

# **Engineers Professional Indemnity Insurance Proposal Form**



#### **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

The proposed insurance is issued on a 'claims made' basis. This means that the policy responds to:

- claims first made against the insured during the policy period and notified to Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions
  Pty Ltd during that policy period, providing that the insured
  was not aware, at any time prior to the policy inception,
  of circumstances which would have alerted a reasonable
  person in the insured's position that a claim may be made
  against the insured; and
- 'claims circumstances' notified pursuant to Section 40 (3) of the Insurance Contracts Act which states:

'where the insured gave notice in writing to the insurer of facts that might give rise to a claim against the insured as soon as was reasonably practicable after the insured became aware of those facts but before the insurance cover provided by the contract expired, the insurer is not relieved of liability under the contract in respect of the claim, when made, by reason only that it was made after the expiration of the period of insurance cover provided by the contract'.

After policy expiry, no new claims can be made on the expired policy even though the event giving rise to the claim may have occurred during the policy period.

If during the policy period you become aware of circumstances which a reasonable person in your position would consider may give rise to a claim, and which you fail to notify to us during the policy period, we may not cover you under a subsequent policy for any claim which arises from these circumstances.

When completing the proposal you are obliged to report and provide full details of all circumstances of which you are aware and which a reasonable person in your position would consider may give rise to a claim.

It is important that you make proper disclosure (see **Duty of Disclosure**, below) so that your cover under any new policy with us is not compromised.

## Pursuant to the *Insurance Contracts Act* your duty to disclose all relevant information is set out below.

#### **Duty of Disclosure**

Before entering into a contract of general insurance, you have a duty, under the Insurance Contracts Act, to disclose to us every matter that you are aware of, or could reasonably be expected to be aware of, that is relevant to our decision about insuring you and if so, on what terms. You have the same duty to disclose these matters to us before you renew, extend, vary or reinstate a contract of general insurance.

Your duty however does not require disclosure of matter -

- · that diminishes the risk to be undertaken by us;
- that is of common knowledge;
- that we know or, in the ordinary course of our business, ought to know;
- as to which compliance with your duty is waived by us.

You should note that your duty continues after the proposal form has been completed until the policy is entered into, i.e. until the date we receive instructions to bind cover.

#### Non-disclosure

If you fail to comply with your duty of disclosure, we may be entitled to reduce our liability under the policy in respect of a claim or may cancel the policy. If your non-disclosure is fraudulent, we may also have the option of avoiding the contract from its beginning. It is therefore vital that you enquire of all entities comprising the insured, including senior staff, before completing the proposal form and before you sign any declaration confirming no change in the information disclosed.

#### **Retroactive Liability**

The proposed insurance may be limited by a retroactive date either stated in the schedule or endorsed onto the policy. Where the retroactive cover provided by the proposed policy is subject to such a date, then the policy does not cover any claim arising from actual or alleged act, error, omission or conduct occurring prior to such retroactive date.

#### **Average Provision**

One of the insuring provisions of the proposed insurance may provide that where the amount required to dispose of a claim exceeds the limit of the sum insured in the policy then Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd shall be liable only for a proportion of the total costs and expenses. This shall be the same proportion of the total expenses as the policy limit bears to the total amount required to dispose of the claim.

# Surrender of Waiver of any Right of Contribution or Indemnity

If another person or company is liable to compensate you or hold you harmless for part or all of any loss or damage otherwise covered by our policy, but you agree with that person or company (either before or after the inception of our policy) that you would not seek to recover any loss or damage from them, we will not cover you for this loss or damage.

#### Wholesale only

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd is only licensed to offer or provide General Insurance products or services which do not include any of the following types of General Insurance (which are defined by the Corporations Act as "retail"): Motor Vehicle, Home Building, Home Contents, Sickness and Accident, Consumer Credit, Travel, Personal or Domestic Property, Medical Indemnity or any other kind of General Insurance which has been prescribed by the Corporations Regulations.

# About Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd

Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd, ABN 14 606 511 639, specialises in Professional Risk insurance (including Professional Indemnity Insurance, Malpractice Insurance, Information & Communication Technology Insurance, Management Liability Insurance and similar products).

Pacific Indemnity's Australian Financial Service Licence number is 480863



# **Engineers Professional Indemnity Insurance Proposal Form**

## 1. Details of Proposer

(a) Full legal name(s) of each natural person & incorporated body to be insured, and any Trading Name(s)	
(b) ABN	
(c) Contact Person	
(d) Commencement Date of business	
(e) Name(s) of any legal entity the business has operated under other than the one in answer to Q1(a)	
(f) Name(s) of any other business your business has purchased, merged or consolidated with	
2. Address	
(a) Street Address	
(b) Suburb	
(c) State	
(d) Postcode	
(e) Postal Address (if different)	
(f) Telephone	
(g) Email Address	
(h) Website	
(i) Other office locations	



## 3. Details of the proposed Insured's principals/partners/directors:

Name	Qualifications	Years as a principal of this practice	Years as a principal of prior practice	Name of prior practice in which you were a principal
4. Number of full-time equivalent staff	in the followin	g categories:		
Partners/principals/directors				
Professional/technical staff				
Administration/support staff				
Other staff (please specify)				
Total				
5. a) Details of Professional Services pro	ovided			
5. b) Have you previously undertaken a	any types of Pi	rofessional Servic	es	YES NO
which are not now undertaken (If "Yo	es", please provide	e details)		



## 6. Total amount of the Proposed Insured's Gross Fee Income for the following periods

(a) Previous 12 months	\$
(b) Last 12 months	\$
(c) Next 12 months	\$

Fee income should also include income from joint ventures and fees attributable to sub-contractors and sub-consultants.

# 7. a) Please allocate the professional services undertaken by you and forming part of question 5 a) and b) above into the following professional services:

<b>Professional Service</b>	%Fee Income	<b>Professional Service</b>	%Fee Income
Acoustic Engineering	%	Mining Engineering	%
Chemical Engineering	%	Process/ Control System Engineering	%
Civil Engineering	%	Project/ Construction Management	%
Electrical Engineering	%	Structural Engineering	%
Environmental Engineering	%	Engineering Drafting	%
Geotechnical Engineering	%	Architecture	%
Heating/ Ventilation/ Air Conditioning Engineering	%	Interior Design	%
Hydraulic Engineering	%	Landscaping	%
Marine Engineering	%	Surveying – please specify below	%
Mechanical Engineering	%	Town Planning	%
		Other – please provide details below	%
			Total 100%



## 7. b) Please categorise the professional services undertaken by project type

Project Type	%Fee Income	Project Type	%Fee Income	
Residential Buildings	%	Dams	%	
Commercial Buildings	%	Roads	%	
Industrial Buildings	%	Harbours/ Jetties	%	
Institutional Buildings	%	Sewerage plants	%	
Modular Buildings	%	Waste disposal treatment	%	
Fairground Structures	%	Pollution Control Systems Design	%	
Mines	%	Pre-purchase inspections	%	
Oil and Gas Pipelines	%	Land surveying	%	
Petrochemical plants/ refineries	%	Building surveying	%	
Nuclear Facilities	%	Marine surveying	%	
Foundations/ Underpinning	%	Quantity surveying	%	
Bridges/Tunnels	%	Other – please provide details below	%	
			Total 100%	
3. Does any one contract or Proposed Insured's turno	ver?	nt more than 30% of the ent and what services(s) are provided)	YE	S NO



Name of contract or project	Nature of Services	Contract period	Contract Value
		to	\$
Please advise the average value of	f your contracts	\$	
Are any of the Proposed Insured's Australia or provided to clients bas		formed outside of	YES N
Australia of provided to clients bas	ed outside of Australia:		
es", please give details of the name of the cl	ient(s), the country they are loca	ated within and what service	ce(s) are provided
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	Country	Services pro	·
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Name of client(s)	Country	Services pro	ovided
	Country  dertaken work in respect of	Services pro	ovided
Name of client(s)  Has the Proposed Insured ever un	Country  dertaken work in respect of project insurance policy?  at and the gross income/fees recome.	of which any potential	YES N
Has the Proposed Insured ever uncivil liability is covered by a specific fee,", please provide brief details of the project project —and when the project was comp	Country  dertaken work in respect of project insurance policy?  at and the gross income/fees recome.	of which any potential	YES N
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Has the Proposed Insured ever uncivil liability is covered by a specific fee,", please provide brief details of the project project —and when the project was comp	Country  dertaken work in respect of project insurance policy?  at and the gross income/fees recome.	of which any potential	YES N



# **Risk Management Questions**

14. Does the Proposed Insured have a formal evaluation and approval process, including involvement of the Proposed Insured's principals, to engage new clients or accept new projects?	YES	NO
If "No", please provide details of why not		
15. Does the Proposed Insured always use standard written contracts with clients that clearly outline the scope of services provided and contain appropriate limitations of liability? If "Yes", please provide a copy as part of this submission.	YES	NO
If "No" to the above question, does the Proposed Insured always use internal or external legal counsel to review non-standard contracts with clients?	YES	NO
If "No", to either of the two questions above, please provide additional details below		
16. Does the Proposed Insured operate any quality assurance systems, or utilise risk	YES	NO
management programs, or belong to a limitation of liability scheme?  If "Yes", please give details		
17. Does the Proposed Insured work on innovative designs?	YES	NO
If "Yes", please confirm there are no aspects of the proposed project, which comprise of any unusual, innovati hazardous features, either in terms of professional activities, construction methods or contractual liabilities.	ive, prototyp	oe or



18. Do the Proposed Insured's principals, partners, directors and employees participate in continuing professional development (internal or external)?	YES	NO
If "No", please provide details of why not		
19. Does the Proposed Insured use independent specialist consultants or sub- contractors to perform professional services on the Proposed Insured's behalf?	YES	NO
If "Yes", do you always insist that such specialist consultants or subcontractors hold and maintain professional indemnity insurance?	YES	NO
If "No", please provide details of why not		_
20. Has the Proposed Insured been involved in a joint venture or alliance in the last 10 years, or is the Proposed Insured contemplating engaging in a joint venture or alliance in the next 12 months?	YES	NO
If "Yes" then please provide the details of the name of your partner(s), the structure of the joint venture or alliallocation of liabilities, the nature of the work conducted by each joint venture or alliance partner, the period or alliance, and turnover or fees derived from the joint venture or alliance by you:		
21. Have you ever taken an equity stake in a project, or do you anticipate taking an		
equity stake in a project that you also provide design and construct services for?  If "Yes", please provide details of how you separate your roles as an equity holder and participant in the same you limit your liability?	YES  e project and	<b>NO</b> d how



22. Does the Proposed Insured ever enter into Build Own and Operate (BOO) contracts or Build Own Operate and Transfer Projects (BOOT) contracts?	YES	NO
If "Yes", please provide details of your prior experience for these type of contracts and how you manage your r various stages of the contract?	isk in each	or the
23. Does the Proposed Insured ever sign contracts where liability for consequential or indirect loss is accepted?	YES	NO
If "Yes", please provide details of how you separate your roles as an equity holder and participant in the same you limit your liability?	project and	d how
24. Does the Proposed Insured ever agree to hold harmless any third party for claims arising from their services?	YES	NO
If "Yes", please provide details		
25. Does the Proposed Insured ever enter into contracts that limit the other parties' liability (including clients, sub-contractors or joint venture partners)?	YES	NO
If "Yes", please provide details		
26. Does the Proposed Insured ever agree to contract out of proportionate liability legislation?	YES	NO
If "Yes", please provide details		



## **Deeds of Novation**

27. a) Has the Proposed Insured ever accepted responsibility for the professional work of another party by way of deed of novation or similar arrangement in the last 10 years?	YES	NO
If "Yes", please provide details, including details of the contracts and the due diligence you have performed, a	and go to 27	'.b)
27. b) If "Yes" to 27.a) above, has any Claim arising from a Deed of Novation ever been made against the Proposed Insured, its Subsidiaries or, after enquiry of the Partners/Principals/Directors, is the proposer or its	YES	NO
Subsidiaries aware of any circumstances which may give rise to a Claim against the Proposed Insured, its Subsidiaries, or any of its Partners/ Principals/Directors or employees?		
If "Yes", please give details of the Date of Claim, Details of each Claim, Claimant, Amount Paid and/or Outsta precautions have been taken to prevent a recurrence	ınding and v	what
28. Is the Proposed Insured currently contemplating entering into a Deed of Novation that you wish to specifically cover under the proposed policy?	YES	NO
If "Yes", please provide details, including details of the contract and the due diligence you have performed		



## **Claims Information**

been or is there no Subsidiaries, its p Principals/Directo	the Partners/Principals/Directors and employees, has there now pending a claim against the Proposed Insured, its predecessors in business or its current or former Partners/ ors or employees for a Civil Liability in the performance of ured's Professional Services?			YES	NC
"Yes", please give details					
Date of Claim	Details of ea	ach Claim	Claimant	Amount Paid a Outstandir	
1 1				\$	
1 1				\$	
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Proposed Insured incident which ma Subsidiaries or its	he Partners/Principal or any of its Subsidia y give rise to a claim Partners/ Principals/	against the Propo	sed Insured, its		
Proposed Insured incident which ma Subsidiaries or its "Yes", please give details	or any of its Subsidia y give rise to a claim	against the Propo Directors or empl	sed Insured, its	Amount Paid Outstand	
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Proposed Insured incident which ma Subsidiaries or its  "Yes", please give details  Name of Practice and/ or Principal  1. After enquiry of the Proposed Insured of investigation (actuor any Partner / Principal	or any of its Subsidia y give rise to a claim Partners/ Principals/	against the Proportion of Directors or employees under an instance of any proposed Insured apployees under an instance of any proposed Insured apployees under an insured apployees under a insured apployees under	oyees?  of each Claim  oployees, is the prosecution or large any Subsidiary, y International,	Outstand \$	



ever been subj	of the Partners/Principals/Directors and employees, has the red, any Subsidiary or any Partner/Principal/Director or employee ject to any disciplinary action, been fined or penalised, or been an inquiry investigating or alleging professional misconduct?	YES	NO
If "Yes", please give de	tails		
Details of (	Current Insurance		
	late does the Proposed Insured have Professional Indemnity ently in force that has been paid for?	YES	NO
If "Yes", please state			
Insurer			
Indemnity Limit			
Expiry Date			
Retroactive Date			
	psed Insured ever had any Insurer decline a proposal, pecial terms, cancelled or refused to renew a Professional	YES	NO
Indemnity Insu	mance Policy:		



## 35. Please advise the preferred Policy Limit and Excess

Policy limit				
\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$10,000,000	
Other \$				
Excess				
\$2,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	
Other \$				
Stamp Duty				
36. For the purpose o gross income/fees		p Duty please state th each state in the last		Proposed Insured's
NSW VIC	QLD SA	WA TAS A	ACT NT Overs	seas <b>Total</b>
%	%	%	% %	%
*If "Yes" to overseas opera	itions, please give detai	ls of the overseas work		
Additional info				list any accompanying



## **Declaration**

I/We hereby declare that:

My/Our attention has been drawn to the Important Notice accompanying this Proposal form and further I/we have read these notices carefully and acknowledge my/our understanding of their content by my/our signature/s below.

The above statements are true, and I/we have not suppressed or mis-stated any facts and should any information given by me/us alter between the date of this Proposal form and the inception date of the insurance to which this Proposal relates I/we shall give immediately notice thereof.

I/we agree that, by submitting this form, the personal information I/we provide to Pacific Indemnity Underwriting Solutions Pty Ltd in this form or otherwise may be collected, held, used and disclosed in the manner set out in the Pacific Indemnity Privacy Policy including for processing this application and providing me/us with cover.

I/We also confirm that the undersigned is/are authorised to act for and on behalf of all persons who may be entitled to indemnity under any policy which may be issued pursuant to this Proposal form and I/we complete this Proposal form on their behalf.

To be signed by the Chairman/President/Managing Partner/Managing Director/Principal of the association/partnership/ company/practice/business.

Name:	
Title:	
Signature:	
Date:	

It is important the signatory/signatories to the Declaration is/are fully aware of the scope of this insurance so that all questions can be answered. If in doubt, please contact your insurance broker since non-disclosure may affect an Insured's right of recovery under the policy or lead to it being avoided.