

## NO SEARCH CHANCEL REPAIR INDEMNITY (BLOCK)

ISSUED BY STEWART TITLE LIMITED

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#### **POLICY SUMMARY**

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POLICY TYPE THE INSURER
No Search Chancel Repair Indemnity (Block)

THE INSURER
Stewart Title Limited

POLICY TERM INSURER'S ADDRESS

In Perpetuity from the Policy Date 6 Henrietta Street, London, WC2E 8PS

## TO THE POLICYHOLDER

We assume the need to purchase this policy has resulted from legal advice provided to you. You should read this summary in conjunction with the full policy wording to ensure you are fully aware of the terms and conditions of the cover.

## TO THE INTERMEDIARY

We recommend this document is provided to the Insured before the conclusion of the insurance contract.

#### SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS OR EXCLUSIONS UNDER THIS POLICY

Full details of conditions and exclusions are detailed in the policy, but we would draw your attention to the following:

You, or anyone acting on your behalf, must not:

- disclose the existence of this policy to any third party other than prospective purchasers, lenders, lessees and their legal advisers without our prior written consent
- b. take or fail to take action which results in a Claim as this may prejudice your position and void the policy
- c. take any steps to settle a Claim without our prior written consent.

## **UPDATING THE COVER**

Requests to increase or extend cover can be considered. We are not permitted to provide advice or recommend how you proceed as you will need to make your own choice about this, with guidance from your intermediary.

## **RIGHTS TO CANCEL POLICY**

This policy can be cancelled by contacting us within 14 days of the policy date, provided all interested parties (such as lenders holding a mortgage or charge on the Property) consent to cancellation. If you wish to cancel this policy, please write (quoting your policy number) to 'The Underwriting Manager' at the Insurer's Address.

#### **HOW TO CLAIM**

Please write (quoting your policy number) to 'The Claims Counsel' at the Insurer's Address or by e mail to ukclaims@stewart.com. You must provide details to us of any potential Claim without delay, please read the full Claims conditions within the policy.

## **COMPLAINTS**

Any complaint should be raised in the first instance with our General Counsel by

- Writing to the General Counsel at the Insurer's Address
- Telephoning 0207 010 7820

Details of our complaints handling procedure are available by contacting our General Counsel

If we are unable to resolve your complaint to your satisfaction, you may have the right to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, London E14 9SR. The Financial Ombudsman Service website address is http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/.

## THE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPENSATION SCHEME (FSCS)

We are covered by the FSCS. You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we cannot meet our obligations. This will depend on the type of business and the circumstances of the Claim.

Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS who can be contacted at Financial Services Compensation Scheme, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7QU. The FSCS website may be viewed at www.fscs.org.uk.



## **BASIS OF COVER**

The Insured has paid or agreed to pay the Premium for this indemnity cover.

The Insured agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the policy. Failure by the Insured to comply can lead to invalidation of the policy in whole or in part or reduce the amount of any Claim subsequently made.

Signed for and on behalf of Stewart Title Limited

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Steven Lessack

CEO, Stewart Title Limited

**Authorised Signatory** 



#### **POLICY SCHEDULE**

POLICY NUMBER PROPERTY

165297 Each property which is noted on the bordereau

POLICY DATE LIMIT OF INDEMNITY

As referred to on the bordereau per Property See Additional Policy Clause(s) section below

POLICY TERM PREMIUM

In Perpetuity from the Policy Date

See Additional Policy Clause(s) section below

## THE INSURED

The party purchasing the Property at the Policy Date, their lessees and any bank, building society or other similar lending institution holding a mortgage or charge on the Property

#### THE INSURER

STEWART TITLE LIMITED - (Company Reg 2770166), 6 Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2E 8PS

#### THE DEFECT

No search of the Record of Ascertainments has been requested on or before the Policy Date and such search would have revealed that the Property may be subject to a potential liability to contribute towards the cost of repair to a church chancel

#### **INSURED USE**

Continued use of the Property as a single owner occupied or investment residential dwelling or flat as in existence at the Policy Date

## **EXCLUSION(S)**

- Loss or damage to the chancel arising directly or indirectly from any act of war or terrorism or where any loss or damage is recoverable under a material damage buildings insurance policy held by the relevant Parochial Church Council or the Representative Body of the Church of Wales
- ii. Any Claim arising where the Property is known on the Policy Date to be subject to a definite liability to contribute towards the cost of repair to a church chancel

## ADDITIONAL POLICY CLAUSE(S)

#### WARRANTY

It is warranted by the Insured that as at the Policy Date neither the Insured nor their legal representative has actual knowledge of any matter which may give rise to a Claim.

## **ASSUMPTIONS**

The Property is a single residential dwelling or flat and this use will continue

Cover is required where no application for a Chancel "screening" search or full search of the Records of Ascertainment has been carried out which may have revealed a potential chancel liability affecting the Property

The Property is no more than 10 acres in size and is within a built up area and not an isolated property with no adjacent properties. The Title to the Property contains no reference to a chancel repair liability applying. The current owner is not aware of a chancel repair liability applying.

There have been no chancel repair demands received or made and no enquiries exchanged with the church authorities relating to the chancel repair liability

LIMIT OF INDEMNITY PREMIUM
(Up to £ per Property) (£ inclusive of I.P.T)
£ 3,000,000.00 £ 5.03



This policy document and the bordereau form the basis of the Insured's policy, and the contract between the Insured and the Insurer. Please read the documents and keep them safe.

#### **COVER**

In the event of a Parochial Church Council or the Representative Body of the Church of Wales claiming to be entitled to and demanding payment towards the cost of repair to a church chancel directly arising from the Defect ("Claim") the Insurer will indemnify the Insured against:

- a. Any payment (including costs and expenses) awarded against the Insured in any proceedings brought against the Insured or agreed in any voluntary settlement or compromise of a Claim with the prior written consent of the Insurer
- b. All other costs and expenses incurred by the Insured with the prior written consent of the Insurer including the costs of the Insurer in defending or settling the Claim on the Insured's behalf

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- a. Any act or omission by the Insured, or anyone acting on the Insured's behalf, which in whole or in part induces a Claim under the policy may prejudice the Insured's position and could invalidate the policy in whole or in part or reduce the amount of any Claim.
- The Insurers liability under this policy will not exceed the Limit of Indemnity (as increased by the Inflation Provision if applicable).
- c. This policy shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of England and Wales and is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.
- d. The policy and any endorsement issued in respect of it are one contract and shall be read together.
- e. The insured will not be entitled to abandon the Property to the Insurer.
- f. Your information may be used for the purposes of insurance administration by the Insurer, its associated companies, by reinsurers and your intermediary. It may be disclosed to regulatory bodies for the purposes of monitoring and/or enforcing the Insurer's compliance with any regulatory rules/codes.
- g. Your information may also be used for offering renewal, research and statistical purposes and crime prevention. It may be transferred to any country, including countries outside the European Economic Area for any of these purposes and for systems administration. Where this happens, we will ensure that anyone to whom we pass your information agrees to treat your information with the same level of protection as if we were dealing with it.
- h. If you give us information about another person, in doing so you confirm that they have given you permission to provide it to us to be able to process their personal data (including any sensitive personal data) and also that you have told them who we are and what we will use their data for, as set out in this notice.
- i. In the case of personal data, with limited exceptions, and on payment of the appropriate fee, you have the right to access and if necessary rectify information held about you.

#### NON INVALIDATION

The interest in this policy of any Insured will not be invalidated by a breach of the policy terms or conditions by any other party, unless

- a. Such party acted on the Insured's behalf or with the Insured's knowledge and consent
- b. Where the Insured is a successor in title, they had knowledge of a breach of the policy terms or conditions or of previous non-disclosure or misrepresentation to the Insurer.

## IMPORTANT CONDITIONS

## In respect of each Property:-

- In deciding to accept this policy in exchange for the Premium and in setting the terms and premium, the Insurer has relied on the assumptions made being correct and any information given by the Insured (or anyone acting on the Insured's behalf).
   The Insured must ensure that, when answering any questions asked by the Insurer, any information provided is accurate and complete and the Insurer is informed of any assumptions which cannot be met.
- b. If the Insured deliberately or recklessly provides the Insurer with false or misleading information, the Insurer may treat this policy as if it never existed and decline all claims.
- c. If the Insured provides the Insurer with false or misleading information carelessly, the Insurer may:
  - a. treat this policy as if it had never existed, and refuse to pay all claims and return the premium paid. However, the Insurer may only do so if it would not otherwise have provided the Insured with insurance cover at all;
  - b. amend the terms of this insurance, and apply the amended terms as if they were already in place, if a claim has been adversely affected by the Insured's carelessness;
  - c. reduce the amount the Insurer will pay on a claim in the proportion the premium the Insured has paid bears to the premium the Insurer would have charged for the policy; or
  - take a similar proportionate action.
     The Insurer, or anyone acting on the Insurer's behalf, will write to the Insured if the Insurer intends to treat this policy as if it had never existed, or amend the terms of the policy.
- d. If the Insured becomes aware that the information given to the Insurer is inaccurate, the Insured must inform the Insurer as soon as practicable.



- e. The Insured (or anyone acting on the Insured's behalf) shall not at any time disclose the existence of this policy to any third party other than their lenders, lessees and respective legal advisers without the Insurers written consent
- f. The Insured shall not discuss the Defect with any party without the Insurer's written consent, who, it is reasonable to believe can as a result of the discussion make a Claim.
- g. A bordereau is provided to the Insurer by the Policyholder in Excel format setting out the address of the Property, the Limit of Indemnity (being the purchase price of the Property) and the Policy Date (being the date of exchange of contracts for the purchase of the Property by the Insured) and that the bordereau is sent to the Insurer at the Insurer's Address within 14 days of the month end following the Policy Date and payment for all properties listed on the bordereau paid either by cheque payable to Stewart Title Limited or by BACS to HSBC Bank Plc, 60 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 4TR Account Name: Stewart Title Premium Collection Account, Sort Code 40-05-30, Account Number: 94573269 Reference: 165297

In respect of Conditions e, f and g above where the Insured fails to comply with these conditions the Insurer's liability under this policy may be limited to the extent the Insurer is compromised by any breach of these conditions

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The existence, and your use of, this complaints process is without prejudice to your other rights under this policy and your rights in law

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We may at our discretion charge you for the time that you have been on cover including Insurance Premium Tax.

Any refund of premium will be made to the party who paid the premium.

## **CLAIMS CONDITIONS**

On becoming aware of any potential or actual Claim, the Insured will:

- a. provide written notice and details to the Insurer at the Insurer's Address immediately of all known facts including all communications, correspondence and all court documents.
- b. not admit any liability whatsoever or take steps to compromise or settle the Claim, without the written consent of the Insurer.
- c. provide all information and assistance that the Insurer and/or any party professional or otherwise acting on the Insurer's behalf require at the Insured's own expense doing everything reasonably practicable with the Insurer's prior written consent to minimise any loss.

The Insured will not make any

- a. admission, promise of payment or indemnity
- b. application to a court, Upper Tribunal (Land Chamber) or the Land Registry without the written consent of the Insurer

#### **DEALING WITH THE CLAIM**

- a. In dealing with the Claim the Insurer will at its discretion and cost be entitled to (whether or not the Insurer is liable under this policy):-
  - take or defend proceedings in any court or tribunal in the name of the Insured in any proceedings including the right to abandon or submit to judgment
  - ii. exercise, in the name of the Insured, any rights or remedies available to the Insured in any proceedings including the right to abandon or submit to judgment
  - iii. compromise, settle or compound the Claim and deal in such manner as it thinks fit
  - iv. pay at any time to the Insured the amount of the Limit of Indemnity (as increased by the Inflation Provision if applicable) or any lesser amount for which the Claim can be settled and then relinquish control of and have no further involvement with the Claim.
- b. The Insurer shall be under no obligation to pay the proceeds of any Claim paid under this Policy to any party other than the Insured and that the proceeds of any Claim shall be incapable of assignment.



- c. If, at the time of the Claim, there is other insurance (whether incepted by the Insured or any other party) under which the Insured may be entitled to make a Claim, either wholly or partly in respect of the same interest or risk covered by this policy, the Insurer will not be liable to pay or contribute more than their rateable proportion of the Claim.
- d. If the Insured shall make any Claim knowing the same to be false or fraudulent, as regards amount or otherwise, this policy shall become void and the Claim shall be forfeited.
- e. The Insurer will be entitled to all rights and defences it may have in respect of a Claim notified by any Insured against any successor to that Insured.
- f. Where the Insurer and the Insured cannot agree to the amount to be paid under this policy the matter shall be referred to an arbitrator to be appointed by the parties (or in default of agreement, in accordance with the law in force at the time). The making of an award by the arbitrator shall be a condition precedent to any right of action against the Insurer. The Insured will afford to the Insurer every reasonable assistance in this respect.
- g. If the Insurer agrees or is obliged to make any payment to or on behalf of an Insured because of the risk insured by this policy the Insurer will immediately be subrogated to any rights which the Insured may have in relation to that risk.

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