



AGENCY APPLICATION AND
TERMS OF BUSINESS AGREEMENT

Between

Company Name: (enter full company name)

Registered Address: (Street)

..... (Street 2)

..... (City)

..... (Postcode)

FCA Number: (Firm Reference Number)

And

JCB INSURANCE SERVICES LTD
Woodseat
Rocester
Staffordshire
ST14 5BW

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JCB INSURANCE SERVICES LTD INTERMEDIARIES AGENCY APPLICATION FORM -SUB BROKERS					
Please complete this form and return it to : JCB Insurance Services Ltd, Woodseat, Rocester, Staffordshire, ST14 5BW					
TRADING TITLE		DATE ESTABLISHED			
ADDRESS					
TEL No:			FAX No:		
WEB SITE ADDRESS:			E. MAIL :		
NATURE OF TRADING / STRUCTURE					
SOLE TRADER		PARTNERSHIP		LIMITED CO	
YES / NO		YES / NO		YES / NO	
DETAILS OF DIRECTORS, PARTNERS OR SOLE PRINCIPALS					
NAME		D.O.B	COMPANY SHARE HOLDING		PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS
1					
2					
3					
F.C.A DETAILS					
F.C.A REGISTRATION NUMBER:					
PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY					
NAME OF UNDERWRITERS		LIMIT OF INDEMNITY		RENEWAL DATE	
BANK DETAILS – Clients Premium/IB Account					
NAME:		ADDRESS:			
SORT CODE:		ACCOUNT NAME:			
ACCOUNT NUMBER		DATE ACCOUNT OPENED:			
DECLARATION					
I/We hereby apply for agency facilities with JCB Insurance Services Ltd and confirm that the above statements are true. I/we undertake to observe and abide by the JCB Insurance Services Ltd terms of business. I/we can confirm that I/we have never become bankrupt or had a receiving order made against me/us or entered into a deed of arrangement with creditors or ever been convicted of a criminal offence. I/we have never been subject to any disciplinary procedures instituted by the F.C.A or any other regulatory body. I/we undertake to advise you should my/our FCA status change in any way.					
SIGNED:			DATED:		
SIGNED:			DATED:		

Broker Information

The purpose of this document is to set out the basis of the agreement, how we conduct our business and offer our services to you.

JCB Insurance Services Ltd of Woodseat, Rocester, Staffordshire, ST14 5BW, are specialist insurance brokers who place business either on our bespoke insurance schemes or with specially selected insurers for certain specialised industries.

We are authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Our FCA registration number is 306372. These details can be checked on the Financial Services Register by visiting their Website www.fca.org.uk/register or by contacting the FCA on 0800 111 6768 or email register@fca.org.uk. All calls may be recorded for training and auditing purposes.

Instructions

All instructions must be provided to us in a durable medium. In urgent cases we accept verbal instructions provided they are confirmed in a durable medium within one working day. We are unable to accept instructions until you have been provided with a formal quotation in a durable medium. All quotations are valid for 21 days from the date of issue. You do not have any authority to issue cover or cover notes on behalf of JCB Insurance Services Ltd. You must return all requested documentation to us within 21 days.

Policy Documents, Certificates of Insurance, Policy Schedules and Cover Notes

It is your responsibility to read and check all documentation and request in a durable medium any amendments.

Failure to do this could mean that the cover is insufficient or incomplete and might not provide your client with indemnity in the event of a claim.

Proposal Forms

For most classes of business, a Proposal Form/Statement of Fact will be issued. Please pay particular attention to the duties of disclosure (see below), as it is essential that we and/or the insurers are informed of all material facts before placing cover on your behalf. All proposal forms will be provided by JCB Insurance Services Ltd and upon completion should be returned to ourselves.

Duty of Disclosure

- It is your responsibility as agent of the client to make a fair presentation of the risk to us when obtaining cover (and throughout the term of the policy and at the renewal), whether or not proposal forms are applicable or completed.
- You must disclose to us every material circumstance which your client or you as agent know or ought to know.
- You must ensure that, in such disclosure, any material representation as to a: (a) matter of fact is substantially correct; and (b) matter of expectation or belief is made in good faith.
- Such disclosure should be made in a reasonably clear and accessible manner.
- Neither the insurer nor JCB Insurance Services Ltd are required to make enquiries. The onus falls upon the insured and any information obtained by you as agent of the insured should be disclosed.

- If you fail to make a fair presentation of the risk then this could affect the extent of cover provided or could invalidate your client's policy. If you are in any doubt as to whether a circumstance is material then you should disclose it.
- When the insured makes any mid-term changes to their insurance you must contact us immediately in a durable medium and provide us with any information requested.

Information about the Proposed Insurance

We will ensure that:

- We provide you with comprehensive information early enough for you to make an informed decision about the insurance being proposed.
- We will provide confirmation in a durable medium of the insurance proposed including:
 - The basis of cover
 - Summary of Cover/Keyfacts from Insurers, if applicable
 - Any significant or unusual restrictions, exclusions, conditions or obligations

A copy of the full policy wording is available on request. It remains your obligation to ensure the cover meets your client's needs.

Confirmation of Cover

We will provide you with cover notes and/or confirmation that cover has been put in place in a durable medium. These will normally be sent to you within five working days from the date when cover began.

You agree that it is solely your responsibility to ensure that the cover has been effected on the correct terms.

Claims

It is essential that we are notified immediately of any claims, or circumstances, which could give rise to a claim. When you notify us, you must include all material facts concerning the claim. The policy wordings will describe in detail the procedures and conditions in connection with making a claim.

Where agreed we will provide a claims handling service and we will:

- Give guidance to assist the insured in pursuing claim under the insurance
- Handle claims fairly and promptly and keep you informed of their progress
- Inform you in writing if we are unable to deal with any part of a claim
- Advise you as soon as possible of claim settlement details

Settlement Terms

We will be responsible for issuing invoices for all new and renewal premiums and mid term alterations as soon as practicable after the start of cover or renewal, or on receipt of closing documentation from the market. We will remit premiums to insurers in accordance with our agreed terms of business with them.

You will be responsible for the prompt payment of all of our invoices for premiums, duties, fees and tax to enable us to make the necessary payment to insurers. If you cannot collect a premium from the client you will contact us immediately and we will advise you if the client will remain on risk and the action we may require.

Commission will be paid on new business, mid term adjustments and renewals exclusive of any taxation – see Appendix 1. You agree that we may recover from you the relevant amount of commission on cancelled policies or where an adjustment has resulted in a return of premium and in the event of any unpaid premium instalments by the client, we may recover commission from you on a pro-rata basis or in accordance with any cancellation handling condition within the policy.

Statements will be issued on a monthly basis, with settlement net within a strict 30 days. No allowance will be made for any delays due to deficiencies in your own accounting systems.

For the avoidance of doubt, we have no obligation to fund any premiums, duties, fees and taxes on your or the Insured's behalf and have no responsibility for any loss which you or the insured may suffer as a result of insurers cancelling the insurance or taking any other prejudicial steps as a result of the late payment of such sums if such delay is attributable to you or the insured.

In certain circumstances insurers may impose a specific premium term whereby they require payment of premium by a certain date. We must stress that breach of that term may enable insurers to void the insurance from inception. We reserve the right to correspond directly with the insured in the event of non-payment of their premium on your account.

Where an insurer has paid a claim before we receive a full premium due, including any adjustments, you will be responsible for payment to us of that premium.

Client and insurer money will be held in a non-statutory trust account in accordance with FCA rules.

Risk Transfer

We act as agents for the following insurers for the purpose of holding premiums and return premiums and under the arrangements they have confirmed to us that risk transfer (as defined by the FCA) takes place from when we receive payment, this means as soon as we have received cleared funds your fiduciary duty is discharged.

Aviva
NIG Ltd
Covea
AXA
Ace Europe
QBE
Zurich
Royal & Sun Alliance
Chubb Insurance
DAS
HSB Engineering
The Excess Cover Company

The above insurers have confirmed that:

Risk Transfer is cascaded to placing brokers; that insurer money can be co-mingled with client monies and that their interests will be subordinated to clients' interests where co-mingling occurs.

Insurer monies should be held in a statutory or non-statutory trust account in accordance with FCA regulations. If you do not hold insurer monies and hold a statutory or non-statutory trust account monies should be held in a client bank account held for the sole purpose of client money.

Cancellations

Premiums quoted are for 12 month policies and insurers do not normally allow any refund in the event of mid term cancellation for whatever reason including default to third party finance providers. In the exceptional event that insurers do agree any refund of premium these will be passed to you less a 15% fee on the gross return premium or £50 whichever is the greater. Where a Scheme policy is cancelled any return premium will be net of any cancellation charges and JCB Insurance Services Commission.

Cost and Remuneration

We will:

- Provide details of the premium cost of each of the insurances offered
- Not impose any fees or charges in addition to the premium required by the insurer without first disclosing the amount and purpose of the charge other than:
 - £10 charge for duplicate certificates or taxation cover notes
 - £25 charge for mid term adjustments
- Be paid for arranging the insurance in the form of commission or brokerage paid to us by the insurers underwriting the insurance, unless we have an arrangement with you that our services are provided for an agreed fee.

As well as any brokerage or commission or an agreed fee, as appropriate, we will be entitled to benefit from:

- Any earnings we are able to generate due to the amount of business placed with certain insurers and their underwriting performance, which are not identifiable to any specific clients:

And

- Any earnings we are able to generate through management of case balances held on behalf of insurers and clients, which are not identifiable to any specific account.

Market Security

We do not guarantee the financial position and solvency of any market utilised and we cannot guarantee the future stability of any insurer to meet its policyholder obligations and therefore the final decision on the suitability of any insurer rests with you as agent of the Insured. If you have any concerns about the security offered, please contact us immediately.

A liability for the premium, whether in full or pro-rata, may arise under policies where a participating insurer becomes insolvent.

Data Protection and Confidentiality

We will treat any personal (or other) information received by us from you, about you or your client, with due care and, where appropriate, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Bribery and Corruption

Both parties agree to comply with the relevant UK legislation and regulatory requirements in relation to Bribery and Corruption. For the benefit of clarity this means that either party is prohibited from giving or receiving bribes to obtain or retain business.

Money Laundering/Financial Crime/International Sanctions

It will be the responsibility of you the broker to undertake responsible checks to verify the identity of clients and comply with the FCA's requirements for reducing financial crime. You will report any suspicious transactions or adverse information in accordance with its own internal reporting arrangements and its obligations under relevant legislation and any subsequent regulations. It will be your responsibility to carry out all relevant checks to ensure that your clients do not fall within the UK's Financial Sanctions regime.

Conflicts of Interest

Both parties agree to manage conflicts of interest fairly, having due regard for the interests of the client. This will apply to all aspects of the business.

Professional Indemnity Insurance

We carry professional indemnity insurance to meet the requirements of the FCA. The level of cover we hold exceeds the minimum requirements required by the FCA and full details are available from us on request.

Client Ownership

We acknowledge that ownership of the client remains with you. We will not knowingly contact your client directly under any circumstances unless:

- you have authorised us to do so or,
- you are not authorised by the FCA to transact business,
- if the situation arises when an insurer seeks to void a policy for any reason.
- We reserve the right to correspond directly with the insured in the event of non-payment of their premium on your account or in the case of fraud.

In these latter two cases, we reserve the right to inform the insured direct of the fact by recorded delivery letter.

In the event that you become insolvent, bankrupt, compound with creditors, appoint a receiver, go into run off or become unauthorised by the FCA, we reserve the right to approach the client directly to protect their best interests.

Placing Business on Behalf of Other Intermediaries

We do not permit intermediaries to in turn place cover on behalf of other intermediaries, thereby creating a chain.

Complaints

If you wish to register a complaint, please contact us:

In writing:
JCB Insurance Services Ltd
Woodseat
Rocester
Staffordshire
ST14 5BW

By phone:
Telephone 01889 590219

Law and Jurisdiction

These terms of business shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law. In relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or connection with these terms of business we both irrevocably submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

Termination

This agreement may be terminated by the Broker or JCB Insurance Services Ltd:-

- Any time by mutual agreement; or
- On the expiry of 30 days written notice delivered by registered or recorded delivery post; or
- Without notice if there are reasonable grounds to suspect fraud, or in the event of the bankruptcy, insolvency or liquidation of the Broker or Company, or on the approval by creditors of the Broker or the Company of a voluntary arrangement or on the making on an Administration order in relation to the Broker or the Company; or
- Without notice if the authorisation by FCA of the Broker or the Company to undertake any general insurance regulated activities is terminated following any proposed or actual disciplinary proceedings for any failure to comply with the Rules, or for any failure to comply with the Rules in respect of any regulated activities undertaken by the Broker in pursuance of the duties delegated to the Broker under this agreement;

Or,

- If the Broker or the Company fail to remedy any action of the agreement, or any unsatisfactory conduct, within a reasonable period of the Broker or the Company notifying the other party in writing; or
- Failure to pay our Statement of Account as detailed in the Settlement of Terms section of this agreement; or
- If instructed by an Insurance Company whom we place business with on your behalf

On termination of the agreement:

- No further insurance business will be placed or transacted under the terms of this Agreement and no further renewal will be issued;

- You shall not issue any renewal invitations on behalf of JCB Insurance Services Ltd and shall return all documentation and other property of JCB Insurance Services Ltd and the Insurers immediately to JCB Insurance Services Ltd
- All monies due to JCB Insurance Services Ltd shall become immediately due and payable
- The Agreement shall continue in respect of all Insurance Business written prior to the date of termination, except for renewals following the date of termination, and all sums due shall be paid in accordance with the terms of Agreement

Following termination:

- JCB Insurance Services Ltd and the Broker will remain liable to perform their obligations in accordance with the terms of this Agreement in respect of all Insurance Business subject to this Agreement until all Insurance Business has expired or has otherwise been terminated.

Notification of Changes

The Broker shall immediately notify JCB Insurance Services Ltd in writing:

- Of any change of trading style or address
- Of any change in Partners (where a Partnership)
- If he or any Partner or Director compounds with creditors, or becomes bankrupt, or has a receiving order made against him or (in the case of a company) goes into liquidation or a Receiver is appointed or (in the case of a partnership) is finally dissolved
- In the event of any other changes which are material to this Agreement

For and on behalf of JCB Insurance Services Ltd
(The Company)

For and on behalf of
(The Broker)

Authorised Signatory

Authorised Signatory

Date

Date

FCA Register No.

WHOLESALE COMMISSION

APPENDIX 1

INSURER	CLASS OF BUSINESS	COMMISSION AMOUNT
<u>Aviva</u>	Trademaster Engineering Commercial Combined	10% 10% 10%
<u>AXA</u>	Motor Trade	7.5%
Chubb	Engineering	7.5% - 10%
DAS	Legal Expenses	10%
HSB Engineering	Engineering	10%
Covea	Trademaster Plus	10%
<u>NIG</u>	Plantmaster Plantmaster – Road Risks	10% 10%
QBE	Trademans	10%
The Excess Cover Company	Excess Protection	10%
Royal & Sun Alliance	Plantmax	10%
Zurich	Commercial Combined	7.5%