

The Underwriter, in consideration of an agreed premium, and in reliance upon all statements made and information furnished to the Underwriter by the Insured in applying for this bond, and subject to the Declarations, Insuring Agreements, General Agreements, Conditions and Limitations and other terms hereof, agrees to indemnify the Insured for:

INSURING AGREEMENTS

FIDELITY

(A) Loss resulting directly from dishonest or fraudulent acts committed by an Employee, acting alone or in collusion with others, with the active and conscious purpose to cause the Insured to sustain such loss. However, if some or all of the Insured's loss results directly or indirectly from:

- (1) Loans, that portion of the loss involving any Loan transaction is not covered unless the Employee also was in collusion with one or more parties to the Loan transactions and the Employee has received, in connection therewith, an improper financial benefit with a value of at least \$2,500; or
- (2) trading, that portion of the loss involving trading is not covered unless the Employee also has received, in connection therewith, an improper financial benefit.

As used in this Insuring Agreement, an improper financial benefit does not include any employee benefits received in the course of employment, including: salaries, commissions, fees, bonuses, promotions, awards, profit sharing or pensions.

As used in this Insuring Agreement, loss does not include any employee benefits (including: salaries, commissions, fees, bonuses, promotions, awards, profit sharing or pensions) intentionally paid by the Insured.

ON PREMISES

(B) (1) Loss of items enumerated in the definition of Property resulting directly from:

- (a) robbery, burglary, misplacement, mysterious unexplainable disappearance and damage thereto or destruction thereof, or
- (b) theft, false pretenses, common-law or statutory larceny, committed by a person physically present in an office covered under this bond at the time the enumerated items of Property are surrendered,

while such enumerated items of Property are lodged or deposited within:

- (i) any of the Insured's offices covered under this bond, (ii) offices of any financial institutions, attorneys of the Insured or clearing houses, (iii) any premises where the Insured leases safe deposit boxes, or (iv) offices or premises of a political subdivision of the United States or Canada.

(2) Loss of or damage to furnishings, fixtures, supplies or equipment within an office of the Insured covered under this bond resulting directly from larceny or theft in, or by burglary or robbery of, such office, or attempt thereof; provided that:

- (a) the Insured is the owner of such furnishings, fixtures, supplies, or equipment, or is liable for such loss or damage, and
- (b) the loss is not caused by fire.

IN TRANSIT

(C) Loss of Property resulting directly from robbery, common-law or statutory larceny, theft, misplacement, mysterious unexplainable disappearance, and damage thereto or destruction thereof, while the Property is in transit anywhere in the custody of:

- (1) a Messenger,
- (2) a Transportation Company and being transported in an armored motor vehicle, or
- (3) a Transportation Company and being physically (not electronically) transported in a conveyance other than an armored motor vehicle provided that covered Property transported in such manner is limited to the following:
 - (a) Books of account and other records stored on tangible media, including magnetic tapes, disks and computer drives as well as paper, but not including any of the other items listed in the definition of Property, however stored,
 - (b) Certificated Securities issued in registered form and not endorsed, or with restrictive endorsements, and
 - (c) Negotiable Instruments not payable to bearer, and either not endorsed or with restrictive endorsements.

Coverage under this Insuring Agreement begins immediately upon the receipt of such Property by the Messenger or Transportation Company and ends immediately upon delivery to the designated recipient or its agent, but only while the Property is being conveyed.

FORGERY OR ALTERATION

(D) Loss resulting directly from the Insured having, in good faith, paid or transferred any Property in reliance on any Written, Original:

- (1) request made for change of beneficiary in any insurance policy issued by the Insured,
- (2) insurance policy loan agreement made with the Insured,
- (3) assignment to the Insured of any of its insurance policies, or
- (4) Negotiable Instruments, other than registered or bearer obligations, made or drawn by or drawn upon the Insured, or made or drawn by one acting as agent of the Insured, or purporting to have been made as herein before set forth which (a) bears a handwritten signature

which is a Forgery, or (b) is altered, but only to the extent the Forgery or alteration causes the loss.

Actual physical possession of the items listed in (1) through (4) above by the Insured is a condition precedent to the Insured's having relied on the item.

A reproduction of a handwritten signature is treated the same as the handwritten signature. An electronic or digital signature is not treated as a reproduction of a handwritten signature.

SECURITIES

(E) Loss resulting directly from the Insured having, in good faith, for its own account or for the account of others,

- (1) acquired, sold or delivered, given value, extended credit or assumed liability, in reliance on any Written, Original:
 - (a) Certificated Security,

- (b) deed, mortgage or other instrument conveying title to, or creating or discharging a lien upon, real property,
- (c) Certificate of Deposit,
- (d) Evidence of Debt,
- (e) corporate, partnership or personal Guarantee,
- (f) Security Agreement, or
- (g) Letter of Credit

which (i) bears a handwritten signature which is material to the validity or enforceability of the security and which is a Forgery, or (ii) is altered, but only to the extent the Forgery or alteration causes the loss, or (iii) is lost or stolen;

- (2) guaranteed in writing or witnessed any signature upon any transfer, assignment, bill of sale, power of attorney, Guarantee, or any items listed in (a) through (g) above; or
- (3) acquired, sold or delivered, or given value, extended credit or assumed liability, in reliance on any item listed in (a) through (c) above which is a Counterfeit.

Actual physical possession of the items listed in (a) through (g) above by the Insured, or its authorized representative, is a condition precedent to the Insured's having relied on the item.

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GENERAL AGREEMENTS

ADDITIONAL OFFICES OR EMPLOYEES - CONSOLIDATION, MERGER OR PURCHASE OF ASSETS - NOTICE

A. If the Insured shall, while this bond is in force, establish any additional offices, other than by consolidation or merger with, or purchase or acquisition of assets or liabilities of, another institution, such offices shall be automatically covered hereunder from the date of such establishment without the requirement of notice to the Underwriter or the payment of additional premium for the remainder of the premium period.

If the Insured shall, while this bond is in force, consolidate or merge with, or purchase or acquire assets or liabilities of, another institution, the Insured shall not have such coverage as is afforded under this bond for loss which:

- (1) has occurred or will occur in offices or premises,
- (2) has been caused or will be caused by an employee or employees of such institution, or
- (3) has arisen or will arise out of the assets or liabilities

acquired by the Insured as a result of such consolidation, merger or purchase or acquisition of assets or liabilities unless the Insured shall: (i) give the Underwriter Written notice of the proposed consolidation, merger or purchase or acquisition of assets or liabilities prior to the proposed effective date

of such action, (ii) obtain the Written consent of the Underwriter to extend the coverage provided by this bond to such additional offices or premises, employees and other exposures, and (iii) upon obtaining such consent, pay to the Underwriter an additional premium.

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP - NOTICE

- B. When the Insured learns of a change in ownership by a single stockholder, or by a group of affiliated stockholders, of more than 10% of its voting stock, or of the voting stock of a holding company or parent corporation which itself owns or controls the Insured, it shall give Written notice to the Underwriter, as soon as practicable, but not later than within 30 days. Failure to give the required notice shall result in termination of coverage, effective upon the date of the stock transfer, for any loss involving a transferee of such stock interest.

REPRESENTATION OF INSURED

- C. The Insured represents that the information furnished in the application for this bond is complete, true and correct. Such application constitutes part of this bond.

Any intentional misrepresentation, omission, concealment or incorrect statement of a material fact, in the application or otherwise, shall be grounds for the rescission of this bond.

JOINT INSURED

- D. Only the first named Insured can submit a claim under this bond, and shall act for all Insureds. Payment by the Underwriter to the first named Insured of loss sustained by any Insured shall fully release the Underwriter on account of such loss. If the first named Insured ceases to be covered under this bond, the Insured next named shall thereafter be considered as the first named Insured. Knowledge possessed or discovery made by any Insured shall constitute knowledge or discovery by all Insureds for all purposes of this bond. The liability of the Underwriter for loss or losses sustained by all Insureds shall not exceed the amount for which the Underwriter would have been liable had all such loss or losses been sustained by one Insured.

NOTICE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST INSURED - ELECTION TO DEFEND

- E. The Insured shall notify the Underwriter at the earliest practicable moment, not to exceed 30 days after notice thereof, of any legal proceeding brought to determine the Insured's liability for any loss, claim or damage, which, if established, would constitute a collectible loss under this bond. Concurrently, the Insured shall furnish copies of all pleadings and pertinent papers to the Underwriter.

The Underwriter, at its sole option, may elect to conduct the defense of such legal proceeding, in whole or in part. The defense by the Underwriter shall be in the Insured's name through attorneys selected by the Underwriter. The Insured shall provide all reasonable information and assistance required by the Underwriter for such defense.

If the Underwriter elects to defend the Insured, in whole or in part, any judgment against the Insured on those counts or causes of action which the Underwriter defended on behalf of the Insured or any settlement in which the Underwriter participates and all attorneys' fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Underwriter in the defense of the litigation shall be a loss covered by this bond.

If the Insured does not give the notices required in subsection (a) of Section 5 of the Conditions and Limitations of this bond and in the first paragraph of this General Agreement, or if the Underwriter elects not to defend any causes of action, neither a judgment against the Insured, nor a settlement of any legal proceeding by the Insured, shall determine the existence, extent or amount of coverage under this bond for loss sustained by the Insured, and the Underwriter shall not be liable for any attorneys' fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Insured.

With respect to this General Agreement, sub-sections (b) and (d) of Section 5 of this bond apply upon the entry of such judgment or the occurrence of such settlement instead of upon discovery of loss. In addition, the Insured must notify the Underwriter within 30 days after such judgment is entered or after the Insured settles such legal proceeding, and, subject to subsection (e) of Section 5, the Insured may not bring legal proceedings for the recovery of such loss after the expiration of 24 months from the date of such final judgment or settlement.

INSURED'S ERISA PLANS

- F. If any Employee or director of the Insured is required to provide a bond to a health, welfare or pension plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) (hereinafter the Plan), the majority of whose beneficiaries are Employees or former Employees of the Insured, the Plan shall be deemed an Insured under this bond for the purposes of Insuring Agreement (A) only and, in addition to all other terms and conditions of the bond, subject to the following:

- (1) the deductible required by Section 12 of the Conditions and Limitations of this bond shall be applicable to a loss suffered by the Plan only after the Plan has received from the Underwriter the lesser of \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 if the Plan holds "employer securities" as defined in ERISA) or 10% of the assets of the Plan at the beginning of the fiscal year of the Plan in which the loss is discovered;

(2) notwithstanding Section 3 of the Conditions and Limitations of this bond, loss suffered by the Plan is covered if discovered during the term of this bond or within one year thereafter, but if discovered during said one year period, the loss payable under this bond shall be reduced by the amount recoverable from any other bond or insurance protecting the assets of the plan against loss through fraud or dishonesty; and

(3) if more than one plan subject to ERISA is an Insured pursuant to this General Agreement, the Insured shall purchase limits sufficient to provide the minimum amount of coverage required by ERISA for each Plan and shall distribute any payment made under this bond to said Plans so that each Plan receives the amount it would have received if insured separately for the minimum coverage which ERISA required it to have.

CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

DEFINITIONS

Section 1. As used in this bond:

(a) Certificate of Deposit means a Written acknowledgment by a financial institution of receipt of Money with an engagement to repay it.

(b) Certificated Security means a share, participation or other interest in property of or an enterprise of the issuer or an obligation of the issuer, which is:

(1) represented by a Written instrument issued in bearer or registered form;

(2) of a type commonly dealt in on securities exchanges or markets or commonly recognized in any area in which it is issued or dealt in as a medium for investment; and

(3) either one of a class or series or by its terms divisible into a class or series of shares, participations, interests or obligations.

(c) Change in Control means a change in ownership of more than 50% of the voting stock of the Insured, or of a parent corporation or holding company which controls the Insured.

(d) Counterfeit means a Written imitation of an actual valid Original which is intended to deceive and to be taken as an Original.

(e) Employee means:

(1) a natural person in the service of the Insured whom the Insured has the right to direct and control in the performance of his or her duties and

(i) whom the Insured directly compensates by wages, salaries or commissions, or

(ii) who is compensated by an employment agency which is paid by the Insured for providing such person's services for work at or in the Insureds offices or premises covered hereunder;

(2) an attorney retained by the Insured, and an employee of such attorney, while either is performing legal services for the Insured other than those attorneys and their employees retained by the Insured to:

(i) represent the Insured in litigation on contracts of insurance or suretyship, or

(ii) search or close titles on real estate or perform escrow or other services related to real estate;

(3) a director of the Insured when performing acts coming within the scope of the usual duties of a person described in paragraph (e)(1) above, or while acting as a member of any committee duly elected or appointed by resolution of the board of directors to perform specific, as distinguished from general, directorial acts on behalf of the Insured; and

(4) an employee of an institution merged or consolidated with the Insured prior to the effective date of this bond, but only as to acts while an employee of such institution which caused said institution to sustain a loss which was not known to the Insured or to the Institution at the time of the merger or consolidation.

Employee does not mean brokers, agents of any kind, independent contractors or other representatives of the same general character except as set forth in (2) above.

(f) Evidence of Debt means a Written instrument, including a Negotiable Instrument, executed, or purportedly executed, by a customer of the Insured and held by the Insured which in the regular course of business is treated as evidencing the customer's debt to the Insured.

(g) Forgery means:

(1) affixing the handwritten signature, or a reproduction of the handwritten signature, of another natural person without authorization and with intent to deceive; or

(2) affixing the name of an organization as an endorsement to a check without authority and with intent to deceive.

Provided, however, that a signature which consists in whole or in part of one's own name signed with or without authority, in any capacity, for any purpose is not a Forgery. An electronic or digital signature is not a reproduction of a handwritten signature or the name of an organization affixed as an endorsement to a check.

- (h) Guarantee means a Written undertaking obligating the signer to pay the debt of another to the Insured or its assignee or to a financial institution from which the Insured has purchased participation in the debt, if the debt is not paid in accordance with its terms.
- (i) Letter of Credit means a Written engagement by a bank or other person made at the request of a customer that the bank or other person will honor drafts or other demands for payment upon compliance with the conditions specified in the engagement.
- (j) Loan means all extensions of credit by the Insured and all transactions creating a creditor relationship in favor of the Insured and all transactions by which the Insured assumes an existing creditor relationship.
- (k) Messenger means an Employee while in possession of the Insured's Property away from the Insured's premises and any other natural person acting as a custodian of the Property during an emergency arising from the incapacity of the original Employee.
- (l) Money means a medium of exchange in current use authorized or adopted by a domestic or foreign government as a part of its currency.
- (m) Negotiable Instrument means any writing:
 - (1) signed by the maker or drawer;
 - (2) containing any unconditional promise or order to pay a sum certain in Money and no other promise, order, obligation or power given by the maker or drawer;
 - (3) payable on demand or at a definite time; and
 - (4) payable to order or bearer.
- (n) Original means the first rendering or archetype and does not include photocopies or electronic transmissions even if received and printed.
- (o) Property means Money, Certificated Securities, Negotiable Instruments, Certificates of Deposit, Evidences of Debt, Security Agreements, Letters of Credit, abstracts of title, deeds and mortgages

on real estate, revenue and other stamps, books of account and other records whether recorded in Written form or stored on any tangible media, (which are collectively the enumerated items of Property) and tangible items of personal property which are not hereinbefore enumerated.

- (p) Security Agreement means a Written agreement which creates an interest in personal property or fixtures and which secures payment or performance of an obligation.
- (q) Transportation Company means any organization which regularly provides its own or leased vehicles for transportation of its customers' property or which provides freight forwarding or air express services.
- (r) Written means expressed through letters or marks placed upon paper and visible to the eye.

EXCLUSIONS

Section 2. This bond does not cover:

- (a) loss resulting directly or indirectly from forgery or alteration, except when covered under Insuring Agreements (A), (D), or (E);
- (b) loss due to riot or civil commotion outside the United States of America and Canada; or loss due to military, naval or usurped power, war or insurrection unless such loss occurs in transit in the circumstances recited in Insuring Agreement (C), and unless, when such transit was initiated, there was no knowledge of such riot, civil commotion, military, naval or usurped power, war or insurrection on the part of any person acting for the Insured in initiating such transit;
- (c) loss resulting directly or indirectly from the effects of nuclear fission or fusion, radioactivity, or chemical or biological contamination;
- (d) loss resulting directly or indirectly from any acts of any director of the Insured, except when covered under Insuring Agreement (A);
- (e) loss resulting directly or indirectly from the complete or partial nonpayment of, or default upon, any Loan or transaction involving the Insured as a lender or borrower, or extension of credit, including the purchase, discounting or other acquisition of false or genuine accounts, invoices, notes, agreements or Evidences of Debt, whether such Loan, transaction or extension was procured in good faith or through trick, artifice, fraud or false pretenses, except when covered under Insuring Agreements (A), (D) or (E);

- (f) loss resulting directly or indirectly from:
- (1) an incorrectly or dishonestly prepared title search, survey, inspection or other report made by an Employee,
 - (2) a defective document or instrument taken by the Insured whether or not the Employee accepting such document or instrument knew of such defect, or
 - (3) contractual or extra-contractual liability sustained by the Insured,
- in connection with the issuance of contracts or purported contracts of insurance, indemnity or suretyship;
- (g) loss caused by an Employee, except when covered under Insuring Agreement (A), or when covered under Insuring Agreements (B) or (C) and resulting directly from unintentional acts of the Employee causing mysterious unexplainable disappearance, misplacement, destruction of or damage to Property;
- (h) loss resulting directly or indirectly from counterfeiting, except when covered under Insuring Agreements (A), (D)(4), or (E);
- (i) loss resulting directly or indirectly from trading, with or without the knowledge of the Insured, whether or not represented by any indebtedness or balance shown to be due the Insured on any account, actual or fictitious, and notwithstanding any act or omission on the part of any Employee in connection with any account relating to such trading, indebtedness, or balance, except when covered under Insuring Agreements (A), (D) or (E);
- (j) loss of any tangible item of personal property which is not specifically enumerated in the paragraph defining Property if such property is specifically insured by other insurance of any kind and in any amount obtained by the Insured, and in any event, loss of such property occurring more than 60 days after the Insured takes possession of such property, except when covered under Insuring Agreements (A) or (B)(2);
- (k) loss of Property while:
- (1) in the mail,
 - (2) in the custody of any Transportation Company, unless covered under Insuring Agreement (C), or
 - (3) while located on the premises of any Messenger or Transportation Company,
- except when covered under Insuring Agreement (A);
- (l) potential income, including but not limited to interest and dividends, not realized by the Insured or by any customer of the Insured;
- (m) loss resulting directly or indirectly from surrender of property away from an office of the Insured as a result of:
- (1) kidnapping,
 - (2) payment of ransom,
 - (3) threats of bodily harm to any person, except the custodian of the property, or to the premises or property of the Insured, or
 - (4) actual disappearance, damage, destruction, confiscation or theft of property intended as a ransom or extortion payment while held or conveyed by a person duly authorized by the insured to have custody of such property, except when covered under Insuring Agreement (A);
- (n) damages of any type for which the Insured is legally liable, unless the Insured establishes that the act or acts which gave rise to the damages involved conduct which would have caused a covered loss to the Insured in a similar amount in the absence of such damages;
- (o) all fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Insured:
- (1) in establishing the existence of or amount of loss covered under this bond, or
 - (2) as a party to any legal proceeding whether or not such legal proceeding exposes the Insured to loss covered by this bond;
- (p) indirect or consequential loss of any nature including, but not limited to, fines, penalties, multiple or punitive damages;
- (q) loss resulting from any violation by the Insured or by any Employee:
- (1) of any law regulating: (i) the issuance, purchase or sale of securities, (ii) securities transactions upon any security exchange or over the counter market, (iii) investment companies, or (iv) investment advisers, or
 - (2) of any rule or regulation made pursuant to any such law,
- unless it is established by the Insured that the act or acts which caused the said loss involved dishonest or fraudulent conduct which would have caused a loss to the Insured in a similar amount in the absence of such laws, rules or regulations;

- (r) loss resulting directly or indirectly from the failure of a financial or depository institution, or its receiver or liquidator, to pay or deliver, on demand of the Insured, funds or Property of the Insured held by it in any capacity, except when covered under Insuring Agreements (A) or (B)(1)(a);
- (s) loss resulting directly or indirectly from the Insured's accepting checks payable to an organization for deposit into an account of a natural person;
- (t) damages resulting from any civil, criminal or other legal proceeding in which the Insured is alleged to have engaged in racketeering activity except when the Insured establishes that the act or acts giving rise to such damages were committed by an Employee under circumstances which result directly in a loss to the Insured covered by Insuring Agreement (A). For the purposes of this exclusion, "racketeering activity" is defined in 18 United States Code 1961 et seq., as amended;
- (u) loss resulting directly or indirectly from any dishonest or fraudulent act or acts committed by any non-Employee who is a securities, commodities, money, mortgage, real estate, loan, insurance, property management, investment banking broker, agent or other representative of the same general character;
- (v) loss resulting directly or indirectly from the theft, disappearance, destruction or disclosure of confidential information including, but not limited to, trade secrets, customer lists and intellectual property;
- (w) loss resulting directly or indirectly from the intentional damage or destruction of property by an Employee;
- (x) loss resulting directly or indirectly from the dishonest or fraudulent acts of an Employee if any Insured, or any director or officer of an Insured who is not in collusion with such Employee, knows, or knew at any time, of any dishonest or fraudulent act committed by such Employee at any time, whether in the employment of the Insured or otherwise, whether or not of the type covered under Insuring Agreement (A), against the Insured or any other person or entity and without regard to whether knowledge was obtained before or after the commencement of this bond. Provided, however, that this exclusion does not apply to loss of any Property already in transit in the custody of such Employee at the time such knowledge was obtained or to loss resulting directly from dishonest or fraudulent acts occurring prior to the time such knowledge was obtained.

DISCOVERY

Section 3.

This bond applies to loss first discovered by the Insured during the Bond Period. Discovery occurs when the Insured first becomes aware of facts which would cause a reasonable person to assume that a loss of a type covered by this bond has been or will be incurred, regardless of when the act or acts causing or contributing to such loss occurred, even though the exact amount or details of loss may not then be known.

Discovery also occurs when the Insured receives notice of an actual or potential claim in which it is alleged that the Insured is liable to a third party under circumstances which, if true, would constitute a loss under this bond.

LIMIT OF LIABILITY

Section 4.

The Underwriter's total liability for all losses discovered during the Bond Period shown in Item 2 of the Declarations shall not exceed the Aggregate Limit of Liability shown in Item 3 of the Declarations. The Aggregate Limit of Liability shall be reduced by the amount of any payment made under the terms of this bond.

Upon exhaustion of the Aggregate Limit of Liability by such payments:

- (a) the Underwriter shall have no further liability for loss or losses regardless of when discovered and whether or not previously reported to the Underwriter, and
- (b) the Underwriter shall have no obligation under General Agreement E to continue the defense of the Insured, and upon notice by the Underwriter to the Insured that the Aggregate Limit of Liability has been exhausted, the Insured shall assume all responsibility for its defense at its own cost.

The Aggregate Limit of Liability shall be reinstated by any net recovery received by the Underwriter during the Bond Period and before the Aggregate Limit of Liability is exhausted. Recovery from reinsurance and/or indemnity of the Underwriter shall not be deemed a recovery as used herein. In the event that a loss of Property is settled by the Underwriter through the use of a lost instrument bond, such loss shall not reduce the Aggregate Limit of Liability, but any payment under the lost instrument bond shall reduce the Aggregate Limit of Liability under this bond.

Single Loss Limit of Liability

Subject to the Aggregate Limit of Liability, the Underwriter's liability for each Single Loss shall not exceed the applicable Single Loss Limit of Liability shown in Item 4 of the Declarations. If a Single Loss is covered under more than one Insuring Agreement or Coverage, the maximum payable shall not exceed the largest applicable Single Loss Limit of Liability.

Single Loss Defined

Single Loss means all covered loss, including court costs and attorneys' fees incurred by the Underwriter under General Agreement E, resulting from:

- (a) any one act or series of related acts of burglary, robbery or attempt thereat, in which no Employee is implicated,
- (b) any one act or series of related unintentional or negligent acts or omissions on the part of any person (whether an Employee or not) resulting in damage to or destruction or misplacement of Property,
- (c) all acts or omissions other than those specified in (a) and (b) preceding, caused by any person (whether an Employee or not) or in which such person is implicated, or
- (d) any one casualty or event not specified in (a), (b) or (c) preceding.

NOTICE/PROOF - LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST UNDERWRITER

Section 5.

- (a) At the earliest practicable moment, not to exceed 30 days, after discovery of loss, the Insured shall give the Underwriter notice thereof.
- (b) Within 6 months after such discovery, the Insured shall furnish to the Underwriter proof of loss, duly sworn to, with full particulars.
- (c) Lost Certificated Securities listed in a proof of loss shall be identified by certificate or bond numbers if such securities were issued therewith.
- (d) Legal proceedings for the recovery of any loss hereunder shall not be brought prior to the expiration of 60 days after the original proof of loss is filed with the Underwriter or after the expiration of 24 months from the discovery of such loss.
- (e) If any limitation period embodied in this bond is prohibited by any law controlling the construction hereof, such limitation period shall be deemed to be amended so as to equal the minimum limitation period provided by such law.

- (f) This bond affords coverage only in favor of the Insured. No suit, action or legal proceedings shall be brought hereunder by any one other than the first named Insured.

VALUATION

Section 6.

The value of any loss for purposes of coverage under this bond shall be the net loss to the Insured after crediting any receipts, payments or recoveries, however denominated, received by the Insured in connection with the transaction giving rise to the loss. If the loss involves a Loan, any interest or fees received by the Insured in connection with the Loan shall be such a credit.

Money

Any loss of Money, or loss payable in Money, shall be paid, at the option of the Insured, in the Money of the country in which the loss was sustained or in the United States of America dollar equivalent thereof determined at the rate of exchange at the time of payment of such loss.

Securities

The Underwriter shall settle in kind its liability under this bond on account of a loss of any securities or, at the option of the Insured, shall pay to the Insured the cost of replacing such securities, determined by the market value thereof at the time of such settlement. In case of a loss of subscription, conversion or redemption privileges through the misplacement or loss of securities, the amount of such loss shall be the value of such privileges immediately preceding the expiration thereof. If such securities cannot be replaced or have no quoted market value, or if such privileges have no quoted market value, their value shall be determined by agreement or arbitration.

If the applicable coverage of this bond is subject to a Deductible Amount and/or is not sufficient in amount to indemnify the Insured in full for the loss of securities for which claim is made hereunder, the liability of the Underwriter under this bond is limited to the payment for, or the duplication of, so much of such securities as has a value equal to the amount of such applicable coverage.

Books of Account and Other Records

In case of loss of, or damage to, any books of account or other records used by the Insured in its business, the Underwriter shall be liable under this bond only if such books or records are actually reproduced and then for not more than the cost of the blank books, blank pages or other materials plus the cost of labor for the actual transcription or copying of data which shall have been furnished by the Insured in order to reproduce such books and other records.

Property other than Money, Securities or Records

In case of loss of, or damage to, any Property other than Money, securities, books of account or other records, or damage covered under Insuring Agreement (B)(2), the Underwriter shall not be liable for more than the actual cash value of such Property, or of items covered under Insuring Agreement (B)(2). The Underwriter may, at its election, pay the actual cash value of, replace or repair such property. Disagreement between the Underwriter and the Insured as to the cash value or as to the adequacy of repair or replacement shall be resolved by arbitration.

Set-Off

Any loss covered under this bond shall be reduced by a set-off consisting of any amount owed to the Employee (or to his or her assignee) causing the loss if such loss is covered under Insuring Agreement (A).

ASSIGNMENT - SUBROGATION - RECOVERY

Section 7.

- (a) In the event of payment under this bond, the Insured shall deliver, if so requested by the Underwriter, an assignment of such of the Insured's rights, title and interest and causes of action as it has against any person or entity to the extent of the loss payment.
- (b) In the event of payment under this bond, the Underwriter shall be subrogated to all of the Insured's rights of recovery therefor against any person or entity to the extent of such payment.
- (c) Recoveries, whether effected by the Underwriter or by the Insured, shall be applied net of the expense of such recovery first to the satisfaction of the Insured's loss which would otherwise have been paid but for the fact that it is in excess of either the Single or Aggregate Limit of Liability, secondly, to the Underwriter as reimbursement of amounts paid in settlement of the Insured's claim, thirdly, to the Insured in satisfaction of any Deductible Amount, and fourthly, to the Insured for any loss not covered by this bond. Recovery on account of loss of securities as set forth in the third paragraph of Section 6 or recovery from reinsurance and/or indemnity of the Underwriter shall not be deemed a recovery as used herein.
- (d) The Insured shall execute all papers and render assistance to secure to the Underwriter the rights and causes of action provided for herein. The Insured shall do nothing after discovery of loss to prejudice such rights or causes of action.

COOPERATION

Section 8.

Upon the Underwriter's request and at reasonable times and places designated by the Underwriter, the Insured shall:

- (a) submit to examination by the Underwriter and subscribe to the same under oath;
- (b) produce for the Underwriter's examination all pertinent records; and
- (c) cooperate with the Underwriter in all matters pertaining to any claim or loss.

ANTI-BUNDLING

Section 9.

If any Insuring Agreement requires that an enumerated type of document be altered or counterfeit, or contain a signature which is a Forgery or obtained through trick, artifice, fraud or false pretenses, the alteration or counterfeit or signature must be on or of the enumerated document itself not on or of some other document submitted with, accompanying or incorporated by reference into the enumerated document.

OTHER INSURANCE OR INDEMNITY

Section 10.

Coverage afforded hereunder shall apply only as excess over any valid and collectible insurance or indemnity obtained by the Insured, or by one other than the Insured on Property subject to exclusion (j), or by a Transportation Company, or by another entity on whose premises the loss occurred or which employed the person causing the loss.

COVERED PROPERTY

Section 11.

This bond shall apply to loss of Property (a) owned by the Insured, (b) held by the Insured in any capacity, or (c) owned and held by someone else under circumstances which make the insured responsible for the Property prior to the occurrence of the loss. This bond shall be for the sole use and benefit of the Insured named in the Declarations.

DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT

Section 12.

The Underwriter shall be liable hereunder only for the amount by which any single loss, as defined in Section 4, exceeds the Single Loss Deductible for the Insuring Agreement or Coverage applicable to such loss, subject to the Aggregate Limit of Liability and the applicable Single Loss Limit of Liability.

If the loss involves a dishonest or fraudulent act committed by an Employee, or if the amount of the potential loss exceeds the amount set forth in Item 6 of the Declarations, the Insured shall, in the time and in the manner prescribed in this bond, give the Underwriter notice of any loss of the kind covered by the terms of this bond, even if the amount of the loss does not exceed the Single Loss Deductible, and upon the request of the Underwriter shall file with it a brief statement giving the particulars concerning such loss.

TERMINATION OR CANCELATION

Section 13.

This bond terminates as an entirety upon occurrence of any of the following:

- (a) 60 days after receipt by the Insured of a Written notice from the Underwriter of its desire to cancel this bond;
- (b) immediately upon the receipt by the Underwriter of a Written notice from the Insured of its desire to cancel this bond;
- (c) immediately upon the taking over of the Insured by a receiver or other liquidator or by State or Federal officials;
- (d) immediately upon a Change in Control of the first named Insured;
- (e) immediately upon exhaustion of the Aggregate Limit of Liability; or
- (f) immediately upon expiration of the Bond Period as set forth in Item 2 of the Declarations.

If there is a Change in Control of an Insured other than the first named Insured, this bond immediately terminates as to that Insured only.

This bond terminates as to any Employee (a) as soon as any Insured, or any director or officer of an Insured who is not in collusion with such Employee, learns of any dishonest or fraudulent act committed by such Employee at any time, whether in the employment of the Insured or otherwise, whether or not of the type covered under Insuring Agreement (A), against the Insured or any other person or entity, without prejudice to the loss of any Property then in transit in the custody of such Employee, or (b) 15 days after the receipt by the Insured of a Written notice from the Underwriter of its desire to cancel this bond as to such Employee.

Termination of this bond as to any Insured terminates liability for any loss sustained by such Insured which is discovered after the effective date of such termination. Termination of this bond as to any Employee terminates liability for any loss caused by a dishonest or fraudulent act committed by such Employee after the date of such termination.

In witness whereof, the Underwriter has caused this bond to be executed on the Declarations page.