

# CONTRACTORS PLANT & MACHINERY INSURANCE

## POLICY WORDING

WHEREAS the Insured named in the Schedule hereto by a proposal and declaration, which shall be the basis of this contract and is deemed to be incorporated herein has applied to SBI GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED (hereinafter called 'the Company') for the insurance hereinafter contained and has paid the premium as consideration for such Insurance in respect of accident or damage occurring during the period of Insurance stated in the Schedule or during any subsequent period for which the Insured pays and the Company may accept the premium for the renewal of this Policy.

### Now This Policy Of Insurance Witnesseth

THAT subject to the terms, exceptions, exclusions, provisions and conditions contained herein or endorsed hereon, the Company will at its own option by payment or reinstatement or repair indemnify the Insured against unforeseen and sudden physical damage by any cause not hereinafter excluded to any Insured Property specified in the attached Schedule(s) whilst at the location mentioned therein necessitating its immediate repair or replacement. This Policy shall apply to the insured items whether they are at work or at rest, or being dismantled for the purpose of cleaning or overhauling, or in the course of the aforesaid operations themselves, or when being shifted within the premises, or during subsequent re-erection, but in any case only after successful commissioning. The liability of the Company for any one item of the insured property shall not exceed in the aggregate in any one Period of Insurance the Sum Insured set against such item in the attached Schedule(s). However the Sum Insured under such item can be reinstated after occurrence of a claim for balance period.

### Definitions

**"Complaint" or "Grievance"** means written expression (includes communication in the form of electronic mail or other electronic scripts) of dissatisfaction by a complainant with respect to solicitation or sale of an insurance policy or related services by insurer and /or by distribution channel.

**"Distribution Channels"** include insurance agents and intermediaries or insurance intermediaries and any persons or entities authorised by the Authority to involve in sale and service of insurance policies

**"Mis-selling"** means sale or solicitation of policies by the insurer or through distribution channels, directly or indirectly by

- a. exercising undue influence, use of dominance position or otherwise; or
- b. making a false or misleading statement or misrepresenting the facts or benefits, or
- c. concealing or omitting facts, features, benefits with respect to products, or
- d. not taking reasonable care to ensure suitability of the policy to the policyholders.

**"Proposal form"** means a form to be filled in by the prospect in physical or electronic form, for furnishing the information including material information, if any, as required by the insurer in respect of a risk, in order to enable the insurer to take informed decision in the context of underwriting the risk, and in the event of acceptance of the risk, to determine the rates, advantages, terms and conditions of the cover to be granted.

### Explanation:

- i) "Material Information" for the purpose of these regulations shall mean all important, essential and relevant information and documents explicitly sought by insurer in the proposal form.
- ii) The requirements of "disclosure of material information" regarding a proposal or policy, apply both to the insurer and the prospect, under these regulations.

**"Salvage"** The amount that is assessed which the damaged asset will fetch in the open market. This amount is deducted from the claim amount

**"Solicitation"** means the act of approaching a prospect or a policyholder by an insurer or by a distribution channel with a view to persuade the prospect or a policyholder to purchase or to renew an insurance policy.

**"Unfair trade practice"** shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, as amended from time to time.

### Exceptions

THE COMPANY SHALL NOT BE LIABLE UNDER THIS POLICY IN RESPECT OF –

- a) the Excess stated in the Schedule to be borne by the Insured in any one occurrence; if more than one item is lost or damaged in one occurrence, the insured shall not, however, be called upon to bear more than the highest single Excess applicable to such items;
- b) loss or damage due to electrical or Mechanical breakdown, failure, breakage or derangement, freezing of coolant or other fluid, defective lubrication or lack of oil or coolant, but if as a consequence of such breakdown or derangement an accident occurs causing external damage, such consequential damage will be indemnifiable;
- c) loss or damage to replaceable parts and attachment such as bits, drills, knives or other cutting edges, saw blades dies, moulds, patterns, pulverizing and crushing surfaces, screens and sieves, ropes, belts, chains, elevator and conveyor bands, batteries, tyres, connecting wires and cables, flexible pipes, joining and packing material regularly replaced;
- d) loss or damage due to explosion of any boiler or pressure vessel subject to internal steam or fluid pressure or of any internal combustion engine;
- e) loss of or damage to vehicles designed and licensed for general road use unless these vehicles are exclusively used on construction site;
- f) loss of or damage to Hull and machinery of waterborne vessels or crafts, however this exclusion shall not apply to Contractors Plant and machinery mounted on water borne vessels or crafts for the purpose of use for the contract work;
- g) loss or damage due to total or partial immersion in tidal waters;
- h) loss or damage whilst in transit, from one location to another location (Public Liability will not be payable while Contractors Plant & Machineries are on Public Roads);
- i) loss or damage as a direct consequence of the continual influence of operation (e.g. wear and tear, corrosion, rust, deterioration due to lack of use and normal atmospheric conditions);
- j) loss or damage occurring whilst any insured item is under-going a test of any kind or is being used in any manner or for any purpose other than that for which it was designed;
- k) loss of or damage to plant and/or machinery working underground. Note- This does not apply to Machineries used in Tunneling works;
- l) War, Invasion, act of foreign enemy, hostilities or war like operation (whether war be declared or not), Civil War, Rebellion Revolution Insurrection, Mutiny, Civil Commotion, Military or usurped power, martial law, conspiracy, confiscation, commandeering a group of malicious person or persons acting on behalf of or in connection with any political organisation, requisition or destruction or damage by order of any

- government de jure or de facto or by any public, Municipal or Local Authority;
- m) loss or damage directly or indirectly caused by, or arising out of, or aggravated by nuclear reaction, nuclear radiation or radioactive contamination;
  - n) loss or damage due to any faults or defects existing at the time of commencement of this Policy within the knowledge of the Insured or his representatives, whether such faults or defects were known to the Company or not;
  - o) loss or damage directly or indirectly caused by, or arising out of or aggravated by the willful act or willful negligence of the Insured or his representatives;
  - p) loss or damage for which the supplier or manufacturer is responsible either by law or under contract;
  - q) consequential loss or liability of any kind or description;
  - r) loss or damage discovered only at the time of taking an inventory or during routine servicing.

In any action, suit or other proceeding where the Company allege that by reason of the provisions of exclusions (m) to (q) above any loss, destruction or damage is not covered by this Policy, the onus of proving that such loss, destruction or damage is covered shall be upon the Insured.

**s) Terrorism Damage Exclusion Warranty:**

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary within this insurance it is agreed that this insurance excludes loss, damage cost or expense of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with any act of terrorism regardless of any other cause or event contributing concurrently or in any other sequence to the loss.

For the purpose of this warranty an act of terrorism means an act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence and /or the threat thereof, of any person or group(s) of persons whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organisation(s) or government(s) committed for political, religious, ideological or similar purpose including the intention to influence any government and/or to put the public, or any section of the public in fear.

The warranty also excludes loss, damage, cost or expenses of whatsoever nature directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with any action taken in controlling, preventing, suppressing or to in any way relating to action taken in respect of an act of terrorism.

If the Company alleges that by reason of this exclusion, any loss, damage, cost or expenses is not covered by this insurance the burden of proving the contrary shall be upon the Insured.

In the event any portion of this endorsement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.

## Provisions

### 1. SUM INSURED –

It is a requirement of this insurance that the Sum Insured shall be equal to the cost of replacement of the insured property by new property of the same kind and same capacity, which shall mean its replacement cost including freight, dues and customs duties if any and erection costs

### 2. BASIS OF INDEMNITY –

- a) In cases where damage to an insured item can be repaired the Company will pay expenses necessarily incurred to restore the damaged machine to its condition immediately prior to the accident/loss plus the cost of dismantling and re-erection incurred for the purpose of effecting the repairs as well as ordinary freight to and from a repairshop, customs duties and dues if any, to the extent such expenses have been included in the Sum Insured. If the repairs are executed

at a workshop owned by the Insured, the Company will pay the cost of materials and wages incurred for the purpose of the repairs plus a reasonable percentage to cover overhead charges.

No deduction shall be made for depreciation in respect of parts replaced, except those with limited life, but the value of any salvage will be taken into account. If the cost of repairs as detailed hereinabove equals or exceeds the actual value of the machinery insured immediately before the occurrence of the damage, the settlement shall be made on the basis provided for in (b) below.

- b) In cases where an insured item is totally destroyed the Company will pay the actual value of the item immediately before the occurrence of the loss, including costs for ordinary freight, erection and customs duties if any, provided such expenses have been included in the Sum Insured, such actual value to be calculated by deducting proper depreciation from the replacement value of the item. The Company will also pay any normal charges for dismantling of the machinery destroyed but the salvage shall be taken into account.

Any extra charges incurred for overtime, night-work, work on public holiday, express freight, are covered by this insurance only if especially agreed to in writing.

In the event of the Makers' drawing, patterns and core boxes necessary for the execution of a repair, not being available, the Company shall not be liable for the cost of making any such drawings, patterns and core boxes.

The cost of any alteration, improvements or overhauls shall not be recoverable under this Policy.

The cost of any provisional repairs will be borne by the Company if such repairs constitute part of the final repairs, and do not increase the total repair expenses.

If the Sum Insured is less than the amount required to be insured as per Provision- I herein above, the Company will pay only in such proportion as the Sum Insured bears to the amount required to be insured. Every item, if more than one, shall be subject to this condition separately.

The Company will make payments only after being satisfied, with the necessary bills and documents, that the repairs have been affected or replacement have taken place, as the case may be. The Company may, however, not insist for bills and documents in case of total loss where the Insured is unable to replace the damaged equipment for reasons beyond their control. In such a case claims can be settled on 'Indemnity Basis'.

## 3. CONDITIONS –

- a) This Policy and the attached Schedule(s) shall be read together as one contract and any words and expressions to which specific meanings have been attached in any part of this Policy or of the attached Schedule(s) shall bear the same meaning wherever they may appear.
- b) If a claim is in any respect fraudulent or if any false declaration is made or used in support thereof or if any fraudulent means or devices are used by the Insured or any one acting on his behalf to obtain any benefit under this Policy, or if a claim is made and rejected and no action or suit is commenced within three months after such rejection or in case of arbitration taking place as provided therein within three months after the arbitrator or arbitrators or umpire have made their award, all benefits under this Policy shall be forfeited.
- c) No admission, offer, promise, payment or indemnity shall be made or given by or on behalf of the Insured without the written consent of the Company who shall be entitled if they so desire to take over and conduct in the name of the Insured

the defense or settlement of any claim for indemnity or damage or otherwise and shall have full discretion in the conduct of any proceeding or in the settlement of any claim and the Insured shall give all such information and assistance as the Company may require.

- d) The due observance and fulfillment of the terms, provisions and conditions of and endorsement on this Policy in so far as they relate to anything to be done or complied with by the Insured and the truth of the statements and answers in the said proposal shall be conditions precedent to any liability of the Company to make any payment under this Policy.

#### 4. MISCELLANEOUS –

The Insured shall –

- a) take all practicable steps including in the case of machinery lost or stolen or wilfully damaged by giving of immediate notice to the Police to recover any property lost or stolen and in the case of theft or willful damage to discover the guilty person or persons.
- b) produce or give access to any property alleged to be damaged and the Insured shall be bound to satisfy the Company by such reasonable evidence as the Company may require that the loss destruction or damage in respect of which a claim is made has actually arisen from one of the risks insured.

#### 5. OBLIGATIONS OF THE INSURED:

- a) The Insured shall take all reasonable steps to maintain the insured property in efficient working order and to ensure that no item is habitually or intentionally overloaded. The Insured shall fully observe the manufacturer's instructions for operating, inspection and overhaul, as well as government, statutory, municipal and all other binding regulations in force concerning the operation and maintenance of the insured plant and machinery;
- b) The Company's officials and/or their representatives shall at all reasonable times have the right to inspect and examine any property insured hereunder and the Insured shall provide the officials of the Company with all details and information necessary for the assessment of the risk.
- c) In the event of any:
  - i) Material change in the original risk, ii) Alteration, modification or addition to an insured item, iii) Departure from prescribed operating condition, whereby the risk of loss or damage increases. iv) Change in the Insured's interest (such as discontinuation or liquidation of the business or being placed in receivership) taking place.

The Policy shall be void unless its continuance be agreed by endorsement signed by the Company.

#### 6. DUTIES FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT –

In the event of any occurrence which might give rise to a claim under this Policy the Insured shall –

- a) immediately notify the Company by telephone or telegram as well as in writing, giving an indication as to the nature and extent of loss or damage.
- b) take all reasonable steps within his power to minimize the extent of the loss or damage or liability;
- c) preserve the damaged or defective parts and make them available for inspection by an official or surveyor of the Company;
- d) furnish all such information and documentary evidence as the company may require.

The Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage of which no notice and completed claims form have been received by the Company within Fourteen days of its occurrence.

Upon notification of a claim being given to the Company, the Insured may proceed with the repair of any minor damage not exceeding Rs. 7,500/- provided that the carrying out of such repairs is without prejudice to any question of liability of the Company and that any damaged part requiring replacement is kept for inspection by the Company, but in all other cases a representative of the Company shall have the opportunity of inspecting the damage before any alterations, repairs or replacements are effected. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the Insured from taking such steps as are absolutely necessary to maintain the operation of the plant.

The liability of the Company under this Policy in respect of any item of property sustaining damage, for which indemnity is provided, shall cease if the said item is kept in operation without being repaired to the satisfaction of the Company.

#### 7. OTHER INSURANCES –

If at the time any claim arises under this Policy there is any other insurance covering the same loss damage or liability, the Company shall not be liable to pay or contribute more than its rateable proportion of such loss damage or liability.

#### 8. POSITION AFTER A CLAIM –

- a) The Insured shall not be entitled to abandon any property to the Company whether taken possession of by the Company or not.
- b) As from the day of the loss the Sum Insured for remainder of the period of insurance is reduced by the amount of the compensation. To prevent under insurance during the remainder of the current period of insurance the amount insured must be reinstated. The premium will be calculated pro-rata from the day the repaired item is again put to work. For subsequent periods of insurance the original indemnity and premium are again in force unless circumstances justify an alteration.

#### 9. TRANSFER OF INTEREST –

The insurance granted by this Policy shall cease to attach to any items described in the Schedule the interest in which shall pass from the Insured otherwise than by will or operation of law, unless the consent of the Company for the continuance of the insurance shall be obtained and signified by endorsement hereon.

#### 10. CANCELLATION OF INSURANCE –

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1. Cancellation by Insured a. Insured can cancel this Policy at any time during the policy period by giving the Company notice in writing, in such case, The Company shall
  1. Refund the proportion premium for unexpired policy period, if the period/term of the policy is up to one year and there is no claim(s) made during the policy period.
  2. refund premium for the unexpired policy period, in respect of policies with the policy period/term more than one year and the risk coverage for such policy years has not commenced.
2. Cancellation by Company:  
The Company will cancel the policy with 7 days' notice period only on grounds of established fraud and in such case no refund shall be made to Insured.

#### 11. RE COURSE –

The Insured shall at the expense of the Company do and concur in doing and permit to be done, all such acts and things as may be necessary or required by the Company in endorsing any right or remedies or of obtaining relief or indemnity from parties (other than those insured under this Policy) to which the Company shall be or would become entitled or subrogated upon their paying for or making good of any loss or damage under this Policy, whether

such acts and things shall be or become necessary or required before or after the Insured's indemnification by the Company.

### Grievances Redressal Mechanism:

If you may have a grievance that requires to be redressed, you may contact the us with the details of the grievance through,

#### **Stage 1**

If you are dissatisfied with the resolution provided above or for lack of response, you may write to [head.customercare@sbigeneral.in](mailto:head.customercare@sbigeneral.in). We will look into the matter and decide the same expeditiously within 14 days from the date of receipt of your complaint. Toll free number 1800 102 1111 (Available 24/7) ; For agents and intermediaries 1800 22 1111 (Available 24/7).

#### **Stage 2**

In case, you are not satisfied with the decision/resolution communicated by the above office, or have not received any response within 14 days, you may send your Appeal addressed to the Grievance Redressal Officer at : [gro@sbigeneral.in](mailto:gro@sbigeneral.in) or contact at 022-45138021.

List of Grievance Redressal Officers at Branch: Our branch Grievance Redressal Officer's list is available at the link:

<https://content.sbigeneral.in/uploads/0449cac1bcd144bbb160d3f6b714fbcd.pdf>

#### **Stage 3**

In case, you are not satisfied with the decision/resolution communicated by the above office, or have not received any response within 14 days, you may register your complaint with IRDAI on the below given link:

<https://bimabharosa.irdai.gov.in/Home/Home>

#### **Stage 4**

If your grievance remains unresolved from the date of filing your first complaint or is partially resolved, you may approach the Insurance Ombudsman falling in your jurisdiction for redressal of your grievance. The details of the Insurance Ombudsman can be accessed at <https://www.cioins.co.in/Ombudsman>

You may approach the nearest Insurance Ombudsman for resolution of the grievance. Please refer the Annexure I for more information on ombudsman offices & contact information.