

Specialist | Professional Indemnity

Design and Construct Professional Indemnity Proposal Form

This proposal is for a CLAIMS MADE policy

The policy will only respond to claims and/or circumstances, which are first made against the Insured and notified to the Insurer during the policy period. **The policy will not provide cover for:**

- Events that occurred prior to the retroactive date of the policy.
- Claims made after the expiry of the policy period even though the Wrongful Act giving rise to the claim may have occurred during the policy period.
- Claims notified or arising out of facts or circumstances notified under any previous policy or noted on the current proposal form or any previous proposal form.
- Claims made, threatened or intimated prior to the commencement of the policy period.
- Facts or circumstances in your knowledge prior to the policy period, which you knew had the potential to give rise to a claim under the policy.

DISCLOSURE

You must disclose to the Insurer all information which is material to it in deciding whether to issue insurance cover to you, including any facts or conduct which might lead to a claim being made against you. Failing to do so could affect your rights to indemnity.

If you do not understand any part of this document, please contact your Broker **BEFORE YOU SIGN IT**. You will be bound by the answers, which are given, and by the information provided by you in this proposal form. It is in your interest to make sure that all information is correct and properly understood.

When in doubt disclose

ATTACHMENTS

Before you return this form, have you included the following:

- Company brochure/additional information
- Claims information (if relevant)
- Standard contract/engagement terms and conditions
- Copy of expiring policy schedule to maintain retroactive cover (if transferring from another insurer)
- CV's for all Principals
- Business Plan for start-ups/new entities
- Audited financial statements

Please attach details where not enough space on the proposal.

1. Details of Proposed Insured

1.1 Please provide the following details:

Insured/Practice Name (please ensure this matches the CIPC registration documentation):

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Previous legal and trading names of the Insured:

Physical address:

Contact person:

Telephone number:

E-mail address: Website address:

Company registration number: VAT registration number:

POLICY HOLDER PROTECTION DATA (COMPULSORY)

a) Is the Insured's annual Turnover or Asset Value LESS than R2,000,000? Yes No

b) What is the Present Legal Constitution of the Insured Company?

Sole Practitioner Partnership Incorporated Co. Limited Co. Closed Corp.

Date of commencement of Practice: As currently constituted:

As initially established:

1.2 Are any branches of the Proposed Insured located outside of South Africa? Yes No

If yes, please provide full details:

Legally registered name of the branch	Territory/Country	Business activities	Fee Income	Details of local/in-territory insurance

1.3 Names and Qualifications of Principals/Partners/Directors/Members as applicable.

Name	Qualifications	Date qualified	How long is the Principal in this Practice?

1.4 Staff breakdown/compliment:

Category	Number
Directors/Principals	
Fully qualified professional staff (please elaborate on specific categories)	
Non-profession staff (please elaborate on specific categories)	
Interns/Graduates/Learners	
Administrative staff	
Support staff (cleaners, security guards etc.)	
Total	

1.5 Is the Practice or any of the Principals/Directors/Partners connected or associated (financially or otherwise) with any other firm, Company or Organisation? Yes No

If yes, please provide full details:

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1.6 Is the Practice or any of the Principals/Directors/Partners engaged with any other person/Practice in a Single Project Partnership or a Consortium or Group Practice? Yes No

If yes, please provide full details:

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1.7 Do you belong to any Regulatory or Voluntary Professional Bodies/Associations? Yes No

If yes, please provide full details:

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1.8 Are the Principals/Partners/Directors/Members performing the declared professional services duly qualified? Yes No

If no, please provide full details:

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1.9 Has any principal, director, or employee ever been subject to disciplinary proceedings, hearings, or formal inquiries by any statutory authority or recognised professional body? Yes No

If yes, please provide details, including the name of the individual, name of the body, the nature of the inquiry/hearing, and the outcome.

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2. Detailed business description

Please provide full details of all activities involved in:

(if engaged in multiple disciplines, please provide a percentage split – total must add up to 100%)

3. Business conducted outside South Africa

3.1 Do you or your firm do any business for your clients in any other countries? Yes No

Territory/Country	% of Fees	Largest contract value

3.2 Does this Practice undertake any work whatsoever where the “end product” of such work is carried out in territories other than South Africa? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following details:

Country	Starting date	Type of contract	Total Contract Value	Approximate completion date

3.3 Do you or your firm do any business for your clients in North America or any other countries/states governed by their laws? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following details:

a) What percentage of your fees are attributable to these activities?

b) Do you have physical offices in these areas? Yes No

If yes:

i) Under whose management and control are these offices?

ii) Is there any foreign shareholding in these offices and if so what percentage? Yes No

Percentage: %

iii) Do you give any advice relating to the laws of these countries? Yes No

If yes, please provide full details:

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c) Does the company or any partner, Director, etc. own any assets in the North America? Yes No

If yes, please provide full details:

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4. Quality and Risk Management

4.1 Contract Management

4.1.1 If the Contract is larger and/or longer than standard projects usually undertaken by the firm, advise how the project will be/was managed from a risk management perspective?

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4.1.2 Do you ensure that contracts are in place for every project and that these are signed by all relevant parties prior to commencement of the project? Yes No

If no, please provide full details on how contractual obligations are then agreed upon and recorded:

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4.1.3 Do you ensure that any amendments to any project or part thereof is in writing, vetted and signed by all relevant parties prior to implementation? Yes No

If no, please provide full details on how contractual obligations are then agreed upon and recorded:

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4.1.4 Do you ensure that all contracts that are wide of your standard trading conditions are vetted by an expert/legal advisor/attorney/legal practitioner? Yes No

If no, please provide full details:

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4.1.5 Do you ensure that a limitation of liability clauses is included in **ALL** your contracts? Yes No

If yes, please provide full details:

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If no, please provide full details:

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4.2 Do you make use of sub-contractors? Yes No

If yes,

a) What percentage of your fees are paid to sub-contractors?

- b) What activities would you typically appoint sub-contractors for?
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- c) What is your vetting and selection process for the appointment of sub-contractors?
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- d) Where the activities are different to your business, will they be liable to your client/the employer directly or will you be liable?
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- e) Do you require them to have Professional Indemnity cover in place? Yes No
If yes, what limit do you require them to carry?

4.3 Do you currently have any active Joint Ventures? Yes No

If yes:

- a) Do you always make use of a written contract with your JV partners? Yes No
If no, please provide full details on how contractual obligations are then agreed upon and recorded:
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- b) Do you ensure that all partners maintain adequate Insurance for their services? Yes No
- c) Are the fees declared in section/question 3 inclusive of fees earned from Joint Ventures? Yes No
- d) Please complete the table below in respect of active Joint Ventures

Legal name of Joint Venture	Date of establishment	Your Equity Participation	Your fees earned from the JV
		%	R
		%	R
		%	R
		%	R
		%	R

4.4 Do you have a peer review process in place? Yes No

If yes, please attach or specify the details:
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4.5 Please provide details of any other projects of an unusual or special nature (outside the normal scope of business) or with a total contract value in excess of R500 000 000?
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4.6 Please state the 5 largest contracts commenced during the past 6 years:

Country	Starting date	Scope of services	Total Contract Value	Approximate completion date
			R	
			R	
			R	
			R	
			R	

4.7 Applicable to limited companies only – do your charges accord with the scales sanctioned by the Professional Body in the field in which you are engaged? Yes No

If no, please state on what basis/scale you charge for your services:
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5. Artificial Intelligence (AI)

5.1 Do you currently make use of any form of AI in your business? Yes No

If no:

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5.1.1 Do you intend on implementing the use of AI in the next 12 months? Yes No

If yes:

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5.1.2 Which type of AI tools do intend to make use of?

- Research
- Information gathering
- Filtering data
- Data Analysis
- Document generation
- Virtual Assistant
- Chatbots
- Marketing and Advertising
- Generative design
- Anomaly detection
- Other (Please specify)

5.1.3 What is your due diligence protocol to ensure that the information generated from AI is accurate and correct?

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5.1.4 What type of AI tools do you make use of?

- Chat GPT or other open platforms
- In house developed AI tools
- Third party systems designed for your profession
- Other (Please specify):

5.1.5 To what extent do you make use of Chat GPT or other open platforms to carry out any professional services?

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6. Claims experience

6.1 Other than circumstances/claims/incidents which may result in any possible claims, already notified to Santam, have any claims ever been made against the proposed Insured/Partners/Directors/Members or Employees for the type of cover for which you are now applying, whether in terms of this Proposal or any other Proposal/Policy for the same type of cover?

Yes No



If yes, please provide/attach full details including but not limited to the following:

Date of loss	Description of the matter/ circumstances which brought about the incident/claim	Amount claimed	Amount Paid	Amount reserved for defence or settlement	Current status of the incident/ claim

Please provide us with a copy of your full Loss ratio and full claims history from current insurer (if applicable).

6.2 After enquiry, are any of the Proposed Insured/Partners/Directors/Members or Employees aware of any circumstances which could be covered under a policy of this type, that may result in any claims, or any possible claims being made against them?

Yes No

If yes, please provide/attach full details:

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7. Details of Insurance

7.1 Are you at present or have you in the past been insured for Professional Indemnity? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following details and attach a copy of the Policy (please note the details of all policies if there is more than one in place):

Name of Broker:

Name of Insurer:

Date cover expires/d:

Expiry of "Run-off" cover (if any):

Limit of Indemnity:

Deductible/Excess applicable:

Annual Premium:

7.2 For the type of Insurance now being proposed, has any Insurer ever:

a) declined a Proposal or renewal for this Practice or any Partner/Principal? Yes No

b) required an increased premium or imposed special terms? Yes No

c) cancelled an Insurance? Yes No

If yes, please provide full details:

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7.3 Do you require cover in respect of any liability incurred but not discovered prior to the effecting of this insurance at a single premium to be negotiated (Retroactive cover)? Yes No



8. Fee income (as at the company's financial year end)

8.1 What is the date of the Company's financial year-end?

8.2 Please declare audited fee income figures for the last 5 completed financial years (which must include contingency fees and fees paid to sub-contractors):

DEFINITIONS

"Construction" means installation, manufacture, repair, dismantling and the like.

"Design and Consulting Services" means all activities of a similar nature such as drawing up specifications, supervision of implementation of designs and specifications, project management of the structural manufacturing, installation or repair of projects.

8.2.1

Final value of ALL your contracts	During the past financial year	Estimate for the current financial year	In RSA	Foreign
a) In progress	R	R	R	R
b) Completed or to be completed in the respective financial years	R	R	R	R
Total of ALL contracts	R	R	R	R

8.2.2

Split the "Total of ALL contracts" into the final values contracts in which you perform (ed):	During the past financial year	Estimate for the current financial year	In RSA	Foreign
a) Construction only	R	R	R	R
b) Design, consulting and construction	R	R	R	R
c) Design and construction only	R	R	R	R
Totals of ALL contracts	R	R	R	R

8.2.3

Turnover	During the past financial year	Estimate for the current financial year	In RSA	Foreign
	R	R	R	R

8.2.4 Please give the details of the notional or actual fees accrued by the Design and Consulting Department

	During the past financial year	Estimate for the current year
Where the firm constructs own design by this department	R	R
Where design and consulting services are performed for other and the firm does no construction	R	R
Total	R	R

9. Quotations required

Kindly advise what limits you would like terms for:

Limit any one Period of Insurance

R

R

R

Deductibles

R

R

R

(Note: Limit any one period of insurance is inclusive of costs and expenses).

10. Approximate percentage of estimated gross income accruing from various activities

Discipline	Percentage
Construction management	
Design supervision only	
Supervision of construction where the design is being undertaken by another firm	
Supervision of construction where the design and physical construction is being undertaken by you	
Engineering	
Civil	
Structural	
Mechanical	
Electrical	
Agricultural	
Aviation	
Chemical/Petrochemical	
Marine	
Fire	
Process plant	
Geotechnical	
Nuclear	
Mining	
Underground structures/tunnelling	
Processing	
Above surface structures	
Environmental	
Pollution and contamination	
Landfill reclamation and design	
Assessments	
Project Management	
Project Management (supervision of construction of designs from other firms)	
Project Management (supervision of construction of own designs)	
Principal/Employers Agent	
Miscellaneous	
Architecture	
Interior design	
Landscaping	
Quantity surveying	
Land surveying	
Town planning	
Health and safety consulting	
Draughtsmen	
Facilities management	
Expert witness	
Total	100%

11. If involved in Project Management, please indicate below which activities you are responsible for:

Feasibility Studies (General)	Flowsheets
Road Routing Design and Feasibility	Drafting of Contract Conditions
Cost Estimates	Quantity Estimates
Cash Flow Forecasts	Instructions to Renderers
Geotechnical Services	Tender Adjudication/Recommendation
Design Criteria	Approval of Detailed Design
Working Drawings	Co-ordination
Expediting	Supervision of Commissioning
Quality Control/Assurance	Certify Final Completion
Arranging Site Insurances	Issuing Variation Orders
Supervision of Installation/Construction	Settling Contractual Claims
Measurement	Certify Final Payment
Authorisation of Progress Payments	Clearing, Forwarding and Customs Clearance Duties
Administration of Retention Fund	Others

12. Approximate percentage applicable to these specified projects as a percentage of the total work carried out in the last 12 months:

Activities	Percentage
Feasibility studies, reports, surveys, etc. (where not involved in actual design work)	
Bridges and/or Tunnels	
Dams	
High Rise Buildings (if more than 2 storeys, please provide details of specialist advise obtained)	
Harbours/Jetties/Wet Works	
Sewerage Schemes	
Foundations and Underpinning	
Soil Testing	
Water Schemes and/or Reservoirs	
Nuclear or Atomic Projects	
Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning	
Chemical, Petro-chemicals and Refineries	
Housing Schemes (if any, attach full details, specifically whether it includes "Low Cost Housing" Projects)	
Mines	
Schools, Hospitals and Municipal Buildings	
Mechanical Plant and Bulk Handling Equipment (including Silos, etc.)	
Industrial Systems Buildings	
Pipelines	
Other work, including any specialist activities not shown above. (Please attach full details)	
TOTAL	100%

13. Gautrain Project

13.1 Is/will/were your practice involved in any work on the Gautrain Project? Yes No

If yes, please provide the following information:

- a) Commencement Date and Project Period:
- b) Run-off Period:
- c) Anticipated fees (Total and by year):
- d) Type of/Details of Contract:
- e) Contract Value:

14. Tidal waters (ocean, coastal, river mouth or estuarine waters coming under continual influence of the tides) (if applicable)

a) Is or will your practice operate or undertake any projects that could be affected by tidal waters? Yes No

b) Is or will your practice operate or undertake any projects on reclaimed coastal land? Yes No
If yes, please provide the following information:

- i) Are these projects normal to your business practice? Yes No
- ii) What is your experience in this discipline?
- iii) Do you employ the necessary specialists within your practice? Yes No
- iv) Are the techniques used tried and tested or new?
- v) Advise the anticipated fees from such projects R
- vi) Advise any previous losses/circumstances:

15. Pipelines (if applicable)

- a. What is your experience in this field?
- b. Are you duly qualified and experienced in this field? Yes No
- c. Do you have sufficient resources to service such a project? Yes No
- d. Break down of 5 largest projects:

Location	Length and width of pipeline	Purpose/what product will be transported through it	Value of contract	Estimated project duration

16. Mining (if applicable)

16.1 Split of work across mining types

Activity	Percentage %	Activity	Percentage %
Placer mining		Mountaintop mining	
Open-pit mining		In situ mining	
Underground mining		Coal mining	
Surface mining		Deep sea mining	
Dredging		Other (please specify)	
Total			100%

16.2 What is your experience in this field?

16.3 Are you duly qualified and experienced in this field? Yes No

16.4 Do you have sufficient resources to service such a project? Yes No

16.5 Detailed description of services in respect of mining activities or clients

16.6 Breakdown of 5 largest projects

Location/Name of mine	Type of mine	Scope of services	Value of contract	Estimated project duration

17. Bridges and/or Tunnels (if applicable)

17.1 What is your experience in this field?

17.2 Are you duly qualified and experienced in this field? Yes No

17.3 Do you have sufficient resources to service such a project? Yes No

17.4 Breakdown of 5 largest projects:

Location	Purpose	Length and height	Value of contract	Estimated project duration

18. Water schemes and/or reservoirs (if applicable)

18.1 What is your experience in this field?

18.2 Are you duly qualified and experienced in this field? Yes No

18.3 Do you have sufficient resources to service such a project? Yes No

18.4 Breakdown of 5 largest projects:

Location	Purpose	Length and height	Value of contract	Estimated project duration

19. Dams and tailings dams (if applicable)

19.1 How old is the dam/s?

19.2 Who designed the dam?

19.3 Distance and population of closest human occupied town (downstream)
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19.4 What is the frequency of audits/reviews by an independent expert for each dam?

19.5 What is the date of last audit by an independent contractor and name of auditing organisation and the name of the engineer for each dam?
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19.6 How often is the dam stability inspected?

19.7 Who is responsible for the maintenance of the dam and what is their experience in this field?
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19.8 What are the contractual obligations between the owner of the dam and the insured?
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19.9 What is the sign-off process on tailings dam reports?

19.10 Do you manage any tailings dams? Yes No

If yes details to be provided including but not limited to name and location, duration of maintenance contract, scope of maintenance responsibilities, when was the last inspection undertaken and whether there have been any adverse findings or events in the past 10 years on the tailings dam.

19.11 Have there been any significant findings on dams for which you provide any professional services for?

Yes No

If yes details to be provided

19.12 Please detail seepage monitoring instruments and systems used for each dam:
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19.13 Please detail water level monitoring instruments and systems used for each dam:
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19.14 Breakdown of 5 largest projects:

Location	Purpose	Capacity of dam	Operational status of dam (Operational/Care and maintenance or rehabilitation)	Value of contract	Estimated project duration

20. Nuclear or atomic projects

20.1 What is your experience in this field?

20.2 Are you duly qualified and experienced in this field? Yes No

20.3 Do you have sufficient resources to service such a project? Yes No
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20.4 Breakdown of 5 largest projects:

Location	Name of substance	Scope of services	Value of contract	Estimated project duration

21. Chemical, petro-chemicals and refineries

21.1 What is your experience in this field?

21.2 Are you duly qualified and experienced in this field? Yes No

21.3 Do you have sufficient resources to service such a project? Yes No

21.4 Breakdown of 5 largest projects:

Location	Name of substance	Scope of services	Value of contract	Estimated project duration

Declaration

- I/we declare that after proper enquiry the statements and particulars given above are true and that I/we have not miss-stated or suppressed any material fact.
- I/we agree that this Proposal Form, together with any other material information supplied by me/us shall form the basis of any contract of insurance effected thereon.
- I/we undertake to inform Insurers of any material alteration to these facts occurring before the completion of the contract.

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Signed on behalf of Insured

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Full name

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Position held at Insured

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Date

Protection of Personal Information

We understand that the information provided in this application for insurance or in relation to any report of a Defined Event and any claim and all documentation provided therewith may be deemed to be personal information in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act 2013 (the POPI Act) and we will accordingly take all reasonable steps to ensure that your information is processed/used/stored in accordance with the POPI Act and for the following purposes:

- To perform our rights and obligations under the Policy;
- To verify the information disclosed herein against any other source;
- To communicate with you directly should you request us to and in accordance with relevant regulatory requirements;
- To compile non-personal statistical information to assist in assessing similar risks;
- To assess the risk to be underwritten and, if a Policy of insurance is issued pursuant to and based upon such information, to use the disclosed information at claims stage to assess any claims that may be made against any such insurances;



- To transmit your personal information to any affiliate, subsidiary, service provider/consultant/advisor or re-insurer so that we can provide insurance services to you and to enable us to further our legitimate interests including statistical analysis, reinsurance and credit control;
- To combat insurance fraud and properly evaluate risks, we will store your personal information on a shared database created by the South African Insurance Association (SAIA) in order to verify it against available sources and databases on the system.

Personal information of minors

If any information provided herein relates to a minor (i.e. a child under the age of 18) we require that a competent person (parent/legal guardian) provide consent to the processing of such information for the above purposes and for any purpose that is compatible therewith.

I, (full name and role of competent person), hereby provide my consent to the processing of any information provided herein relating to any minor whose details are provided in the Policyholder & Dependent Information and Option Selection sheet contained herein for the purpose as disclosed above. I further understand that I have the right to withdraw this consent at any time but that this may mean that any insurance issued pursuant to this application may be terminated and/or that any claims issued against such insurance may not be able to be finalised.

Further disclosures

Please note that there may be instances where we will be required to transfer your personal information outside South African borders, generally for purposes of furthering the Insurer's legitimate interests regarding reinsurance or for the processing of any claim made from outside South African borders. However, before transferring your personal information, we will ensure that the entity to whom the information is being transferred is subject to similar data protection conditions as those imposed by the POPI Act failing which we will advise you accordingly and request your consent to transfer information as required.

Note that the provision of the information required/requested herein is mandatory as it is necessary for us to accurately underwrite the insurances, which you are hereby applying for, and if any information is withheld or is misrepresented the Insurer may be entitled to void any insurances issued pursuant to this application.

Although any insurance issued pursuant to this application will be reviewed annually (where appropriate) it is your responsibility to ensure that the information provided to the Insurer remains accurate and up to date, we therefore encourage you to contact us at any time to advise us of changes to the information provided.

In addition, you may contact us at any time to exercise the following rights that you have in terms of the POPI Act (subject to any regulatory obligations placed on us/Santam Ltd):

- To request that we provide you with access to your personal information held/processed by us;
- To request that we erase or correct the your personal information that we hold (where appropriate/possible);
- To request that we transfer any personal information held by us to you or to any other person/system selected by you in a structured, commonly used and machine-readable format;
- To request that we restrict the processing of your personal information for reasons provided for in the POPI Act.

Should you wish to lodge a complaint regarding our compliance with the POPI Act or in respect of the processing of your personal information, please contact the Santam Client Care department (contact details below):

Email: complaints@santam.co.za

Telephone: 0860 102 725

Fax: (021) 915 7434

Alternately, you also have the right to approach the South African Information Regulator (contact details below) should the above process not adequately address your concerns.

Email: complaints.IR@justice.gov.za

Postal address: PO Box 31533, Braamfontein, Johannesburg

Physical address: JD House, 27 Stiemens Street, Braamfontein, Johannesburg, 2001