



**PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE
PROPOSAL FORM FOR
DESIGN & CONSTRUCT**

This proposal form must be completed in black ink by a Partner, Principal or Director of the Company. All questions must be answered to enable a quotation to be given but the completion and signature of this proposal does not bind you or the Underwriters to enter into a Contract of Insurance. If there is insufficient space to answer any question fully, please attach a signed and dated continuation sheet.

If you have a brochure, please provide a copy as well as any standard contract terms, conditions, agreements or letters of appointment which you have with your clients.

PLEASE TYPE OR CLEARLY PRINT YOUR ANSWERS IN BLACK INK TO ASSIST THE UNDERWRITERS' CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL

Section 1 – Your Company and Staff

a) Name of Individual or Company(s) ('You') including any Subsidiary Companies for whom cover is required:

a)	Date Established:
b)	Date Established:
c)	Date Established:

b) Address of all offices, including those of any overseas local offices or representatives:

Address	Name of Partner, Principal or Director responsible
Registered or principal office	
Second location (if any)	
Third location (if any)	

c) Name(s) of any previous company(s) requiring cover and details of the nature of work undertaken:

Date Ceased Trading:

d) Please provide details of all Partners, Principals or Directors:

Names of all Partners, Principals or Directors	Age	Qualifications	Date(s) Qualified	No of years with this Company

Please attach a C.V for any Partner, Principal or Director with less than 5 years experience in this occupation.

e) Please provide details of all full-time and part-time Consultants who are under a contract of service with you:

Name of all Consultants	Age	Qualifications	Date(s) Qualified	No of years with you

If less than 5 years experience in this occupation, please provide details of previous occupations:

f) Is cover required for any Partner in respect of liability arising out of a previous business?

YES/NO

If 'YES', please give details:

Name	Name of previous firm	Nature of firm's business	Date Partner left the previous firm and the reason for leaving

g) Are you admitted to membership of any Association or Professional Body?

YES/NO

If 'YES' please give details:

h) Have you or any person employed by you ever been subject to disciplinary proceedings by any Professional Body?

YES/NO

If 'YES', please give details:

i) Please state the total number of:-

a) Partners, Principals or Directors	
b) Qualified Architects, Engineers, Surveyors	
c) Other Technical staff (excluding Administrative staff)	
d) Administrative and all other staff	
TOTAL	

j) How do you ensure that you and your staff keep up to date with changes in legislation and other legal developments which affect the type of work you do and the services you offer? Please provide details:

k) If you are a sole principal, please provide details of the arrangements for office supervision during your absence:

l) Do you work to a professional code of practice? YES/NO

m) Do you have written checklists and/or work procedures for the services which you provide? YES/NO

n) Do you have standard contract terms and conditions which you use in every case? YES/NO

If 'YES', please provide us with copies.

If 'NO', please explain why and detail the alternative methods you use to confirm terms of engagement with your clients:

o) Are you accredited, or in the process of being accredited, to any BS or similar Quality Assurance standard? YES/NO

If 'YES', please provide details:

Section 2 – Companies with whom you are associated

- a) Do you undertake work for any partnership, company or organisation in which any Partner, Principal, Director or Employee holds a position whereby he/she is able to make major decisions on behalf of such partnership, company or organisation? YES/NO
- b) Is any Partner, Principal or Director connected or associated (financially or otherwise) with any other practice, company or organisation? YES/NO

If you have answered 'YES' to either of questions a) or b) please provide full details :

- c) What percentage of your income is derived from the associated companies detailed above? %
- d) Is cover required for the work you undertake for the associated companies detailed above? (Cover is restricted to claims made by independent third parties) YES/NO
- e) Has any Partner, Principal or Director been a Partner, Principal or Director or been associated with any business which has ceased trading either voluntarily or compulsorily? YES/NO
- f) Has any Partner, Principal or Director been made personally bankrupt? YES/NO

If you have answered 'YES' to either of questions e) or f) please provide full details:

Section 3 – Your Activities

- a) Please provide a full and clear description of your activities and those of any other company declared in **Section 1** question a), including any features of your work which you believe may be of interest to Insurers:

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- b) Please state your gross income (including fees paid to sub-contractors) for each of the last three financial years and an estimate for the next financial year in respect of income billed to clients based in the following territories:

Year	UK	Overseas excl. USA & Canada	USA & Canada	Total
200 to 200	£	£	£	£
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200 to 200	£	£	£	£
Next	£	£	£	£
Financial Year Ending (e.g. 31/12):		/		

- c) Please provide a breakdown of your income as follows:

	Last completed financial year		Estimate for next financial	
	UK	Overseas	UK	Overseas
i) Turnover where you design and construct from your own design and provide full technical supervision	£	£	£	£
ii) Turnover where you construct from the designs of others performed on your behalf	£	£	£	£
iii) Turnover where you construct from the designs and under the technical supervision of others performed on your behalf	£	£	£	£
iv) Fees where you provide design and technical supervision only, i.e. you do not undertake any construction	£	£	£	£
v) Fees where you provide project management or supervision of construction services only, i.e. you do not undertake any design or construction	£	£	£	£
vi) Other turnover – brief details please:	£	£	£	£

- d) In respect of the work carried out by your Design and Consulting team only, please indicate the approximate percentage split of work between the following disciplines:

i) Architectural	%	vii) Nuclear Engineering	%
ii) Chemical Engineering	%	viii) Structural Engineering	%
iii) Civil Engineering	%	ix) Surveying	%
iv) Electrical Engineering	%	x) Other – please state:	%
v) Heating and Ventilating Engineering	%		
vi) Mechanical Engineering	%	Total	100%

e) In respect of contracts involving either 'Design only' or 'Design and Construction', please indicate the approximate percentage split of work between the following industry sectors:

	Design only	Design & Construction
i) Residential Buildings		
a) Individually designed	%	%
b) Modular (repetitive design)	%	%
c) Multiple low rise	%	%
d) Multiple high rise	%	%
ii) Public/Commercial Buildings		
a) Ecclesiastical	%	%
b) Hospitals	%	%
c) Offices/Retail/Warehouses	%	%
d) Schools/Universities	%	%
iii) Industrial		
a) Atomic/Nuclear Plants	%	%
b) Industrial Building Systems	%	%
c) Mechanical Plant/Bulk Handling Equipment	%	%
d) Power/Manufacturing Plants	%	%
e) Refineries/Chemical/Petrochemical/Offshore Installations	%	%
iv) Engineering Construction		
a) Airports/Aircraft	%	%
b) Amusement Rides	%	%
c) Bridges/Tunnels/Mines	%	%
d) Dams/Harbours/Jetties/Piers	%	%
e) Railways	%	%
f) Roads/Highways	%	%
g) Sewerage/Water Schemes	%	%
h) Waste Treatment	%	%
v) All Other Construction – please provide details below		
a)	%	%
b)	%	%
c)	%	%
Total	100%	100%

f) Over the past 5 years, and for the forthcoming 12 months, has there been or will there be any significant variation in the percentages shown in c) to e) above, ie +/- 25% per activity? YES/NO

g) Is cover required for any previous, now ceased, activity which is different from that declared? YES/NO

If 'YES' to either f) or g) please provide full details:

h) Are you involved in (or responsible for) the manufacture or fabrication of any pre-engineered unit? YES/NO

If 'YES', please provide full details and explain where the relevant turnover has been declared in question c):

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i) Do you enter into any contracts where legal jurisdiction is anything other than UK? YES/NO

If you have declared fees from any territory other than the UK or answered 'YES' to question i) please give full details including nature of contract, dates, countries involved, contract values and jurisdiction applicable:

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j) Please provide details of your 5 largest contracts undertaken in the past 5 years and/or to be undertaken within the next 12 months:

Dates	Client	Details of contract and services provided	Total contract value	Your fee

k) Are you or any individual partner or director a member of any consortium or joint venture (JV)? YES/NO

If 'YES', please provide full details:

Name of consortium/JV	Your role in the consortium/JV and the services you provide	Fees (£)

l) What percentage of your income is paid to sub-contract designers?

%

m) Do you want us to provide cover to these sub-contract designers under your policy for claims made against them in respect of work they perform on your behalf? YES/NO

(Note: Your vicarious liability for the actions of sub-contract designers employed by you is covered automatically)

If 'YES', please provide full details:

Name	Qualifications	Work undertaken	Fees paid (last financial year)

n) Do you enter into written agreements with your sub-contract designers?

YES/NO

o) Are sub-contract designers undertaking work for you required to hold their own Professional Indemnity Insurance and if so, for what amount?

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p) How do you control and review the work that your sub-contract designers undertake for you?

Section 3 Appendix A – Project Partnering Contracts

a) Have you now or in the past entered into any contracts in the form of PPC 2000 and if so, what has been the average contract value? YES/NO

b) Do you intend to enter into any contracts in the form of PPC 2000 in the future? YES/NO

*If you have answered 'NO' to questions a) and b) you may move on to Section 4.
If 'YES', please continue from question c).*

c) Please provide full details of your 3 largest Project Partnering Contracts:

Date	Client	Total contract value	Your fee	Your role, as set out in the PPC 2000 Agreement (eg Client Representative)

d) On average, how many PPC 2000 Contracts have you been involved in annually over the last 3 years?

e) Who within your company is responsible for negotiating your participation in PPC 2000 Contracts?

Name	Age	Qualifications	Position in the company

f) Do you generally enter into PPC 2000 Contracts with the same, regular partners? YES/NO

g) Do you always use the same standard form of contract? YES/NO

h) Do you always take legal advice from your own lawyer before entering into a PPC 2000 Contract? YES/NO

If you have answered 'NO' to any of questions f) to h) please explain why:

Section 4 – Your Professional Indemnity Insurance arrangements

a) Please provide details of your current insurance. **You need not answer this question if you are currently insured with us.**

If you are not currently insured, please state 'Not Insured'..

Insurer	Renewal Date	Limit of Indemnity (Any One Claim/Aggregate)	Premium (excl IPT)	Excess	Retroactive Date

b) For how long have you been continuously insured?

c) Has any Insurer ever:-

- i) declined to offer Insurance to you or any Partner, Principal or Director? YES/NO
- ii) imposed any special terms on your Company or any Partner, Principal or Director? YES/NO
- iii) cancelled or voided an Insurance for you or any Partner, Principal or Director? YES/NO

If you have answered 'YES' to any of these questions please provide full details:

d) What Limit of Indemnity do you now require? Please indicate by circling the numbers below:

£100,000 £250,000 £500,000 £1,000,000 Other Please state

e) An excess of at least £500 to £1000 will normally be a requirement of this insurance. However, a reduction in premium may be available if you are prepared to accept a higher, voluntary excess (each and every claim). If you are prepared to consider this, please state the amount of the excess you require our quotation to be based upon.

£2,500 £5,000 £10,000 £25,000 Other Please state

Section 5 –Your Systems for dealing with money

a) Do you always obtain satisfactory written references when engaging senior employees? YES/NO

b) Are you able to confirm that no Partner, Principal, Director or Employee is allowed to sign cheques on his/her signature alone? YES/NO

c) Are Employees who receive cash/cheques in the course of their duties required to pay in daily? YES/NO

If you have answered 'NO' to any of the above please explain why by giving full details:

d) How often are checks carried out on all entries in the Cash Book with all paying in books, receipts counterfoils and vouchers being reconciled with Bank Statements, including the balance of cash and unrepresented cheques, independently of Employees receiving or banking monies belonging to you as well as in trust on behalf of others?

WEEKLY/MONTHLY/QUARTERLY/OTHER

Section 6 – Your Claims history

CLAIMS- PLEASE NOTE IT IS IMPERATIVE TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS CORRECTLY -FAILURE TO DO SO COULD PREJUDICE YOUR RIGHTS - IF SPACE IS INSUFFICIENT PLEASE ATTACH A SIGNED AND DATED CONTINUATION SHEET TO ENABLE YOU TO PROVIDE FULL DETAILS.

a) Fidelity

- i) Have you sustained any loss through the fraud or dishonesty of any person? YES/NO
- ii) Do you know of any fraud or dishonesty at any time of any past or present Partner, Principal, Director or Employee? YES/NO

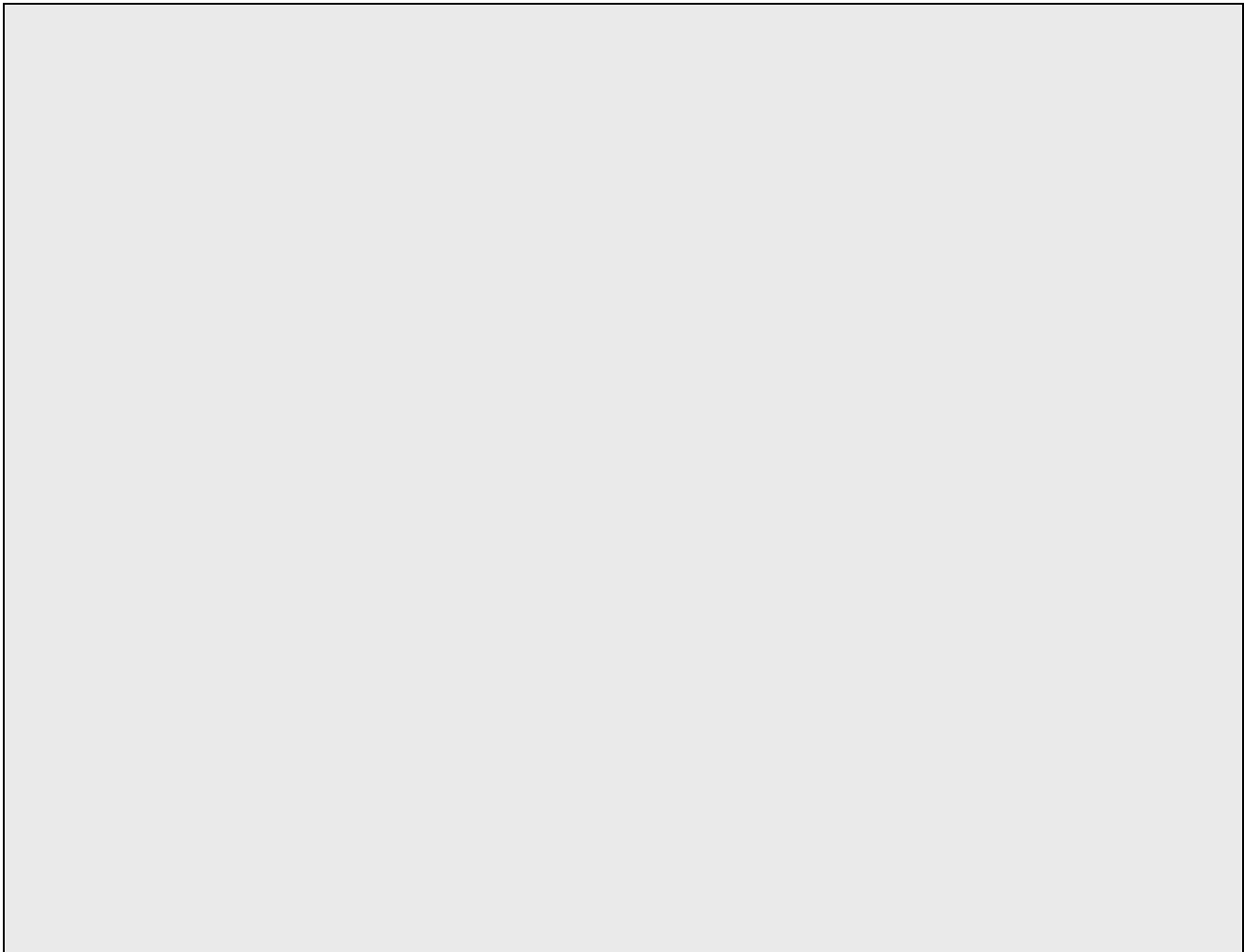
b) Professional Indemnity:-

- i) Has any claim, whether successful or not, ever been made against you, your predecessors in business or any past or present Partner, Principal, Director or Employee? YES/NO
- ii) Are you or any of the Partners, Principals, Directors or Employees AFTER FULL ENQUIRY, aware of any circumstances which may give rise to a claim against you, your predecessors in business or any past or present Partner, Principal, Director or Employee? YES/NO

If you have answered 'YES' to **any** of the Claims Questions please provide full details including dates, amounts involved, brief details of the nature of the claim, whether the claim is paid or still outstanding and state the steps taken to prevent a reoccurrence.

Additional Information

Please use this space to provide additional information in support of the answers given within the proposal form or simply to provide further details about you or your activities which you feel would be of interest to us. Please clearly show the question number to which the information relates.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING DISCLOSURE

It is your duty to disclose all material facts to Underwriters. A material fact is one which may influence an Underwriter's judgement in the consideration of your proposal. If your proposal is a renewal, it is likely that any change in facts previously advised to Underwriters will be material and such changes should be highlighted. If you are in any doubt as to whether a fact is material you should disclose it.

FAILURE TO DISCLOSE could prejudice your rights to recover in the event of a claim or allow Underwriters to void the policy.

I/We declare that the statements and particulars contained in the proposal are true and that I/we have not mis-stated or suppressed any material facts. I/we agree that this proposal together with any other information supplied by me/us shall form the basis of any contract of insurance effected thereon. I/we undertake to inform Underwriters of any material alteration to these facts occurring before completion of the contract of insurance.

_____ Date:

A COPY OF THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD BE RETAINED BY YOU FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS

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