms or terms on renewal shall not constitute a refusal to renew.
- **B.** The additional premium for the Extended Reporting Period shall be 50% of the annual premium set forth in the Policy Declarations for the twelve (12) month period: 100% of the annual premium set forth in the Policy Declarations for the twenty-four (24) month period: and 150% of the annual premium set forth in the Policy Declarations for the thirty-six (36) month period. The Extended Reporting Period begins on the expiration date or effective date of the cancellation or non-renewal of the Policy. The Parent **Organization** must notify the **Company** in writing and must pay the additional premium set forth above no later than thirty (30) days after the expiration date or effective date of such cancellation or non-renewal.
- C. All premium paid with respect to an Extended Reporting Period shall be deemed fully earned as of the first day of the Extended Reporting Period.
- D. The Limits of Liability available during the Extended Reporting Period shall not exceed the balance of the Limits of Liability available on the expiration date or effective date of the cancellation or non-renewal of the Policy.
- E. Coverage for Claim(s) or circumstances which ultimately lead to a Claim(s) first received and reported during the Extended Reporting Period shall be excess over any other valid and collectible insurance providing coverage for such Claim(s).

VIII DEFENSE AND SETTLEMENT

- A. The Insured shall not demand or agree to arbitration of any Claim without the written consent of the Company. The Insured shall not, except at personal cost, make any offer or payment, admit any liability, settle any Claim, assume any obligation or incur any expense without the Company's written consent.
- B. Except as otherwise provided in this Policy, if a Claim is made against an Insured for Loss that is both covered and uncovered by this Policy, the Company will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the Defense Costs for the Claim until such time that the Limits of Liability of this policy are exhausted by payment of a covered Loss or the Claim for the covered Loss is resolved by settlement, verdict or summary judgment.
- C. The Company, as it deems expedient, has the right to investigate, adjust, defend, appeal and, with the consent of the Insured, negotiate the settlement of any Claim whether within or above the Retention. If the Insured refuses to consent to a settlement recommended by the Company, the Company is not obligated to pay any Loss or defend any Claim after the Limit of Liability has been exhausted by payment of Loss by settlement or otherwise. The Company's obligation to the Insured for Defense Costs and Loss attributable to such Claim(s) shall be limited to:
 - (1) the amount of the covered Loss in excess of the Retention which the Company would have paid in settlement at the time the Insured first refused to settle;
 - (2) plus covered **Defense Costs** incurred up to the date the **Insured** first refused to settle:
 - (3) plus seventy five percent (75%) of covered **Loss** and **Defense Costs** in excess of the first settlement amount recommended by the **Company** to which the **Insured** did not consent.

It is understood that payment of (1), (2) and (3) above is the limit of the Company's liability under this Policy for any Claim in which the Insured fails or refuses to consent to the Company's settlement recommendation, subject at all times to the Limits of Liability and Retention provisions of this Policy. The remaining twenty five percent (25%) of Loss and Defense Costs in excess of the amount referenced in (1) and (2) above shall be the obligation of the Insured.

D. The **Insured** agrees to cooperate with the **Company** on all **Claims**, and provide such

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assistance and information as the **Company** may reasonably request. Upon the Company's request, the Insured shall submit to examination and interrogation by a representative of the **Company**, under oath if required, and shall attend hearings, depositions and trials and shall assist in the conduct of suits, including but not limited to effecting settlement, securing and giving evidence, obtaining the attendance of witnesses, giving written statements to the Company's representatives and meeting with such representatives for the purpose of investigation and/or defense, all of the above without charge to the Company. The **Insured** further agrees not to take any action which may increase the **Insured's** or the Company's exposure for Loss or Defense Costs.

The **Insured** shall execute all papers required and shall do everything that may be necessary to secure and preserve any rights of indemnity, contribution or apportionment which the **Insured** or the **Company** may have, including the execution of such documents as are necessary to enable the **Company** to bring suit in the **Insured's** name and shall provide all other assistance and cooperation which the **Company** may reasonably require.

IX. NOTICE/CLAIM AND CIRCUMSTANCE REPORTING PROVISIONS

Notice of a **Claim** or circumstance which could be expected to give rise to a **Claim** being made against any **Insured** shall be given in writing to the **Company**. If mailed, the date of mailing of such notice shall constitute the date that such notice was given and proof of mailing shall be sufficient proof of notice.

- A. As a condition precedent to exercising any right to coverage under this Policy, the Insured shall give to the Company written notice of a Claim or circumstance which could be expected to give rise to a Claim being made against an Insured as soon as practicable, but:
 - (1) if the Policy expires, is cancelled or is non-renewed and if no Extended Reporting Period is purchased, no later than sixty (60) days after the expiration date or effective date of such cancellation or non-renewal; or
 - (2) if an Extended Reporting Period is purchased, no later than the last day of the Extended Reporting Period.
- **B.** If written notice of a **Claim** or circumstance which could be expected to give rise to a **Claim** being made against an **Insured** has

been given to the Company pursuant to Clause IX. A. above, then any Claim which is subsequently made against the Insured and reported to the Company alleging, arising out of, based upon or attributable to the facts alleged in the **Claim** or circumstance which could be expected to give rise to a Claim being made against an Insured for which notice was given, or alleging any Wrongful Act which is the same as or related to any Wrongful Act alleged in the Claim or circumstance which could be expected to give rise to a **Claim** being made against an Insured for which notice was given, shall be considered made at the time such notice was given.

X. CANCELLATION OR NON-RENEWAL

- A. This Policy may be canceled by the Parent Organization by either surrender of the Policy thereof to the Company at its address stated on the Policy Declarations or by mailing to the Company written notice requesting cancellation and in either case stating when thereafter such cancellation shall be effective. If canceled by the Parent Organization, the Company shall retain the customary short rate proportion of the premium.
- **B.** The **Company** may cancel this Policy only in the event of the failure of the **Insured** to pay the premium when due by mailing to the **Parent Organization** written notice when, not less than ten (10) days thereafter, such cancellation shall be effective.
- C. In the event the Company refuses to renew this Policy, the Company shall mail to the Parent Organization, not less than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the Policy Period, written notice of non-renewal. Such notice shall be binding on all Insureds.
- D. The Company shall mail notice of Cancellation or Non-renewal by certificate of mailing stating the effective date of Cancellation or Non-renewal and the specific reason(s) for Cancellation or Non-renewal, which shall become the end of the Policy Period. Mailing of such notice shall be sufficient notice of Cancellation or Nonrenewal.
- E. If the Policy is canceled by the Company, earned premium shall be computed pro rata. Premium adjustment may be made at the time cancellation is effected, or as soon as practicable thereafter.

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XI. REPRESENTATIONS AND SEVERABILITY

- A. The Insured represents that the particulars and statements contained in the Application are true and agree that (1) those particulars and statements are the basis of this Policy and are to be considered as incorporated into and constituting a part of the Policy; (2) those particulars and statements are material to the acceptance of the risk assumed by the Company; and (3) the Policy is issued in reliance upon the truth of such representations.
- **B.** An **Application** for coverage shall be construed as a separate Application for coverage by each Individual Insured. With respect to the particulars and statements contained in the Application, no fact pertaining to or knowledge possessed by any Individual Insured shall be imputed to any other Individual Insured for the purpose of determining if coverage is available. However, facts pertaining to and knowledge possessed by the individual(s) signing the Application and the President, Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer, Partner and Chief Financial Officer shall be imputed to the Organization for the purpose of determining if coverage is available.

XII. SUBROGATION

In the event of any payment under this Policy, the **Company** shall be subrogated to the **Insured's** right of recovery therefore against any person or entity and the **Insured** shall execute and deliver such instruments and papers and do whatever else is necessary to secure such rights. The **Insured** shall not do anything to prejudice such rights.

XIII CHANGES

Notice to any agent or knowledge by any agent shall not effect a waiver or change in any part of this Policy or stop the **Company** from asserting any right under the terms of this Policy, nor shall the terms of this Policy be waived or changed except by an endorsement, issued by the **Company** to form a part of this Policy.

XIV. AUTHORIZATION CLAUSE AND NOTICES

By acceptance of this Policy, the **Insured** agrees that the **Parent Organization** shall act on behalf of all **Insureds** with respect to the giving and receiving of any return premiums that may become due under this Policy. Notice to the **Parent Organization** shall be directed to the individual named in the **Application**, or such other person as shall be designated by the

Parent Organization in writing, at the address of the Parent Organization. Such notice shall be deemed to be notice to all Insureds. The Parent Organization shall be the agent of all Insureds to effect changes in the Policy or purchase the Extended Reporting Period.

XV. ASSIGNMENT

Assignment of interest under this Policy shall not bind the **Company** unless its consent is endorsed hereon.

XVI. OTHER INSURANCE

This Policy shall be excess of other existing insurance, including but not limited to any insurance under which there is a duty to defend, unless such other insurance is specifically written to be in excess of this Policy.

XVII. TERMS OF POLICY CONFORMED TO STATUTE

Terms of this Policy which are in conflict with the statutes of the State wherein this Policy is issued are hereby amended to conform to such statutes.

XVIII. CHANGES IN EXPOSURE

- A. If after the inception date of this Policy:
 - (1) the Parent Organization merges into or consolidates with another entity such that the Parent Organization is not the surviving entity; or
 - (2) another entity, person or group of entities and/or persons acting in concert acquires more than fifty percent (50%) of the assets of the **Parent Organization**; or
 - (3) another entity, person or group of entities and/or persons acting in concert acquires the right to elect or select a majority of the directors of the Parent Organization; or
 - (4) the **Parent Organization** sells all or substantially all of its assets.

the above events referred to as a "Transaction";

this Policy shall continue in full force and effect until the expiration date shown in the Policy Declarations or the effective date of non-renewal if applicable, with respect to **Wrongful Acts** occurring before the Transaction, but there shall be no coverage under this Policy for actual or alleged **Wrongful Acts** occurring on and after the Transaction. The entire premium for this Policy shall be deemed fully earned on the transaction date. In the event of a Transaction, the **Parent Organization** shall have the right to an offer of coverage by the **Company** for an Extended Reporting Period to report **Wrongful**

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Acts occurring prior to the effective date of the Transaction.

B. The **Parent Organization** shall give the **Company** written notice of the Transaction as soon as practicable, but not later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of the Transaction.

XIX. ACTION AGAINST THE COMPANY

A. No action shall lie against the Company unless as a condition precedent thereto, there shall have been full compliance with all of the terms of this Policy, and until the amount of the Insured's obligation to pay shall have been finally determined either by judgment against the Insured after actual trial or by written agreement of the Insured, the claimant or the claimant's legal representative, and the Company.

B. Any person or the legal representatives thereof who has secured such judgment or written agreement shall thereafter be entitled to recover under this Policy to the extent of the insurance afforded by this Policy. No person or entity shall have any right under this Policy to join the Company as a party to any action against the Insured to determine the Insured's liability, nor shall the Company be impleaded by the Insured or their legal representatives.

Bankruptcy or insolvency of the **Insured** or their successors in interest shall not relieve the **Company** of its obligations hereunder.

XX. ACCEPTANCE

This Policy embodies all agreements existing between the parties hereunder or any of their agents relating to this insurance.

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