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Dear Sirs

# East West Insurance Company Limited In Administration (the "Company")

### Claim Reference:

This letter is being sent to all known policyholders and claimants who may have an unexpired policy or open claim with the Company. This letter is for the owner of the property. If you are not the owner of the property, please pass this letter on to the owner. If you hold more than one policy with the Company, you may receive a separate letter for each policy. If any of your policies are in joint names, you should make each joint policyholder aware of this letter.

On 12 October 2020, the Company entered administration and Simon Edel and I were appointed as Joint Administrators. The appointment was made by the High Court following an application under the provisions of paragraph 12(1)(b) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986. Formal notice of our appointment is attached. As licensed insolvency practitioners, we are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to the administration.

The administration follows a judgement in the Court of Appeal to which the Company was a defendant which has had a profound impact on the financial position of the Company by substantially increasing the value of its open (and potential) claims. This matter was exacerbated by a number of unexpected, high value claims as well as material adverse claims developments on a number of existing claims.

Together, these factors have left the Company in a position where it is insolvent on the basis that its assets are less than the value of its known and projected liabilities.

#### What you need to know

- No action is required from you at this time
- If you wish to contact the Company regarding your policy or in order to make a claim, you do this via the usual contact number on 0333 4000 393 or by email to <a href="mailto:enquiries@east-west-insurance.com">enquiries@east-west-insurance.com</a>

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- ► The Joint Administrators will write to you in the next 8 weeks to provide further information on the Administration and what is required from you
- ► Future updates related to the administration, including notices to policyholders and proposals for the administration, will be posted on EY's website at <a href="www.ey.com/en\_uk/eastwestinsurance">www.ey.com/en\_uk/eastwestinsurance</a> so you may wish to check there for updates

## **Policyholders**

The administration of the Company does not automatically terminate or cancel your contract of insurance. However, for the avoidance of doubt, any claim arising under the Company's insurance policies, whether such a claim arises prior to the commencement of the administration or after, will be an unsecured claim provable in the administration of the Company.

Additional information is provided in the Frequently Asked Questions (the "FAQs") which can be accessed via <a href="www.east-west-insurance.com">www.ey.com/en</a> uk/eastwestinsurance. If you would like a paper copy of the FAQs, please write to the Joint Administrators office at East West Insurance Company Limited (In Administration), C/O Ernst & Young LLP, 1 More London Place, SE1 2AF or by email to <a href="mailto:eastwestinsurance@uk.ey.com">eastwestinsurance@uk.ey.com</a>.

The FAQ document will be updated from time to time so you may wish to check the websites above for updates.

## **Claims**

If you have an outstanding claim under your policy, the status of your claim will be considered by the Administrators. The Administrators will provide you with an update on the impact of the administration on your claim as soon as possible. If any further information is needed from you, your assigned claims handler will liaise with you in due course.

Should you wish to submit a new claim in relation to your policy or discuss an outstanding claim, please follow the process outlined in your policy documentation. This can be done by contacting the claims handling team either by email to <a href="mailto-enquiries@east-west-insurance.com">enquiries@east-west-insurance.com</a> or by telephone on 0333 4000 393.

## Financial Services Compensation Scheme ("FSCS")

The FSCS protects UK policyholders, generally individuals or small businesses, who are eligible to claim pursuant to their compensation scheme rules. Based on the Administrators' current understanding of the Company's policyholders, it is expected that a significant number will meet the FSCS' eligibility rules.

Further to an amendment to the Policyholder Protection Rules on 8 October 2020, it is expected that building guarantee policyholders protected by the FSCS scheme will receive compensation at 100% of EWIC's liability for claims.

Further details can be found on the FSCS website at www.fscs.org.uk/what-we-cover/insurance/



#### **Further Information**

The Company is continuing its business under the Administrators' supervision whilst we investigate its financial affairs. In accordance with paragraph 49(5) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986, we shall be preparing our proposals for the conduct of the administration within eight weeks of our appointment. The proposals will be made available to all creditors.

At this time, we will also set out proposals for our remuneration and will seek approval for the basis. The statutory provisions relating to remuneration are set out in Chapter 4, Part 18 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016 (the "Rules"). Further information is given in the Association of Business Recovery Professionals' publication 'A Creditors' Guide to Administrators' Fees', a copy of which may be accessed Institute Chartered from the web site of the of Accountants https://www.icaew.com/en/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides, or is available in hard copy upon written request to the Joint Administrators at EastWestInsurance@uk.ey.com.

#### The Insurers (Reorganisation and Winding Up) Regulations 2004

The Insurers (Reorganisation and Winding Up) Regulations 2004 ("the Regulations") apply to the Company which is a UK insurance company authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Financial Conduct Authority.

The effect of the Regulations is that claims from policyholders have a statutory priority to other classes of creditor.

### **Opting out**

Under the provisions of Rule 1.39, creditors have the right to elect to opt-out of receiving further documents relating to the Administration.

If you do elect to opt-out you will still receive the following documents:

- ► Any which the Insolvency Act requires to be delivered without expressly excluding opted-out creditors;
- ▶ Notice relating to a change in the Administrators, or their contact details;
- ► Notice of dividend or proposed dividend; or
- ► A notice which the court orders to be sent to all creditors, or a category of creditors to which you belong.

Any election to opt-out will not affect your entitlement to receive dividends, if any are paid.

Unless the Rules provide to the contrary, opting-out will not affect your rights to vote in a decision procedure or participate in a deemed consent procedure, although you would not receive notice of such procedures. Any opted-out creditors will be treated as opted out in respect of any consecutive insolvency procedure which might follow the Administration.

You may opt-out by delivering an authenticated (i.e. signed) and dated notice to me stating that you are electing to be an opted-out creditor in relation to this Administration. You may at any time revoke this election by delivering an authenticated and dated notice stating that you no longer wish to be an opted-out creditor. Delivery can be made by email to <a href="mailto:EastWestInsurance@uk.ey.com">EastWestInsurance@uk.ey.com</a> or post to East West



Insurance Company Limited (In Administration), C/O Ernst & Young LLP, 1 More London Place, SE1 2AF or by email to <a href="mailto:EastWestInsurance@uk.ey.com">EastWestInsurance@uk.ey.com</a>.

## Other matters and enquiries

If there are any matters concerning the Company's affairs which you consider may require investigation and consequently should be brought to our attention, please forward the details to me in writing as soon as possible.

Should you have further queries for the Administrators, you may submit your request to <u>EastWestInsurance@uk.ey.com</u>. All queries relating to your policy or claims should be directed to the claims handling team either by email to <u>enquiries@east-west-insurance.com</u> or by telephone on 0333 4000 393.

Yours faithfully for the Company

Richard Barker Joint Administrator

Enc: Notice of Administrator's Appointment

Richard Barker and Simon Jamie Edel are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as insolvency practitioners by The Insolvency Practitioners Association.

As licensed insolvency practitioners, we are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics when carrying out all professional work relating to the Administration. The affairs, business and property of the Company are being managed by the Joint Administrators, R Barker and S Edel who act as agents of the Company only and without personal liability.

The Joint Administrators may act as data controllers of personal data as defined by the General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679, depending upon the specific processing activities undertaken. Ernst & Young LLP and/or the Company may act as a data processor on the instructions of the Joint Administrators. Personal data will be kept secure and processed only for matters relating to the Joint Administrator's appointment. The Office Holder Data Privacy Notice can be found at <a href="https://www.ey.com/uk/officeholderprivacy">www.ey.com/uk/officeholderprivacy</a>.

## Notice of Administrators' Appointment – paragraph 46(3) of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986

## East West Insurance Company Limited (in Administration) (the "Company")

Name of Court High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts

of England and Wales, Insolvency and Companies

Court (ChD)

Court reference number 3913 of 2020

Company registered number: 00811120

Nature of business 65120 – Non-life insurance

Registered office of company 1 More London Place, London SE1 2AF

Principal trading address (if different from above) 20 Old Broad Street, London, EC2N 1DP

Any other name under which the company was

registered in the previous 12 months

None

Any other name(s) or style(s) under which the company

carried on business or incurred debts

None

Date of appointment of administrators 12 October 2020

Name(s) and address(es) of administrator(s)

Richard Barker and Simon Jamie Edel

Ernst & Young LLP, 1 More London Place London, SE1 2AF

Joint / Administrator(s) IP No(s) 17150/ 9810

Name of alternative person to contact with enquiries

about the case

EastWestInsurance@uk.ey.com

#### Notice to all creditors

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Signed

Date 12 October 2020

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