#### **Financial Adviser Professional Indemnity Insurance**

#### Proposal Form 2020

1. Fi	rm name and address				
1.1	Name of practice and any other legal nan trading names or trading styles	nes,			
1.2	Address of head office and other location where sales and advice is provided maximum of three, if more please provide separate provides and advice is provided maximum of three please provides and advice is provided maximum of three please provides and advice is provided maximum of three please provides and advice is provided maximum of three please provides and advice is provided maximum of three please p				
1.3	Date of establishment				
1.4	Date of authorisation leave blank if acting as an AR of another firm				
1.5	Is the firm chartered?				Yes No
1.6	Have any of the firms or related entities ( or in the process of being wound up or ha If yes provide details separately?		nd up/dissolved		Yes No
2. A	uthorised Representatives (ARs)				
2.1	Does the firm have any ARs				Yes No
2.2	How many ARs does the firm have				
	Please provide details of all current Appointed F	Representatives, if more than fi	ve, please provide de	tails separately	
Naı	nes of appointed representatives			Date	joined as an AR
2.3	Has the firm ever been an authorised rep If yes please provide details separately artners/Principals/Directors	resentative of another firm	or network		Yes No
3.1		rtners or Principals of the F	irm		
3.1	riease provide details of all Directors, Fa	Titlers of Fillicipals of the F	11111.		
Naı	mes of Directors, Partners, Principals	Position	Qualifications	Years Qualifie	d Number of years with firm

4. A	avisers, technical and non-technic	ai stait			
4.1	Number of advisers (CF30) employed				
4.2	Number of advisers (CF30) self-emple	oyed			
4.3	Number of Pension Transfer Specialis	sts (PTS)			
4.4	Number of dedicated mortgage advis	ers			
4.5	Number of paraplanners and technica	al staff			
4.6	those that are subject to certification  Number of dedicated compliance star	ff			
4.7	Number of non-certified support staff				
4.8	Total number of permanent staff in the including self-employed				
4.9	Are self-employed advisers treated as compliance and T&C?	Yes No			
4.10	Do all advisers hold a Statement of Precognised by the regulator	Yes No			
4.11	Are all advisers qualified to the minim	Yes No			
4.12	How many employees or partners have				
5. Co	ompliance				
5.1	Please list the full details of each men	mber of your compliance staff			
Nar	nes of Compliance staff	Position	Qualifications	Years Qualified	Number of years with firm
5.2	Does the firm use an external complia	ance firm or consultant			Yes No
5.3	Please provide name of firm, or if an	ndividual provide details of relev	ant credentials		
5.4	When was the specialist firm or cons	ultant appointed?			
5.5	Please detail the services provided ar	nd regularity of services/visits			
	·				
5.5	How many times per year does the sp	acialist firm visit your offices?			
5.6	What proportion of files are checked	,	ant		%
5.7	What proportion of files are checked				70
	a. investment advice				%
	b. pension advice				%
	c. other areas of advice				%

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Total

6. C	lients							
6.1	Total number of current clients							
6.2	Number of clients per adviser							
6.3	How many clients does the firm have that you	would classify as high net worth	?					
6.4	Do you have a minimum threshold for investab			Yes No				
	If yes, what is the threshold amount?							
6.5	•	ice to people outside of the geographic area that they currently operate s from the location of any trading office						
	If yes, how does the firm facilitate client meetings?							
7. In	come							
7.1	List gross consolidated income in the years for	r all firms to be covered under th	e proposed policy.					
	Please provide at least three (3) years worth of da	ata.						
	This should include all brokerage/commission/fee income including trail/renewal commission							
	<ul> <li>Income should be for the business to be insured, activities, accountancy, legal advice etc.</li> </ul>	not including activities that will not be	e insured under this policy, e.g.	. any unregulated				
		Date of year end	Gross income					
	Estimate for the forthcoming Financial Year		£					
	Last Complete Financial Year (LCFY)		£					
	Previous Financial Year		£					
	Previous Financial Year		£					
	Previous Financial Year		£					
7.2	Does the firm provide any services, promote or regulation?If so please provide details separat		subject to	Yes No				
7.3	What percentage of your income in the LCFY wor transactional	vas of a recurring nature rather t	han new	%				
7.4	What percentage of your investment advice is	of a holistic nature?		%				
8. A	reas of Advice							
8.1	In consideration of the last complete financial year categories	ar, please provide the approximate	split of the total gross incor	,				
	Category		within past 10 years?	% of income within LCFY				
	i. Pensions		Yes No	%				
	ii. Investments		Yes No	%				
	iii. Employee Benefits		Yes No	%				
	iv. Mortgages/Bridging Loans/Equity Release		Yes No	%				
	v. General Insurance		Yes No	%				
	vi. Life & Protection (including health)		Yes No	%				
	vii. Long-Term Care (LTC)		Yes No	%				
	viii. Other (please supply full details)		Yes No	%				

100 %

8.2	Please indicate the number of pension	ns and investments in the following categor	ies			
		No. of individual investments in LCFY	No. of individual invest 10 years	tments in tl	ne last	
Valu	ed less than £300,000					
Valu	ed equal to or greater than £300,000					
8.3	Is your advice given on an independe	nt or restricted basis		Ind.	Res.	
8.4	Does the firm use a risk profiling tool	?		Yes	No	
8.4.1	If yes, which tool do you use?					
8.5	Is a client's capacity for loss and attitude to risk always evaluated before assessing the suitability of investments?					
8.6	Does the firm allow any variation on a	an attitude to risk rating at a client's request	?	Yes	No	
8.7	How many clients have been advised	on an insistent basis?				
8.8	Is COBS 9.5A strictly adhered to when	Yes	No			
8.9	Have all advisers involved in LTC have		Yes	No		
8.10	If access to funds within an investment of the cumulative 5% allowance, the culsters, rather than by a partial surre		Yes	No		
8.11	If access to funds held within an investment chargeable event calculation is obtain any surrender, partial or full?	Yes	No			
8.11.	If no to either 8.10 or 8.11, is the client m	ax implications?	Yes	No		
8.12	Have you ever recommended and or	der to invest?	Yes	No		
8.13	Does the firm monitor asset class/product type concentration in respect of their clients Pension and Investment portfolios?			Yes	No	
8.14	Does the firm hold the clients written	permission on file before rebalancing their	portfolios?	Yes	No	
8.15	What maximum thresholds for any si	ngle asset class does the firm apply?			%	
8.16	Under what circumstances might you permission thresholds?	ı consider exceeding the above				
8.17	Can you confirm that at the time of a property funds does not, or did not prinvestments or pensions?		Yes	No		
8.18	In terms of total funds under influence	e, please provide the top three (3) investme	ent funds:			
Inve	stment Fund	Total Client Funds Invested	Number of Investment	s		
8.19	Approximately, what proportion of bu	usiness is sold on an execution-only basis?			%	
8.19.	Is any execution-only business fully docur	mented, including a signed instruction by the client	and recorded on file?	Yes	No	
8.20	Have any reviewable whole of life po	licies ever been arranged/advised upon?		Yes	No	
8.20.	If yes, how many?					
8.20.2	What percentage of these policies have h		%			

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8.20.3	Has the client been made aware, in writing, of any increased premium and/or loss of benefits a	the revie	w da	te?		Yes		No
8.21	Have any of the entities for whom cover is required under the proposed insurance policy issued any direct offer financial promotions to clients promoting a particular product (excluding ISA's)? If yes, please provide details on a separate sheet							No
8.21.1	If yes, have you disclosed this potential conflict of interest in writing to investors/clients					Yes		No 📗
8.22	Does the firm have a centralised investment proposition?					Yes		No 🗌
8.23	Does the firm have an investment committee?					Yes		No 📗
8.24	Does the firm utilise any external service/s for the purpose of assisting the centralis proposition?	sed inves	stm	ent		Yes		No
8.24.1	If yes, who?							
8.25	Does the firm utilise an external Discretionary Fund Manager (DFM) for their clients	?				Yes		No
8.25.1	If yes, who?							
8.26	Does the firm hold its own FCA permissions for Discretionary Fund Management?  If yes please provide details separately							No
Regard	ling those investments that are being handled via an external DFM							
8.27.1	Who is the agent of the client, the adviser or the investor?					Adv.		Inv.
8.27.2	Is your firm responsible for the initial and ongoing suitability of the underlying investment funds	?				Yes		No
8.27.3	.3 Is your firm responsible for informing the client of any drop of 10% or more in value of investment holdings/portfolio?							No
8.27.4	7.4 Please confirm that you have reviewed all terms of business with the DFM and are aware of any other duties that fall on the firm if acting as Agent of the client							No
8.27.5	5 Has the proposer ever provided advice/services with regards to any pension unlocking, pension busting or any pension liberation scheme?							No
If the fir	m has advised on or facilitated any of the following products for its clients, please complete the t	ollowing						
8.28	Products/Service						No. o	f cases
	i. Structured Products (where there is a geared downside)	Yes		No				
	ii. Hedge Funds	Yes		No				
	iii. Non Mainstream Pooled Investments	Yes		No				
	iv. Any Investment for Tax Structuring, Planning or Mitigation (excluding ISA's)	Yes		No				
	v. Traded Life Policies, Endowments, Viatical Settlements/Life Settlement Products	Yes		No				
	vi. Speculative mini-bonds (including where held within an ISA)	Yes		No				
	vii. Traded Endowment Plans	Yes		No				
	viii. Exchange Traded Products (synthetic)	Yes		No				
	ix. Any Geared or Leveraged Investment	Yes		No				
	x. Overseas Property Investments	Yes		No				
	xi. Own Branded Collective Investment Funds	Yes		No				
	xii. Pension Fund Trustee Services (including SIPP Trustees)	Yes		No				
	xiii. Pension Fund Management Services (including SIPP Management)	Yes		No				
	xiv. Pension Fund Administration Services (including SIPP Administration)	Yes		No				

If yes, please provide full details separately including details such as type of product, client status (retail, HNW, sophisticated, professional etc), date of investment, value of investment as a % of clients total portfolio, original investment value, current value and date of valuation.

8.29	Have any of these product risk? If yes, please provide			n or balanced attitude to	Yes No
8.30	Has the HMRC ever indica arranged on behalf of you If yes, please provide details s	Yes No			
8.31	Have any of your clients re	eceived an Accelerated	Payment Notice (APN)	from HMRC?	Yes No
9. Pe	nsions – Defined Benefit	Transfers (DBT)			
9.1	Has the firm ever provided	· · ·	/ facilitated Defined B	enefit Pension Transfers	Yes No
9.1.1	If yes, please complete the fo	ollowing table			
		Number of enquiries	Number advised to transfer	Number advised not to transfer	Incomplete enquiries
Befo	re April 2015				
	ril 2015 to 31 March 2016				]
	ril 2016 to 31 March 2017				]
	ril 2017 to 31 March 2018				]
-	ril 2018 to 31 March 2019		]		]
	ril 2019 to 31 March 2020		]		] []
			]		] []
Tota	ril 2020 to present				] []
Tota	I				
9.2	Please indicate the % of g	ross annual income deri	ived from DBT in LCFY		%
9.3	Estimated % of gross inco	me from DBT in the cur	rent financial year?		%
9.4	What is the average transf	fer value since April 201	5?		
9.5	What is the firms actual co	-			%
9.6	What is the largest transfe	er value your firm has fa	cilitated?		
9.7	Do you use marketing or d	lo you solicit for the pur	poses of attracting DB	T business to your firm?	Yes No
9.8	Have you advised on any I	DBT below £30,000			Yes No
9.8.1	If yes, please indicate how m	any here, and provide furthe	er details separately		
9.9	Have you ever provided DI	BT advice to clients on a	nn insistent basis?		Yes No
9.9.1	Was COBS 9.5A strictly adhe	red to when determining an	d dealing with these clien	ts?	Yes No
9.9.2	If yes, how many? Please pro	vide a detailed summary an	nd rationale of all cases se	parately	
9.10	Do you use third party intr	oducers to provide new	clients for the purpose	e of DBT?	Yes No
9.10.1	If yes, please provide a comp	plete list with the following o	details. If more than four (	4), please provide a full list sep	oarately
Nam pers	e of Introducer firm or on	FCA Authorised? (Yes/No)	Do they hold pension transfer permission (Yes/No)		Total number of transfers facilitated
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9.10.2	Were all introducers FCA regulated	Yes	No				
9.10.3	Do you undertake full due diligence	e on any introducers before enter	ing into an agreement?	Yes	No		
9.10.4	Does the firm retain clients for on-	going advice after an introduced	transfer has been completed?	Yes	No		
9.10.5	If no, how does the firm ensure it's con Please provide details separately abou	atinuing duty of care obligation to that of the thing the things of the	client?	Yes	No		
9.10.6	For all introduced cases, do you al	For all introduced cases, do you always;					
	i) advise on how the transfer proceed	ds are to be invested? and		Yes	No		
	ii) ensure that the proceeds have bee	Yes	No				
9.11	What is the highest critical yield the Benefit Pension Scheme?		%				
9. Pen	sions - QROPS/QNUPS						
9.12	Has the firm ever given advice on a If yes, please provide the following deta		en (10) years	Yes	No		
Numb	per of Transfers	Average Transfer Value	Largest Transfer Valu	ie			
	Does the firm have any arrangements in place with overseas financial advice firms to assist with the facilitation of these types of transactions?						
	Are clients always advised to seek t transfer via QROPS/QNUPS?	Yes	No				
9.15	Have any QROPS been arranged for a client that has remained a UK resident after the transfer? If yes, please provide details separately						
9. Pen	sions - SIPP and SSAS						
9.16	Has the firm ever given advice on a If yes, please provide the following deta		en (10) years	Yes	No		
Numb	per of Transfers	Average Transfer Value	Largest Transfer Valu	ie			
9.17	Has the firm ever administered or a which no advice or recommendatio If yes, please provide details separately	n has been given (including intro	ts has invested into products for ductions from third parties)?	Yes	No		
9.18	Has the firm either administered or overseas property or an unregulate If yes, please provide details separately	d collective investment scheme?	erlying investments were	Yes	No		
9.19	With regards to 9.17 and 9.18 abov If yes, please provide details separately		the subject of a complaint?	Yes	No		

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#### 10. Mortgages

10.1	In consideration of the la following categories	st complete financial yea	ar, please provide the app			ross income	by the		
	Mortgage Type			Advice or s within past		% of inco	me		
	i. Residential mortgages			Yes	No		%		
	ii. Equity release			Yes	No		%		
	iii. Buy-to-let mortgages			Yes	No		%		
	iv. Sales and rent back			Yes	No		%		
	v. Sub-prime mortgages			Yes	No		%		
	vi. Self-certification morto	gages		Yes	No		%		
	vii. Bridging finance			Yes	No		%		
	viii. Secure loans			Yes	No		%		
	ix. Commercial mortgage	s (other than above)		Yes	No		%		
	Total	,					100 %		
10.2	In respect of interest-only vehicle and that this is al	Yes	No						
10.3	Do the firm provide confirmation to any lender of the applicants income or the affordability of any self-certification mortgages?								
10.4	If a product with a lower interest rate was available at the time of advising the client, were the reasons for selecting the higher rate product documented  and explained to and signed off by the client?								
10.5	Has the firm ever received a data subject access request in relation to any equity release business?  If yes please provide details separately  No								
10. M	ortgages - Equity Relea	ase							
10.6	How many home reversion	on or lifetime mortgage c	ases has the firm arrang	ged in the following	periods				
		Number of enquiries	Number arranged	Advised against	Inc	complete end	quiries		
Curre	ent year								
Last	complete financial year								
Previ	ous years								
10.7	Please indicate the perce	entage of gross annual in	come derived from Equi	ty Release in LCFY			%		
10.8	Do all products arranged	comply with the Equity F	Release Council standard	ds?		Yes	No		
10.9	Have you given or will yo subsequent reinvestmen term care planning etc?	u give advice or arrange tof the fund realised, oth	the release of funds fror ner than in respect of car	n property and the re home fee planni	ng/long	Yes	No		
10.10	Were all other means of a making the recommenda			nvestigated prior t	0	Yes	No		
10.11	Were all beneficiaries or proposed arrangements? If no, please provide details	,	to be involved in meetin	gs regarding the		Yes	No		
10.12	Is a signed declaration he impacted by the arranger		ficiary or dependent that	t will potentially be		Yes	No		

Clien	t	Product Placed	Sum Insured	
1.5	Please indicate the three (3) large	est limits of liability or limits of ind	demnity and the product placed b	y the firm
Clien	t	Risk	Sum Insured	
1.4	Please provide details of the three the material damage and business			2S
1.3	Is the firm a Registered Lloyd's B	roker		Yes No
1.2	Does the firm hold any binding au other insurer or reinsurer? If yes, please provide a detailed list of		ompany, Lloyd's underwriter or	Yes No
	Total			100 %
	vii. Reinsurance		Yes No	0,
	vi. Aviation		Yes No	9
	v. Marine		Yes No	G
	iv. Personal lines (including moto	r, PPI, non-marine lines)	Yes No	
	iii. Commercial Motor		Yes No	
	ii. Residential Property		Yes No	
	i. Commercial Property		Yes No	
1.1	In consideration of the last comp following categories  Insurance Type	lete financial year, please provide	Advice or sales within past 10 year	,
	eneral Insurance			
0.19	Does the firm take account of the suspicious activity such as fraud,			Yes No
0.18	1 If yes, how often is this reviewed?			
	Does the firm retrospectively and	periodically review advice agains	st its VCP?	Yes No
	Are all cases peer reviewed by a			Yes No
	1 If yes, how often is this reviewed? If n			163 110
0.16	If not please provide details separate  Does the firm have a vulnerable of			Yes No
0.15	Does the firm only offer equity re	lease advice as part of an ongoin	g service agreement?	Yes No
	Dues the fifth seek and ducumen	t evidence for the use of funds re	leased?	Yes No

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12. Fi	delity		
12.1	Is the Firm authorised to receive/hold/control client monies?	Yes	No
12.1.1	If yes, do you keep client monies and client funds in designated and segregated client bank accounts, entirely separate from the firm's own monies? If no, please provide details separately	Yes	No
12.2	Has the firm sustained any loss through dishonesty or fraud of any employee or representative? If yes please provide details separately	Yes	No
12.3	Is the firm aware of any dishonesty or fraud at any time of any present or former Partner, Director, Proprietor, Employee or Representative?  If yes, please provide details separately	Yes	No
12.4	Does the Firm always require satisfactory written references (and credit/criminal record checks of advisers(s) when engaging new staff?	Yes	No
12.5	How often does the firm take their client account to trial balance		
12.6	Is any Partner/Director/Employee allowed to sign cheques above £5,000 on their sole signatures?	Yes	No
12.7	Is any sole Partner/Director/Employee allowed to Transfer client money electronically where the value of such transfer is above $£25,000$	Yes	No
13. Re	egulatory engagement		
13.1	What was the date of your last regulatory visit? (Please supply a copy of the Regulator's report)		
13.2	Have you been asked by the Regulator to take part in any risk-based monitoring?  If yes, please provide details separately together with a copy of the relevant report	Yes	No
13.3	Do you systems fully comply with the Regulators Treating Customers Fairly (TCF) Initiative?	Yes	No
13.4	Have you had any type of TCF and/or Risk Assessment audit from the Regulator?	Yes	No
13.5	Have you been asked by the Regulator to undertake any form of past business review (including, but not limited to Section 166 reviews)?  If yes please provide details and copy of relevant correspondence separately	Yes	No
14. Ri	sk management		
14.1	Do you provide written reviews to all serviced clients annually and comply with all duties provided in your Servicing agreements/Client Agreement proposition?	Yes	No
14.2	Is there a system in place to ensure any agreed on-going service commitments are made regularly?	Yes	No
14.3	Do you ever complete application forms on behalf of your clients?	Yes	No
14.3.1	If yes, do you ensure that the client signs the form following a thorough review of the content?	Yes	No
14.4	Do you keep clients records indefinitely? (subject to GDPR compliance)	Yes	No
14.5	Is the firm fully GDPR compliant?	Yes	No

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Yes

No

#### 15. Current and Previous Insurance Please give details of the current or expiring professional indemnity insurance policy held (Please disregard this question if currently insured with Inperio) i. Limit of Indemnity ii. Excess iii. Premium iv. Insurer v. Renewal Date vi. Period Continuous Insured 15.2 Are you aware of any previous run-off insurance policy that your firm is or may still be insured under Yes No for past liabilities, either as an AR or otherwise for which it may still be entitled to claim against? If yes, please provide details here Insurer or Scheme provider Effective date of insurance Comments Has any proposal for Professional Indemnity Insurance made on behalf of the Firm, or any of the present Partners or Directors or the Proprietor or, to the knowledge of the Firm, on behalf of their Predecessors in Business, ever been declined, or has any such insurance ever been cancelled or Yes No renewal refused, or any special premium increase or special terms imposed? If yes, please provide details separately 16. Claims and Circumstances Please provide a complete up to date complaints/claims log separately Has any advice or service been provided (including execution only and or non-advised business) where clients have or have had investments (including those within pension holdings) in products where either the Counterparty, Product Provider, Bank, or any other Financial Institution or Fund/ Yes Nο Investment is Insolvent, has a known Liquidity Problem, has Suspended Trading or has otherwise Failed or is under investigation by any regulatory authority, including the Police and/or Serious Fraud Office? **16.1.1** If yes, was this notified and accepted under a previous insurance policy? Yes No Is any Partner or Director aware, after enquiry, of any circumstances that are likely to result in any claim (including, but not limited to, any letters of complaint about your services or Data Subject Access Requests) being made against the Firm, or against any of the present or past Partners or No Directors or employees or representatives (including Locum's), or against any predecessor in husiness? If yes, please supply details separately including a summary, dates and the amount(s) involved

16.3 Have any claim or potential claims (including any letters of complaint about your services) been made against the Firm, or against any of the present Partners or Directors or the Proprietor or employees or

predecessors in business or any past Directors or Proprietor or employees of the Firm?

outstanding, reserves/amounts outstanding

representatives (including Locum's) of the Firm or, to the knowledge of the Firm, against any of the

If yes, please supply details separately including a summary, dates, paid amounts and, if the incident remains

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16.4		er ever been responsil Illowing years Insuran	ole for any Circumstand ce Years	ce, Incident or (	Claim report	ed to any P	rofessional Ir	demnit	y
	2019 - 2020	Yes No		2016 - 2017	Yes	No			
	2018 - 2019	Yes No		2015 - 2016	Yes	No			
	2017 - 2018	Yes No		2014 - 2015	Yes	No			
		ny of the above is yes, ple I and any business to whi	ase provide up to date clai ch you succeeded.	ms information fr	om those Ins	urers for all c	ircumstances, i	ncidents	
17. Fu	ture Developm	ents or Material Cha	anges						
17.1		te purchasing any clie vide details separately	nt banks, or firms in the	e coming twelve	e (12) mont	hs?	Yes	No	
17.2		ou anticipate hiring any advisers or new staff in the coming twelve (12) months?  Yes No							
17.3	Has there been any significant change in the last year or do you expect any other significant ves Change in the coming year?								
17.4	•	er material informatio f the above, please provid	n that may be relevant e details separately	to this applicat	ion?		Yes	No	
18. De	eclaration								
of prov person to third adjuste of perfi insurer relates respec confide	iding insurance al data about yo parties involved parties involved in a fraud detection or oblig or oblig to anyone other tof the disclosuence and, where	advice and where apprount where this is necess in providing insurance on and prevention servations to you, this infocts their re-insurers, legithan you, you must obtain the of such information relevant, in compliance	Inperio (London) Ltd u opriate, assistance in rary (for example crimine cover. These third parvices, reinsurance commation may be disclosal advisors, loss adjustain the explicit conserto us and its use by use with the Data Protectand to have any inaccurate.	elation to hand all convictions) ties may include panies and insured to agents a ters or agents). In of the person as set out about on Act 2018. Y	ling claims, This may a de insurance urance regu nd service a Where such to whom to ve. The info ou have the	if any, and mean we had carriers, the latory authoroviders aph sensitive and informat	to process se ave to give son hird-party clai prities. In the opointed by us personal info ion relates bo ovided will be	nsitive me deta ms course and to mation th in treated	ils
Facts.	I agree that this nce effected the	Proposal, together wit eon. I undertake to inf	n this Proposal are true n any other information orm Insurers of any ma ation does not bind the	supplied by material alteration	e shall form n of these fa	the basis o	of any Contracting before cor	t of	n of
Signati									
Oigilati	ure of principal:								
Print N									