

The Hartford

UNIVERSAL EXCESS™ POLICY

I. INSURING AGREEMENT

The Insurer designated in the Declarations (a Stock Insurance Company herein called the "Underwriters"), in consideration of the payment of the premium and in reliance upon any application, materials or information made available by or on behalf of the Insured(s) to the Underwriters during the application or proposal process, and subject to all of the terms, conditions and exclusions of this policy, agrees with the Insured(s) as follows:

The Underwriters shall provide the Insured(s) with insurance during the Policy Period which is in excess of the total limits of liability and any retention/deductible under all Underlying Insurance, as set forth in Item D of the Declarations, whether collectible or not.

II. LIMIT OF LIABILITY

- A. It is expressly agreed that liability for any loss shall attach to the Underwriters only after the Primary and Underlying Excess insurers shall have paid the full amount of their respective liability (hereinafter referred to as the "Underlying Insurance") or the Insured(s) shall have paid the full amount of such liability due to the financial insolvency of an insurer of the Underlying Insurance. The Underwriters shall then be liable to pay only such additional amounts up to the Limit of Liability set forth in Item C of the Declarations, which shall be the maximum liability of the Underwriters in each Policy Period.
- B. In the event of the reduction or exhaustion of the aggregate limits of liability under the Primary and Underlying Excess Policy(ies) by reason of losses paid thereunder for claims first made while this policy is in force, this policy shall:
- (1) in the event of such reduction, continue in force excess of the reduced Primary and Underlying Insurance; or
 - (2) in the event of exhaustion, continue in force as primary insurance, subject to the Underwriters' Limit of Liability and to the other terms, conditions and exclusions of this policy,

provided always that in the latter event this policy shall only pay excess of the retention/deductible applicable to such primary insurance as set forth in the Primary Policy, which shall be applied to any subsequent loss in the same manner specified in such primary insurance. Notice of exhaustion of Underlying Insurance shall be given the Underwriters upon such exhaustion. Nothing herein shall be construed to provide for any duty on the part of the Underwriters to defend any Insured or to pay defense or any claim expenses in addition to the Limit of Liability set forth in Item C of the Declarations.

- C. If the Primary Policy contains a specific grant of coverage that is subject to a sub-limit of liability, then coverage under this policy shall not apply to any claim which is subject to such sub-limit of liability. However, any such claim shall be recognized under this policy solely for purposes of reducing or exhausting, to any extent, the Underlying Insurance.

III. PRIMARY AND UNDERLYING INSURANCE

- A. This policy is subject to the same warranties, terms, conditions, definitions, exclusions and endorsements (except as regards the premium, the amount and limits of liability, and duty to defend, and except as otherwise provided herein) as are contained in or as may be added to the Primary Policy, together with all the warranties, terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations contained in or added by endorsement to any Underlying Excess Policy(ies). In no event shall this policy grant broader coverage than is provided by the most restrictive Primary or Underlying Excess Policy(ies).
- B. It is a condition precedent to this policy that the policy(ies) of the Primary and Underlying Excess Insurers shall be maintained in full effect while this policy is in force except for any reduction of the aggregate limits contained therein (as provided for in Section II., B. above).
- C. Failure of the Insured to comply with the foregoing shall not invalidate this policy, but in the event of such failure, the Underwriters shall be liable only to the extent that it would have been liable had the Insured complied therewith. To the extent that any Underlying Insurance is not maintained in full effect while this policy is in force,

the Insured(s) shall be deemed to be self-insured for the amount of the limit of liability of the Underlying Insurance which is not maintained as set forth above.

IV. COSTS, CHARGES, EXPENSES AND COOPERATION

- A. No costs, charges or expenses for investigation or defense of claims shall be incurred, or settlements made, without the Underwriters' written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; however, in the event of such consent being given, the Underwriters will pay, subject to the provisions of Section II., such costs, settlements, charges or expenses.
- B. The Underwriters may, at their sole option, elect to participate in the investigation, settlement or defense of any claim even if the Underlying Insurance has not been exhausted. The Insured(s) shall, as a condition precedent to their rights under this policy, give to the Underwriters all information and cooperation as the Underwriters may reasonably require and shall do nothing that may prejudice the Underwriters' position or its potential or actual rights of recovery.

V. GENERAL CONDITIONS

A. Definitions

1. Insured(s) means those individuals and/or entities insured under the Underlying Insurance.
2. Primary Policy means the policy scheduled in Item D(1) of the Declarations.
3. Underlying Excess Policy(ies) means the policy(ies) scheduled in Item D(2) of the Declarations.
4. Underlying Insurance means all those policies scheduled in Item D of the Declarations.
5. Policy Period means the period set forth in Item B of the Declarations, subject to prior cancellation pursuant to Section V. C.

B. Discovery Clause

If the Insured(s) elect and are granted a discovery period or extended reporting period under the Underlying Insurance, then the Insured(s) shall have the same ability to elect a discovery period or extended reporting period under this policy by: (i) satisfying the conditions as set forth in the Underlying Insurance; and (ii) paying the additional premium set forth in Item G(1) of the Declarations. If elected, the discovery period or extended reporting period shall be for the period of time set forth in Item G(2) of the Declarations.

C. Cancellation Clause

The Underwriter may cancel this policy for non-payment of premium by sending not less than ten (10) days notice to the Insured(s) at their last known address. The Underwriter may not otherwise cancel this policy. This policy may be cancelled by the Insured(s) in accordance with the conditions of the Underlying Insurance. If the policy shall be cancelled by the Insured(s), the Underwriters shall retain the customary short rate proportion of the premium hereon.

D. Termination of Prior Policy(ies)

The taking effect of this policy shall terminate, if not already terminated, the policy(ies) specified in Item F of the Declarations.

E. Notice

The Underwriters shall be given notice in writing as soon as practicable: (a) in the event of the cancellation or non-renewal of any Underlying Insurance; and (b) of any additional or return premiums charged or paid in connection with any Underlying Insurance.

Any changes in coverage in the Underlying Insurance or any changes in the Insured(s) that would require notice under the Underlying Insurance shall be reported to the Underwriters as soon as practicable and the Insured(s) shall, upon request, furnish the Underwriters with copies of such changes. The Underwriters shall not be subject to such changes without the Underwriter's consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.

In the event any claim is made against any Insured, written notice shall be given to the Underwriters in the same manner as given to the Primary Policy at 2 Park Ave, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10016, ATTN: Hartford Financial Products Claims Division [Fax # (917) 464-5972], and otherwise pursuant to all appropriate notice provisions contained in the Underlying Insurance.