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LLOYDS GROUP
LITIGATION FUNDING
SCHEME

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For the purposes of undertaking the Class Action relating to insurance provided by insurers and certain underwriters at Lloyd's of London

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# Important Information (General Advice Warnings)

In this Product Disclosure Statement (**PDS**) "Scheme" means The Certain Underwriters at Lloyds Group Litigation Funding Scheme (ARSN 647 497 229), a managed investment scheme that is registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (**ASIC**).

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# Warning Statement – New Zealand Residents

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This offer and the content of the offer document are principally governed by Australian rather than New Zealand law. In the main, the Corporations Act 2001 (Aust) and the regulations made under that Act set out how the offer must be made.

There are differences in how financial products are regulated under Australian law. For example, the disclosure of fees for managed investment schemes is different under the Australian regime.

The rights, remedies, and compensation arrangements available to New Zealand investors in Australian financial products may differ from the rights, remedies, and compensation arrangements for New Zealand financial products.

Both the Australian and New Zealand financial markets regulators have enforcement responsibilities in relation to this offer. If you are a New Zealand resident and need to make a complaint about this offer, please contact the Financial Markets Authority, New Zealand (<a href="http://www.fma.govt.nz">http://www.fma.govt.nz</a>). The Australian and New Zealand regulators will work together to settle your complaint.

The taxation treatment of Australian financial products is not the same as for New Zealand financial products.



If you are uncertain about whether this investment is appropriate for you, you should seek the advice of an appropriate qualified financial adviser.

Additional warning statement (currency exchange risk) – New 7ealand Residents.

This offer may involve a currency exchange risk.

All or almost all of the funding provided under the Scheme will be received and spent by the Scheme in Australian dollars. Priority entitlements to returns from the Scheme may be calculated in Australian dollars. If the Resolution Sum is not awarded in Australian dollars it may be converted to Australian dollars to the extent necessary to meet obligations in Australian dollars. The value of entitlements of New Zealand residents from the Scheme may go up or down according to changes in the exchange rate between Australian dollars and New Zealand dollars. These changes may be significant.



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## 1. About this document

The purpose of this document is to explain your rights and entitlements if you choose to participate in the Class Action funded by Omni Bridgeway (Fund 5) Australian Invt. Pty Ltd (ABN 91 635 083 984, Authorised Representative No. 1283704) (the **Funder**), which is an Authorised Representative of Omni Bridgeway Investment Management Limited (ACN 642 086 593, AFS Licence No. 524023) (**OBIML**), the issuer of this document. It is designed to help you make a decision about whether to participate and receive funding from the Funder.

The Funder will use the litigation management services of Omni Bridgeway Limited (ABN 45 067 298 088, Authorised Representative No. 1283703) (**Omni Bridgeway**), an Authorised Representative of OBIML.

OBIML is confident that the Funder's team, their skills and the competitive funding packages they offer make them the best choice, but we encourage you to seek your own advice.

This document contains information that is relevant to claimants in the Class Action and further information that may be specific to the Funder or the Lawyers.

To help you with some of the terms used in this document, there is a dictionary at the back.

# 2. Omni Bridgeway Investment Management

OBIML is the responsible entity for The Certain Underwriters at Lloyds Group Litigation Funding Scheme. As responsible entity, it is responsible for overseeing the operations of the Scheme.

OBIML is a wholly owned subsidiary of Omni Bridgeway.

As responsible entity of the Scheme, OBIML will be responsible for issuing interests in the Scheme.

## 3. The Scheme and the Class Action

This Scheme relates to a class action or potential class action or multi-party litigation (the **Class Action**) against a common respondent. The Class Action seeks payment of a judgment sum obtained in the New Zealand High Court on behalf of claimants for whose benefit the judgment was made. A brief history is set out below.



In 2012, proceedings¹ were brought in the New Zealand High Court against Brookfield Multiplex Constructions (NZ) Limited (in liquidation) (BMX), KNZ International Co Limited (KNZ), Auckland Council and other defendants on behalf of the Body Corporate 346799 and 199 unit owners of the Victopia Apartments (the New Zealand claimants). The proceedings related to building defects including in respect of cladding, balconies, podium and passive fire protection (the New Zealand proceedings).

In 2016, a settlement was reached in the New Zealand proceedings with Auckland Council and other defendants.

In March 2017, following a trial in the New Zealand proceedings, a judgment sum in favour of the New Zealand claimants was obtained against BMX and KNZ. NZ\$23,099,011 of this judgment sum remains unpaid.

BMX had insurance provided by a collection of insurers and underwriters within Lloyd's of London subscribing to Policy number B0901LB1218581000 (the Insurance Policy) which have declined indemnity to BMX. The Insurance Policy is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia. The New Zealand claimants may be able to recover the unpaid judgment sum from certain insurers and underwriters at Lloyd's of London subscribing to the Insurance Policy (the Respondents) by commencing proceedings in New South Wales, Australia (NSW) against the Respondents under the Civil Liability (Third Party Claims Against Insurers) Act 2017 (NSW) (the NSW Act). A proceeding commenced under the NSW Act must be brought in a Court in New South Wales, Australia.

The Scheme is not open to claimants who are not the New Zealand claimants.

It is intended that the Class Action will be brought only on behalf of those New Zealand claimants who apply for funding and agree to become a funded member under the Scheme. This is commonly referred to as a 'closed' class action. It is currently proposed to file proceedings against the Respondents and commence the closed Class Action on or after 3 May 2021. If the Class Action proceeds on a closed basis, New Zealand claimants who wish to participate in the Class Action must apply to become a member of the Scheme before the Class Action is commenced (which will not be until on or after 3 May 2021). Late applicants may be permitted to join the Class Action in limited circumstances and with permission of the Court. See section 10 below for more details.

It is possible that the proposed approach described above may change prior to commencing the Class Action and the Funder and the Lawyers determine that the Class Action will instead be brought on an 'open' basis. In that case, all of the New Zealand claimants will be included in the class covered by the Class Action unless they take steps to positively opt out of the proceedings. For an open class action, members of the class who do not positively apply to become a member of this Scheme will be treated as "passive members" of the scheme. OBIML will post a notice on its website for the Class Action if the description of the class is to change in this way. Further details in relation to opting out are set out in sections 15, 18 and 19 below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Body Corporate 346799 (and others) v KNZ International Co Limited (and others) CIV 2012-404-6290.



The claims that are being made in the Class Action are <u>not</u> part of the Scheme. This is because the claims of claimants that are to be pursued through the Class Action are rights that belong to the claimants personally. They arise from damage or loss that a claimant has suffered and are not able to be transferred to anyone else. This means that those claims are incapable of assignment to the Scheme. The difference between an interest in the Scheme and a claim in the Class Action is further explained in section 11 below.

The costs of running the Class Action (the **Project Costs** – see the definition in the Dictionary section of this document) will be partly met by the Funder. In return, the Funder will be entitled to a share of any Resolution Sum (which is any amount awarded or settled in relation to the Class Action – see the definition in the Dictionary at the back of this document). The proportion of each claimant's Resolution Sum that may be paid to the Funder is explained in section 27 of this document.

The Funder will have an interest in the Scheme which is administered by OBIML. As a potential or actual claimant in the Class Action, if you elect to take advantage of the funding offered by the Funder you will need to be comfortable with the relationship between OBIML, Omni Bridgeway, the Funder and the Lawyers.

# 4. About Omni Bridgeway

Omni Bridgeway is a global leader in financing and managing legal risks, with expertise in civil and common law legal and recovery systems, and operations spanning Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, the UK and the US. Omni Bridgeway offers dispute finance from case inception through to post-judgment enforcement and recovery. Since 1986 it has an established record of financing disputes and enforcement proceedings around the world.

Omni Bridgeway's dispute finance provides access to justice for groups who have suffered injustice and lack the resources to seek legal redress against their opponents.

Thank you for considering participating in a class action financed using the expertise of Omni Bridgeway. We are the leading dispute financier in Australia, with an established track record of recovering returns for claimants over many years. We are a formidable ally by your side.

If you decide to participate in the Class Action and receive funding from the Funder, we look forward to supporting you throughout your participation in the Class Action.

The Funder is a wholly owned subsidiary entity of Omni Bridgeway (Fund 5) LP, which is an exempted limited partnership incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands. Omni Bridgeway (Fund 5) LP was launched in June 2019 with aggregate capital commitments of US\$400 million, which when combined with Omni Bridgeway's funding commitment of US\$100 million, amounted to US\$500 million for investment in dispute financing, including through the Funder.



# 5. What is litigation funding? An overview.

Litigation can be one of the most effective means of resolving a dispute or obtaining a remedy for wrongdoing. Parties that choose to pursue it however assume considerable financial and other risks. Partnering with a group skilled in mitigating those risks by providing financial resources, strategic guidance and access to a global network of experts affords leverage and capacity to see disputes through to commercial outcomes.

Litigation funding is particularly relevant in the context of class actions or multi-party litigation. Often, it will not be economically viable for an individual claimant to bring an individual claim because the costs and risks of litigating an individual claim may outweigh the value of the claim itself. Generally, litigation funding in class actions and multi-party litigation allows the members of the class to be involved in one court proceeding with one set of lawyers.

As one of the most experienced dispute financiers in the world, Omni Bridgeway and its affiliates, including the Funder, and funds managed by Omni Bridgeway, are able to extend financing and litigation expertise to assist claimants in cases globally.

The Funder's litigation funding is non-recourse – if you lose your case, you owe the Funder nothing.

The Funder's litigation funding can help pay your legal fees, assisting with the high cost of litigation and enabling you to afford leading lawyers and barristers, as well as providing protection from adverse costs exposure if your case is ultimately unsuccessful.

The Funder's litigation funding provides support against opponents seeking to outspend you.

## 6. How do class actions work?

A class action is a special type of court proceeding. Generally, in order for a class action to be commenced, all that is required is:

- at least 7 people with claims against the same person;
- the claims of those 7 or more people arise out of similar or related circumstances; and
- the claims of those 7 or more people give rise to substantial common issues of law or fact.

The key feature of a class action is the representative nature of the proceeding. In a class action, one or a small number of persons, known as "representative parties", commence a court proceeding against one or more respondents. The proceeding is not an action by a class or group. It is a claim made by the representative party in which a class or group of non-parties can be bound. While the representative party advances their claim in the interests of all members of the class, the class usually plays a passive role, at least until the common issues are resolved. In a class action, the representative party's claim is used to resolve as many factual and legal issues common to the class members as possible.



If the claim is not otherwise resolved (settled), the Court will make a judgment about the common issues. There may be circumstances pertaining to individual members of the class that are different and not determined by the judgment of the Court relating to the class and individual actions may need to be pursued following resolution of the common issues.

Read about some of Omni Bridgeway's recent class actions here: https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/.

# 7. The Lawyers

Piper Alderman (ABN 42 843 327 183), a firm of lawyers experienced in multi-party plaintiff representation and class actions (the **Lawyers**), has been or will be engaged in relation to the Class Action.

The Lawyers are appointed by the representative party. The Lawyers <u>do not</u> require every claimant applying to become a member of this Scheme to enter into an engagement with them. The Lawyers' terms of engagement will be on terms that are consistent with the **Standard Lawyers' Terms** that are attached to the Application Form (the terms of such engagement are referred to as the **Retainer Agreement**). As well as the Retainer Agreement, the Lawyers will enter into an agreement with the Funder on terms consistent with the Standard Lawyers' Terms, to specify how and when their fees will be met by the Funder providing funding via the Scheme during the course of the proceedings.

The Lawyers will act in the litigation at a discount to their normal hourly rates and then, if the case is successful (if judgment is awarded in favour of the claimants or a settlement is reached with the Respondents), the Lawyers will receive an uplift on their normal hourly rates to reward them for risking part of their fees. This is a contingent success fee and payable out of the Resolution Sum as a distribution by the Scheme.

As more fully set out in the Standard Lawyers' Terms and the Scheme's constitution and in the Fees and Other Costs section of this document, the Lawyers will charge for their legal work at an agreed percentage of their normal hourly rates. The unpaid amount (referred to as **At-Risk Fees**) will be used to calculate the Lawyers' entitlement to a distribution by the Scheme out of the Resolution Sum along with an additional amount calculated as a percentage of the total quantum of the At-Risk Fees (referred to as the **Uplift**). The calculation of the At-Risk Fees and the Uplift is set out in more detail in sections 34 and 38 below).

The Lawyers are responsible for appointing barristers to provide opinions and/or argue the Class Action in Court. The Lawyers will instruct the barristers and pay their fees as a disbursement. The barristers' fees (passed on at 100% of the charged fees) are separate to the Lawyers' own fees. The barristers' fees will be met by the Funder as part of the Project Costs.

As the Lawyers will be entitled to receive distributions from the Scheme paid out of any Resolution Sum as part of their fee arrangements, they will be considered to be a member of the Scheme. The Lawyers will be required to confirm in writing that they agree to be bound by the Scheme's constitution, including the Claim Funding Terms (which form part of the Scheme's constitution).

If you would like more information about the Lawyers and arrangements with them, please contact your Client Liaison Team Member using the contact details at the end of this document.



### Summary of benefits, risks, and commission/fees 8.

This section provides an overview of the benefits, risks and deductions for members participating in the Scheme. This is a summary only and must be read subject to the balance of this document, and the Scheme's constitution.

General benefits of participating in a litigation funding scheme	Specific benefits relating to this Scheme
Participation in a litigation funding scheme by a claimant allows an individual's claim to be brought before the court for determination without individual claimants having to incur any out-of-pocket expenses or take an active role in the litigation.	<ul> <li>May allow the New Zealand claimants to recover losses by accessing the insurance provided by the Respondents to BMX.</li> <li>For the Funder, participating in the Scheme may allow it to earn a profit on the amounts</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Allows the claims of multiple claimants to be pooled and run in a cost-effective manner.</li> <li>Suspends any limitation period that applies to each claimant's claim for the duration of the class action.</li> <li>Removes claimants', other than the representative party, exposure to the potential liability to pay the respondents' costs if the claim is unsuccessful.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For the Lawyers, they will have the entitlement to be paid a distribution from the Scheme out of any Resolution Sum up to the remaining amount of their hourly rates, plus a success-based uplift, if the amount of the Resolution Sum is large enough.</li> </ul>



## General risks Specific risks Risks associated with participating as a member By signing an Application Form, you agree to of the Scheme include: opt-out of any other class action against the Respondents. It may be that another class That the Class Action is lost or resolves for action generates a superior monetary outcome less than the full value of the claim, including for its group members. because the Lawyers are unable to obtain sufficient evidence to prove the case. There is a risk that the Court finds that the insuring clause of the insurance policy with BMX That one or more or the Respondents does responds to the claims in the Class Action, but an not have the capacity to pay any settlement exclusion clause applies which excludes or judgment sum. An action to enforce and coverage in respect of the claims in the Class recover any settlement or judgment sum Action, and the Respondents are not liable to may be costly and, ultimately, unfruitful. make any payment. That the Funder is unable to meet its obligations and the Lawyers and the representative party are unwilling to proceed without funding. That the Funder withdraws funding and/or the Lawyers and the representative party decide to discontinue the proceedings. That the Lawyers manage the case poorly or the representative party or the Funder gives inappropriate instructions.

Further information about the risks associated with the Scheme is set out in section 42 of this document.

Potential claimants who are New Zealand residents should take note of the specific warning statements at the start of this document.



## Commission / Fees

Subject to any order of the Court to the contrary, the Resolution Sum will be allocated as follows:

- 1. To the Funder:
  - an amount equal to the claimants' share
     of the costs of the litigation (which
     includes all the amounts referred to as
     Project Costs in section 38 below,
     including the costs of operating the
     Scheme)
  - b. GST at 10% on any supply made by the Funder; plus
  - c. a percentage of the Resolution Sum (ignoring the deductions at (a) and (b) above) which shall be calculated on the basis of the period of time which elapsed since the Commencement Date:

If resolution is within 12 months	
20%	25%

2. To the Lawyers: The At-Risk Fees and the Uplift (see further detail of the Lawyers entitlements in section 38 below).

with the balance of the Resolution Sum to be distributed amongst the claimants (subject to other deductions noted to the right and the cap on fees detailed in section 38 below).

This means, for example, ignoring deductions for administration costs noted below:

- months and the Funder had paid \$1.5 million in Project Costs, the GST was \$22,600 and the Lawyers had At-Risk Fees of \$226,000, \$3,522,600 would be deducted from the Resolution Sum and distributed to the Funder (\$1,500,000 in Project Costs; \$22,600 in GST; \$2 million as 20% of the Resolution Sum); \$271,200 would be deducted from the Resolution Sum and distributed to the Lawyers (\$226,000 in At-Risk Fees and \$45,200 in Uplift on the At-Risk Fees). The balance of \$6,206,200 would be paid to the claimants.
- months and the Funder had paid \$2,500,000 in Project Costs, the GST was \$60,000 and the Lawyers had At-Risk Fees of \$286,000, \$9,060,000 would be deducted from the Resolution Sum and distributed to the Funder (being \$2,500,000 in Project Costs; \$60,000 in GST and \$6,500,000 as 25% of the Resolution Sum) and \$343,200 would be distributed to the Lawyers (being \$286,000 in At-Risk Fees and \$57,200 in Uplift). The balance of \$16,596,800 would be paid to the claimants.

It may be that the Court authorises other amounts to be deducted from the Resolution Sum, including lead applicant reimbursement payments and the fees of the administrator of the distribution scheme for the Resolution Sum (the **Resolution Administrator**). These costs may total between \$100,000 and \$500,000 depending on the circumstances and will only be deducted if the Court considers such costs to be reasonable.

The above examples have been provided in a consistent currency. The actual calculation may involve some degree of foreign currency translation to occur to bring all values to a consistent currency before the calculations can be performed.



Further detail about payments to be made by
the Scheme to each class of member are set out
in section 27 and the Fees and Other Costs
section of this document.



# Notes for claimants

This section of the PDS contains information for people who have a claim as a member of the Class Action (or who have a claim as part of a multi-party litigation) and are considering participating in the Scheme and accepting the Funder's offer to fund the costs of the bringing the Class Action.

In this section (Notes for Claimants), "you" means a claimant who is considering applying for an interest in the Scheme and participating in the Class Action as a general member of the class.

## 9. The Class Action

Broadly, the Class Action is alleging that the Respondents, by reason of the insurance coverage provided in accordance with the Insurance Policy (identified in section 3 above), are obliged to indemnify BMX for sums which BMX is legally liable to pay as a result of the New Zealand proceedings. It follows that the Respondents are obliged to pay the judgment sum obtained in the New Zealand proceedings to the New Zealand claimants.

More details about the Class Action are available on this website: <a href="https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/cases/register/certain-underwriters-at-lloyds-class-action-overview">https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/cases/register/certain-underwriters-at-lloyds-class-action-overview</a>

If your application to become a member of the Scheme is accepted, you will be able to access updates about the progress of the Class Action on this website with unique log on details that will be issued to you once your application to become a member of the Scheme has been accepted. You are invited to supply us with your email details when submitting your Application Form so that we may send you email alerts when updates are available.

This PDS is not legal advice about the Class Action or your claim. Omni Bridgeway, the Funder and OBIML are not making any statements in this PDS about the likelihood the Class Action could be successful, or the strength of your claim. You may have other causes of action against the Respondents in addition to, or apart from, the causes claimed under the Class Action. You should seek legal advice about your individual circumstances.

# 10. I have a claim in the Class Action, how do I participate?

If you have suffered a loss of the type that is being alleged in the Class Action, you should consider whether you wish to participate as a member of the class, with funding from the Funder. Please read this PDS and the Application Form that is attached at the back of this document carefully as they explain the terms on which the Funder will agree to fund the costs of bringing the Class Action and on which OBIML will operate the Scheme.

If you would like to participate as a funded member of the Class Action, you should complete the Application Form at the back of this PDS and return it to OBIML as soon as possible and, in any event, by no later than 30 April 2021. If we postpone this date, we will post the new date on the website: <a href="https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/cases/register/certain-underwriters-at-lloyds-class-action-overview">https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/cases/register/certain-underwriters-at-lloyds-class-action-overview</a>.



The contact details for OBIML are on the Application Form. OBIML will check your details and process your application, on the basis that you represent in the Application Form that you are eligible to be a funded member of the Class Action, and will record your name as a member of the Scheme.

OBIML will confirm via email, or otherwise in writing, its acceptance of your application to participate in the Scheme. Subsequent to this acceptance, if you do not have a valid claim in the Class Action your interests in the Scheme will be cancelled and OBIML will remove your details from the register of members of the Scheme.

If your completed Application Form is received by OBIML after 30 April 2021 then OBIML may still accept and process your application to be a member of the Scheme, however, it will only do so in circumstances where: (i) it has been determined by the Funder and the Lawyers to bring the Class Action on an open rather than a closed class basis (in this respect see further information in section 3 above), or (ii) the Class Action proceeds as a closed class, but proceedings to commence the Class Action have not yet been filed, or (iii), the Class Action has commenced as a closed class, the plaintiff brings an application to include you in the proceedings the subject of the Class Action, and the Court exercises its discretion to include you. In respect of (iii), there is no guarantee that an application will be made to the Court or, if an application is so made to the Court, that the Court will exercise its discretion to include you. For this reason, if you would like to participate in the Class Action, we strongly encourage you to return your completed Application Form by no later than 30 April 2021.

If you would like to be excluded from this funding arrangement (for example so that you may pursue a cause of action against the Respondents on your own), you may have to take steps to positively opt out of the Class Action. Please see sections 15, 17, 18 and 19 below in relation to opting out and cooling-off terms.

## 11. What is the Scheme?

The Scheme is a litigation funding scheme, constituted as a registered managed investment scheme, which is created by some or all of the class members agreeing with the Funder to pursue the Class Action. The Funder and the Lawyers are also members of the Scheme. The responsible entity for the Scheme will ensure that the Funder and the Lawyers are paid their share of any Resolution Sum. The Scheme is treated as a managed investment scheme under the *Corporations Act 2001* because claimants are regarded as giving up something valuable (i.e. their future entitlement to a share of any Resolution Sum paid as a result of the Class Action) in return for the funding and the services provided by the Funder and the Lawyers.

The Scheme is different from the Class Action. The Scheme is created by the pooling of the Funder's promises to pay the Project Costs to fund the conduct of the Class Action, the Lawyers' promises to conduct the Class Action with a portion of their fees at risk (i.e. they will not be paid their full hourly rates if the Class Action does not result in any money paid by the Respondents), together with the claimants' assignment to the Scheme of the Resolution Sum in order that it can be divided up between the Lawyers, the Funder and the claimants. The performance of these mutual promises is monitored and administered by OBIML. As a claimant, your claim in the Class Action remains your own personal property, which cannot be assigned because it is personal to you and particular to your own circumstances. It is only your share of any Resolution Sum that results from a successful claim that you assign to the Scheme.



# 12. By applying for an interest in the Scheme as a claimant, what am I agreeing to?

You are agreeing to accept an interest in the Scheme (but you won't pay any money for that interest). When you apply to the Scheme you agree to assign your future interest in any Resolution Sum to the Scheme so that OBIML can allocate it between the Funder, the Lawyers and you, and you agree to give instructions to the Lawyers when called upon (further detail on what instructions may be required is set out in section 21 of this PDS). After the cooling-off period (see section 17 for details of the cooling-off terms), you won't be able to undo this assignment, even if you withdraw from the Scheme.

# 13. What will participating cost me?

All the Project Costs of running the Class Action will be met by the Funder. The Funder will pay the Lawyers' fees (minus the At-Risk Fees), the costs of any investigators, any expert witnesses, or other consultants necessary to bring the claim. The Funder will also post security for costs, or finance the Lawyers to post security for costs, if that is required. You will not have to pay any of these costs. You will not have to pay anything to acquire your interest in the Scheme.

#### In return:

- you agree to appoint the Lawyers who will prosecute the Class Action if they require each member to be their client;
- if you are the representative party, you agree to act as such and appoint the Lawyers and give instructions to the Lawyers when requested;
- you assign to the Scheme any money or property that may be awarded to you by the Court or agreed with the Respondent(s) in settlement that is approved by the Court as being fair and reasonable. This is referred to as the **Resolution Sum**. The Funder aims to recoup the Project Costs and be paid its percentage share from the Resolution Sum. This is what the Funder receives in return for funding the Project Costs of the Class Action and the Scheme. More information about how much this share may be is in section 27, and the Fees and Other Costs section of this document. The Lawyers will also be paid the contingent portion of their fees (the At-Risk Fees and the Uplift as detailed in section 34 below). After those payments have been met, the remaining balance of the Resolution Sum will be shared between all the claimants (the Claimants' share of the Resolution Sum). How your share is determined is discussed in section 14 below.

# 14. What happens at the end of the Class Action?

If the Class Action is unsuccessful, you will not pay anything and you will not receive anything. The Funder will pay the Lawyers' fees and may be liable to pay the Respondents' costs.



If the Class Action is successful (either because the Court decides in favour of the representative party and awards damages, or because the Respondents agree to settle all claims that constitute the Class Action out of Court, and the Court approves the settlement as being fair and reasonable) a distribution scheme is typically established to distribute the Resolution Sum as required by the Court judgment and/or any settlement agreement. The Resolution Administrator of the distribution scheme is appointed by the Court and is usually the main Lawyer acting for the representative party.

The Funder and the Lawyers are paid their shares of the Resolution Sum as set out in the Scheme's constitution, subject to: (i) any adjustments the Court may require, and (ii) the cap on the Funder's and Lawyers' return set out in the Scheme's constitution. The Scheme's constitution imposes a cap on the Funder's and Lawyers' return at 50% of the Resolution Sum meaning that the total amounts to which the Funder and the Lawyers are entitled to be paid from any Resolution Sum cannot exceed 50% of the Resolution Sum.

The remainder of the Resolution Sum will be distributed amongst the claimants. Each claimant's share of this sum will depend on the merits of the claimant's own claims in the Class Action. The proportion of the Claimants' share of the Resolution Sum to which you may be entitled will depend on the relative merits and quantum of your claim as a proportion of all the claims on the Resolution Sum. This proportion will be determined by either the Court (which may require you to give evidence) or by the Resolution Administrator. OBIML and the Funder are not responsible for determining the value of your share of the Resolution Sum (if any).

Your share of the Resolution Sum will be paid directly to you by the Resolution Administrator. OBIML, in its capacity as responsible entity for the Scheme, will direct the Resolution Administrator to pay the Funder and the Lawyers their respective shares of the Resolution Sum. These distributions to you, the Funder and the Lawyers will be treated as distributions by the Scheme.

In certain circumstances a Respondent may meet its obligations with assets rather than cash. We will contact you if that happens.

Once the administration of the distribution scheme has been completed and all funds have been paid to all the recipients, the responsible entity will arrange to wind up the Scheme.

# 15. What if I want to sue the Respondents by myself, without funding?

You may bring a claim by yourself, but you will need to meet your legal costs yourself. If you apply to join this Scheme, and subsequently wish to withdraw after the expiry of the cooling-off period (see section 17 for details of the cooling-off terms), a share of your Resolution Sum will still be paid to the Scheme. Please see section 19 for important information about withdrawing from the Scheme.

If it is determined that the Class Action will be brought on an open basis instead of on a closed basis (please see section 3 above for further detail) you will need to take steps to positively opt out of the Class Action and the Scheme (and therefore the funding arrangements). If we have your Application Form at that point, we will email you if the Class Action becomes an open class action, and otherwise we will post the news on our website devoted to the Class Action. More detail about opting out is in sections 18 and 19 below.



# 16. Can I get funding from a different funder?

Other litigation funders may have made arrangements with claimants to bring a class action about the same matter as this Class Action. You may choose to participate with a different funder instead of the Funder and OBIML (but you may not apply for funding through more than one scheme). The Court may make orders that combine these different class actions and order that the Resolution Sum is shared between all the claimants and funders. You may like to consider if there are other funding options in the marketplace before making any decision about your claim.

# 17. What if I apply to participate and then change my mind? The cooling-off terms.

You have a 21 day cooling-off period<sup>2</sup> to determine whether participation in the Scheme and the funding arrangements with the Funder meets your needs. If, during the 21 day cooling-off period, you decide that the funding does not meet your needs, you may withdraw your application by notifying us in writing at <a href="mailto:lloyds@omnibridgeway.com">lloyds@omnibridgeway.com</a>. If you decide to exercise your cooling off right and withdraw your application and, at such time, you have already been named in the proceedings against the Respondents the subject of the Class Action, you must also take any steps necessary to positively opt out of the Class Action that is being funded by the Funder using the relevant Opt Out Notice. Please contact us if you require a form of Opt Out Notice.

Once you have withdrawn your application and provided the relevant Opt Out Notice (if applicable), you will have no continuing or further obligation to OBIML or the Scheme save for any obligations of confidence arising in respect of information received by you prior to withdrawal. If you withdraw your application during the cooling-off period and successfully opt out of the Class Action, the Funder will not fund any claim you may bring against the Respondents, you will not be treated as a general member of the Class Action funded by the Scheme and you will not be entitled to a share of any Resolution Sum that is awarded as a result of that Class Action.

The 21 day cooling-off period commences on the day you send us an Application Form. Any cooling-off period ends automatically if the Court makes an order that stipulates an end date for opting out of the Class Action. You will not be able to exercise any cooling-off rights or withdraw from the Scheme after the date so stipulated.

OBIML will hold your application to become a member of the Scheme when you send it to us, and only process it once the cooling-off period has expired unexercised.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> These cooling-off rights are offered under clause 3.15 of the Scheme's constitution and are not cooling-off rights as provided in section 1019B of the Corporations Act 2001. That section does not apply to this Scheme. Note that you may not exercise any cooling-off rights or opt-out of the Class Action after the end of any Court-ordered opt-out period.



# 18. I am a New Zealand claimant, but I haven't sent you an Application Form.

As set out in section 3 above, it is intended to bring the Class Action only on behalf of those New Zealand claimants who wish to be a member of the Scheme and have returned an Application Form. Accordingly, if the Class Action is brought on a closed basis and you do not wish to participate, you may do nothing.

However, if it is determined that the Class Action will be brought on behalf of an open class (and therefore all of the New Zealand claimants), you will have to take steps to positively opt out of the Class Action in order to withdraw from the Scheme. As set out in section 3, OBIML will post a notice on its website for the Class Action if it is determined to commence the Class Action on an open class basis. In this case, if you do nothing you may be treated as a Passive Member of the Scheme. A **Passive Member** is someone who is a member of the class of people who have a claim in the Class Action (because you are or were a New Zealand claimant), you have not positively opted out of the Class Action by giving a notice to the Court in the form it has approved for doing so, and the Court has agreed that all such people are covered by the decision to be made in the Class Action<sup>3</sup>.

OBIML encourages all Passive Members who do not wish to opt out of the Class Action to complete an Application Form so that OBIML can include you as a registered member of the Scheme and ensure that any distribution of the Resolution Sum to which you may be entitled is properly paid to you. You do not have to pay anything to be a Passive Member, or to convert your Passive Membership to being treated as a known claimant.

19. What happens if I want to stop participating in the litigation and want to terminate the funding relationship with the Funder?

How to withdraw from the Scheme.

You can opt out of the Class Action at any time before the date set by the Court, by giving notice in writing to the Court using the relevant Opt Out Notice. The Court must set an opt out deadline which expires prior to the commencement of the trial, but often sets a deadline much earlier in the proceeding. If you opt out after the cooling-off period for the Scheme as described in section 17, you cannot take back the Funder's portion of the Resolution Sum. The Funder will remain entitled to a share of your Resolution Sum as set out in section 27.

You can only terminate the funding arrangement with the Funder and withdraw from the Scheme during or after the cooling-off period if you also opt out of the Class Action at the same time. When you withdraw from the Scheme, you will not be paid anything. If you need information about how to withdraw from the Scheme and opt out of the Class Action, please contact your Client Liaison Team Member whose contact details are at the end of this document and also available from our website, here: <a href="https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/">https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/</a>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Passive Members are "passive general members" as defined in the ASIC Corporations (Litigation Funding Schemes) Instrument 2020/87.



You might also have your interest in the Scheme cancelled if your claims in the proceedings are denied by the Court, or after the point a Resolution Sum has been determined, the Court or the Resolution Administrator determine that your claims are not valid or you are unable to be contacted or do not come forward to claim your entitlements before the expiry of the period for distributing the Resolution Sum as mandated by any Court-ordered distribution scheme. In these cases the responsible entity will treat your interest in the Scheme as cancelled or your entitlement to a share of the Resolution Sum as \$0. You will not have to pay anything.

# 20. Can the Funder stop funding?

Yes. The Funder must consult the Lawyers and each representative party first, but after that it may decide to stop funding any or all of the claims that make up the Class Action. This is most likely to occur because the Funder considers that the chances of the proceedings succeeding are slim and the cost of funding outweighs the likely benefit. Any liability to pay the Lawyers' fees up to that point and the Respondents' costs will fall on the Funder. The claimants will not have to pay anything.

Any claimant may decide to continue with the proceedings without funding (or with the support of a different funder) but the most likely outcome is that the proceedings will be discontinued.

# 21. Do I have to appear in court?

Historically, it is extremely rare for participants in a Class Action to be required to appear in Court.

If you are the representative party, you will need to provide instructions to the Lawyers and you will need to attend Court from time to time. It is likely that you will also have to provide evidence in the form of an affidavit or witness statement, and you may need to appear at the trial or another hearing in the matter to give evidence in the witness box.

In some class actions, in addition to the representative party, a small number of "sample group members" will also be required to provide evidence. It is possible that you will be asked to be a sample group member and to provide evidence (in the form of an affidavit and/or witness statement, and by appearing at the trial or other hearing to give evidence in the witness box).

At the conclusion of the trial of the representative party's claim and the common issues, if the Court is unable to fully resolve the claims of all Class Action participants, it may be necessary for those participants to commence individual proceedings to finalise their claims.

# 22. What if I am a representative party in the Class Action?

A representative party is named in the Class Action proceedings and carries on the litigation in their own name (which may be with other claimants). Each representative party has the right and obligation to give instructions to the Lawyers who are conducting the litigation. More detail about this is set out in the Claim Funding Terms, which form part of the Scheme's constitution, which can be obtained by contacting your Client Liaison Team Member whose contact details are at the end of this document and also available from our website, here: <a href="https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/">https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/</a>.



The representative party or parties will be designated as such at or prior to the commencement of proceedings. All other claimants are not the representative party.

If you are a representative party, Omni Bridgeway as manager of the Funder and the Lawyers will give you assistance in dealing with the formalities of the Class Action and you most likely will have an active role to play in the proceedings. If you are a representative party, please pay particular attention to the Risks section of this PDS (section 42).

All other claimants rely on the decisions made by the representative parties and are bound by the instructions given to the Lawyers by the representative parties, as if they had given those instructions to the Lawyers themselves. From a practical point of view, it is not possible for all claimants to give instructions to the Lawyers in respect of the conduct of the Class Action, which is why each representative party is given the right to give instructions to the Lawyers on significant matters pursuant to the Claim Funding Terms and the Retainer. If you are not a representative party, the extent of the instructions you may be called upon to give to the Lawyers may be limited to instructing them to include you as a participant in the Class Action and the extent of the losses that you claim to have suffered as result of the conduct of one or more Respondents in the Class Action.

#### Is Omni Bridgeway my lawyer? 23.

No. None of Omni Bridgeway, as manager of the Funder, the Funder, or OBIML, as responsible entity, are giving you legal advice. As a condition of joining the Scheme and obtaining the benefit of funding, you must instruct the Lawyers to act for you in relation to the Class Action. Information about the Retainer terms for the Lawyers is found in section 7 of this document.

If you are unsure whether you should participate in the Class Action we urge you to get your own legal advice or such other professional advice that you may require in order to assess the merits of participating in the Class Action.

Under the Claim Funding Terms in the Scheme's constitution and the Standard Lawyers' Terms, the Lawyers are instructed that they can accept day to day instructions from the Funder in the management of the Class Action (subject to certain exceptions), but the Funder is doing that on its own behalf, with the aim of obtaining a positive outcome for itself, by way of a Resolution Sum in relation to the Class Action that is as large as they assess they can achieve, and at the optimal balance of risk and cost to the Funder. They are not acting as lawyers.

## Do I get a say in whether the Class Action settles and for how 24. much?

A lot of thought and analysis goes into whether a class action settles and, if so, on what basis and for what amount (if any).



Any settlement must be agreed between the representative party on the one hand and the Respondent(s) on the other hand. In recognition of the Funder's involvement in the Class Action, any settlement must also be on terms that the Funder considers appropriate. If there is a difference of opinion between the representative party and the Funder regarding any potential settlement, the difference of opinion will be resolved by the most senior barrister of those retained by the Lawyers in respect of the Class Action.

If you are a claimant, but not a representative party, you are not entitled to participate in any settlement discussions, but you will be entitled to lodge an objection (at your own cost) at a settlement approval Court hearing to let the Court know that you disagree with the settlement. It is the Court that ultimately decides whether a settlement is fair and reasonable and should be approved.

## What happens if I disagree with the way Omni Bridgeway is 25. managing the Scheme or the Lawyers are managing the case?

If you are unhappy with the way the Scheme is operated by OBIML or the litigation is being managed by the Funder, you can raise a complaint. You do that by giving written notice to OBIML. You can do this by email. The notice must set out what you wish to complain of and details of any other remedy you would like. More detail about how you can raise a complaint is set out in section 45 of this document.

Further and more detailed information about complaints and disputes is available here: https://omnibridgeway.com/docs/default-source/investors/corporate-governance/8-complaintshandling-policy.pdf?sfvrsn=11d60828 8.

If you are unhappy with the way the Lawyers are managing the Class Action, you can raise a complaint directly with the Lawyers. Your Client Liaison Team Member can assist you, but complaints and disputes with the Lawyers in relation to their professional services do not fall under the Omni Bridgeway complaints policy.

#### 26. Will I have to pay tax?

### **Australian Taxation**

The summary Australian taxation information contained within this document is a general guide in relation to the Australian taxation implications applicable to the Scheme for Australian resident claimants only.

The summary reflects the income tax legislation in force, and the interpretation of the Australian Taxation Office and the Courts, as at the date of issue of this document. Further, as the Australian tax laws are subject to continual change, the summary should not be relied upon as a complete statement of all the potential tax considerations which may arise upon entering the Scheme.

Claimants may be subject to tax on their share of the Resolution Sum in proportion to each claimant's entitlement and Statement of Claim.



The tax treatment of your share of the Resolution Sum you receive should be taxed in the same way it would have been taxed, should you have undertaken the litigation in your own right. Your right to seek compensation is a capital asset and therefore any Resolution Sum received in respect of your asset will be a capital receipt.

OBIML does not expect that the Scheme will to be subject to Australian income tax (including CGT) in relation to the receipt of the Resolution Sum.

OBIML expects that any income earned by the Scheme on assets within the Scheme (including income earned on the Resolution Sum after it is been received) will be subject to Australian income tax (including CGT).

Broadly, where your Resolution Sum relates to a personal wrong, it should not be a taxable capital gain. Where your Resolution Sum does not relate to a personal wrong, it will be a taxable capital gain and you, the claimant will be taxable on the net Resolution Sum you receive or you will be required to make an adjustment to the tax cost base of your asset.

OBIML is in the process of seeking confirmation from the Australian Taxation Office in respect of the tax treatment for Scheme participants by way of a Ruling. A copy of this Ruling will be made available to participants.

The issue of your interest in the Scheme should not be subject to GST or stamp duty.

We recommend claimants seek independent tax advice on any Australian tax implications.

## New Zealand Taxation

The summary New Zealand taxation information contained within this document is a general guide in relation to the New Zealand taxation implications applicable to the Scheme for New Zealand resident claimants only.

You should seek your own professional tax advice on the income tax and GST implications in New Zealand.

The summary reflects the income tax legislation in force, and the interpretation of the Department of Inland Revenue and the Courts, as at the date of issue of this document. Further, as the New Zealand tax laws are subject to continual change, the summary should not be relied upon as a complete statement of all the potential tax considerations which may arise upon entering the Scheme.

The tax treatment of your share of the Resolution Sum you receive should be taxed in the same way it would have been taxed, should you have undertaken the litigation in your own right. On the basis you hold your interest in the Victopia Apartments and the right to seek compensation for it as a capital asset, any Resolution Sum received should be a capital receipt and non-taxable in New Zealand. New Zealand does not have a capital gains tax regime.

Should you incur any costs in relation to seeking compensation for the Victopia Apartments, please note such costs would generally not be deductible for income tax purposes on the basis they would be subject to the capital limitation.



OBIML does not expect that the Scheme will be subject to New Zealand income tax in relation to the receipt of the Resolution Sum, unless you hold your interest in the Victopia Apartments as revenue account property.

OBIML expects that where any income earned by the Scheme on assets within the Scheme (including income earned on the Resolution Sum after it has been received) is attributable to you, such amounts would be taxable income to you. To the extent any tax has been remitted to the Australian Tax Office, you may be able to claim this amount as a tax credit to minimise any income tax liability.

The GST treatment in New Zealand of any Court award, out of court settlements and insurance compensation depends on the individual circumstances of the recipient, including whether or not they are undertaking a taxable activity for GST purposes. Due to the potential differences in the claimants' GST positions, OBIML recommends that you seek independent tax advice on the GST implications of the Resolution Sum, if any.

The issue of your interest in the Scheme should not be subject to income tax or GST in New Zealand. However, you should seek your own tax advice regarding any New Zealand tax implications of having an interest in the Scheme, including whether an annual attributable income interest arises.

### Other

If you are GST registered (in Australia and/or New Zealand) and are able to claim any GST Input Tax Credit in respect of the incurrence of the Project Costs, please refer to section 27, whereby any such GST Input Tax Credit received is payable to the Funder on request.



# 27. What will the Funder get paid on success?

By applying for a claimant's interest in the Scheme, and having their application accepted by the responsible entity, each claimant assigns to the responsible entity to hold on trust the claimant's entitlement to any Resolution Sum<sup>4</sup>. The Funder will be paid an amount out of the Resolution Sum. The payments to the Funder will be equal to:

- (a) an amount equal to the claimant's share of the costs of the litigation (which includes all the amounts referred to as Project Costs in section 38 below, including the costs of operating the Scheme)
- (b) GST at 10% on any supply made by the Funder; plus
- (c) a percentage of the Resolution Sum (gross of the deductions above) calculated as set out in the Scheme's constitution. This is the Funder's amount that it earns for taking the risk of funding the litigation and to recover Project Costs. Details of how this is calculated are set out in the Fees and Other Costs section of this document.

The amount the Funder is paid can vary. For this Scheme, the Funder's and the Lawyers' aggregate possible share of the Resolution Sum cannot be more than 50% of the Resolution Sum. This does not guarantee that the Resolution Sum will be a significant amount (or anything at all).

**GST**: Each claimant must, at the Funder's request, pay to the Funder any Input Tax Credit to which the claimant is entitled under the relevant GST Act in respect of the incurrence of the Project Costs. If the Funder makes a request, any such amount is payable at the earliest time the claimant can claim the benefit of the Input Tax Credit from the Commissioner of Taxation. If upon Resolution there is any Input Tax Credit not paid to the Funder, that is payable or would be payable if the Funder had made a request, then the Funder will be entitled to receive payment to which that Input Tax Credit relates or would relate.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> If the proceedings are brought on behalf of an open class (see section 3 above for more detail on this), the Passive Members may also have their share of any Resolution Sum deemed by Court order as being contributed to, and distributed according to the constitution of, the Scheme. If you do not wish to have your claim determined as part of the Class Action, please take steps to Opt Out by filing the required Opt Out Notice. Omni Bridgeway can assist you with this.



# Notes for the Funder

This section of the PDS contains information for the Funder, who will be a member of the Scheme, holding a different class of interest in the Scheme from the claimants and the Lawyers.

In this section, "you" means the Funder.

## 28. No advice

This PDS is not legal advice to the Funder. It is not a recommendation by OBIML to fund the Class Action. The Funder must make its own decision and take its own independent advice about whether to fund the Class Action.

## 29. The Funder's interest in the Scheme

Upon completing an application in writing, and that application being accepted by OBIML, the Funder will be issued with the Funder's Interest in the Scheme. The Funder's Interest will have the rights and obligations as set out in the Scheme's constitution in relation to the Funder's Interest.

The Funder's Interest will:

- oblige the Funder to meet the costs of the Class Action
- give the Funder the ability to project manage the Class Action, have access to all the claimant's
  material in relation to the Class Action, and to give the Lawyers day to day instructions about
  the conduct of the Class Action except for the material decisions that are reserved for the
  claimants under the terms of the Claim Funding Terms
- entitle the Funder to be paid a share of the Resolution Sum (see section 27 above and section 30 below).

OBIML may, in its absolute discretion, accept or reject an application from a person seeking to be admitted to the Scheme as a Funder. By applying for an interest in the Scheme, the Funder agrees to be bound by the Scheme's constitution, including the Claim Funding Terms. There is no cooling-off period offered to the Funder. The Funder must not be a retail investor as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001*. The Funder has a separate class of Interests in the Scheme from the claimants and may not be offered the same protections as a retail investor. This document does not make the same level of disclosure to the Funder as for a retail investor; the Funder must make its own investigations and satisfy itself that an interest in the Scheme as a Funder is right for it.

For further details on how to apply to become approved as a Funder please contact OBIML at: <a href="mailto:legal@omnibridgeway.com">legal@omnibridgeway.com</a>.



## 30. The Funder's return

In return for funding the Project Costs (including security for adverse costs), the Funder is entitled to a share of the Resolution Sum (if any) that is assigned to the Scheme by the claimants.

The Funder will be paid its share of the Resolution Sum by direction to the Lawyers by the responsible entity. The Funder's share of the Resolution Sum will be paid as a distribution from the Scheme.

The Funder's share will be calculated as set out in section 27 and the Fees and Other Costs section of this document.

The aggregate of the Funder's and the Lawyers' share of the Resolution Sum cannot exceed 50% of the Resolution Sum (**the 50% cap**). The application of the 50% cap is described in the Fees and Other Costs section of this document.

There is no guarantee that the Funder's share of the Resolution Sum will be more than the costs incurred by the Lawyers in prosecuting the Class Action. The Funder has no right to recover any amount of costs from the representative party or any of the other claimants, or any right to reimbursement of its funding other than as a distribution out of the Resolution Sum according to the terms of the Scheme's constitution.

Litigation can be a lengthy process and the course of it hard to accurately predict. The Funder should be aware that it may be required to bear the risk of the litigation for a number of years prior to any resolution being achieved.

## 31. Funder taxation

OBIML does not expect that the Scheme will to be subject to Australian income tax (including CGT) in relation to the receipt of the Resolution Sum.

OBIML expects that any income earned by the Scheme on assets within the Scheme (including the Resolution Sum after it has been received) will be subject to Australian income tax (including CGT).

The issue of your interest in the Scheme should not be subject to GST or stamp duty.

The Funder may be subject to tax on its share of the income earned within the Scheme or its share of the Resolution Sum (however paid). Any such amount will be treated as having an Australian source.

On the basis that the Funder does not have any New Zealand based operations or presence, the Funder should not have any income tax obligations on the Resolution Sum in New Zealand. In the context of the "remote services" GST regime, the extent, if any, of the Funder's New Zealand GST obligations is not free from doubt.

We recommend the Funder seeks independent tax advice on Australian and New Zealand tax implications.



It is not compulsory for the Funder to provide their partnership or company TFN or ABN details to the Scheme. However, unless an exemption applies, if the Funder does not provide its TFN or ABN, the responsible entity may be required to deduct tax from distributions to the Funder at the highest personal marginal rate plus the Medicare levy.



# Notes for the lawyers

This section of the PDS contains information for the Lawyers, who will be a member of the Scheme, holding a different class of interest in the Scheme from the claimants and the Funder.

In this section, "you" means the Lawyers.

#### 32. No advice

This PDS is not legal advice to the Lawyers. It is not a recommendation by OBIML to put your fees at risk in acting in respect of the Class Action. The Lawyers must make their own decision about whether to contribute their services in this way in respect of the Class Action.

#### 33. The Lawyers' interest in the Scheme

Upon entering into terms with the Funder and OBIML on terms the same as, or similar to, the Standard Lawyers' Terms and a Retainer with a representative party, the Lawyers will be deemed to have applied for and been accepted as a member of the Scheme and will be issued with the Lawyers' Interest in the Scheme. The Lawyers' Interest will have the rights and obligations as set out in the Scheme's constitution in relation to the Lawyers' Interest.

The Lawyers' Interest will:

- oblige the Lawyers to provide their services at a discount to their normal hourly rates as set out in the definition of Project Costs in the Scheme's constitution;
- accept day to day instructions about the conduct of the litigation from the Funders except for the material decisions that are reserved for the claimants under the terms of the Claim Funding Terms and subject to the Lawyers' overriding professional obligations to their clients;
- entitle the Lawyers to be paid a share of the Resolution Sum (see section 38 below).

OBIML may, in its absolute discretion, accept or reject an application from a person seeking to be admitted to the Scheme as the Lawyers. By applying for an interest in the Scheme, the Lawyers agree to be bound by the Scheme's constitution, including the Claim Funding Terms. There is no cooling-off period offered to the Lawyers. The Lawyers must not be a retail investor as defined in the Corporations Act 2001. The Lawyers have a separate class of Interests in the Scheme from the claimants and may not be offered the same protections as a retail investor. This document does not make the same level of disclosure to the Lawyers as for a retail investor; the Lawyers must make their own investigations and satisfy themselves that an interest in the Scheme as the Lawyers is right for them.

For further details on how to apply to become approved as the Lawyers please contact OBIML at: legal@omnibridgeway.com.



# 34. The Lawyers' return

By putting a percentage of their normal hourly rates at risk in the litigation, the Lawyers are effectively funding a portion of the Project Costs. In return for doing so, the Lawyers are entitled to a share of the Resolution Sum (if any) that is assigned to the Scheme by the claimants.

As more fully set out in the Standard Lawyers' Terms and the Scheme's constitution, the following discount and uplift arrangements will apply in respect of the Lawyers' entitlement to receive fees for performing legal work in respect of the Class Action:

- The Lawyers will charge for legal work performed by them by reference to the time reasonably and properly spent at their normal hourly rates as notified to the Funder and OBIML.
- Prior to resolution of the Class Action:
  - Before the Funder has notified the Lawyers that it is satisfied that the Class Action is commercially viable (Condition Precedent Date), the Lawyers will charge for legal work comprising preliminary costs as part of their agreed Investment Budget at 80% of their normal hourly rates; and
  - After the Condition Precedent Date:
    - the Lawyers will charge for legal work as part of their agreed Investment Budget at 80% of their normal hourly rates; and
    - the Lawyers will charge for legal work within an agreed Revised Budget at 50% of their normal hourly rates.
- Upon resolution of the Class Action and receipt of the Resolution Sum by the Scheme, the
  Lawyers will be entitled to be paid a distribution by the Scheme from the Resolution Sum. As a
  result of this distribution, the Lawyers will ultimately receive amounts up to the At-Risk Fees and
  the Uplift (on top of amounts already paid by the Funder). The calculation of the At-Risk Fees
  and the Uplift is set out in more detail in section 38 below.

The Lawyers will be paid their share of the Resolution Sum at the direction of the responsible entity. The Lawyers' share of the Resolution Sum will be paid as a distribution from the Scheme.

The Lawyers' share will be calculated as set out in the Fees and Other Costs section of this document (and in section 38 in particular). The Lawyers' share will be subject to the cap on the Funders and Lawyers Return as set out below.

The aggregate of the Funder and the Lawyers' share of the Resolution Sum cannot exceed 50% of the Resolution Sum (**the 50% cap**). The application of the 50% cap is described in the Fees and Other Costs section of this document.

There is no guarantee that the Lawyers' share of the Resolution Sum will be equal to or more than the discount to their normal hourly rates held back by the Lawyers over the course of prosecuting the litigation (or indeed, that it will be anything at all). The Lawyers have no right to recover any amount of costs from the representative party or any of the other claimants, or any right to reimbursement of its discounted fees other than as a distribution out of the Resolution Sum according to the terms of the Scheme's constitution.



Litigation can be a lengthy process and the course of it hard to accurately predict. The Lawyers should be aware that they may be required to bear the risk of the litigation for a number of years prior to any resolution being achieved.

# 35. Lawyers' taxation

OBIML does not expect that the Scheme will to be subject to Australian income tax (including CGT) in relation to the receipt of the Resolution Sum.

OBIML expects that any income earned by the Scheme on assets within the Scheme (including the Resolution Sum after it has been received) will to be subject to Australian income tax (including CGT).

The issue of your interest in the Scheme should not be subject to GST or stamp duty.

The Lawyers may be subject to tax on their share of the income earned within the scheme or their share of the Resolution Sum (however paid). Any such amount will be treated as having an Australian source.

On the basis that the Lawyers' do not have any New Zealand based operations or presence, the Lawyers should not have any New Zealand income tax obligations in relation to the Resolution Sum. However, to the extent that the Lawyers' are supplying services to claimants who are New Zealand resident, New Zealand GST under the "remote services" rules may be applicable such that the Lawyers may be required to register for GST in New Zealand. We recommended that specific GST advice is obtained by the Lawyers on this matter.

We recommend the Lawyers seek independent tax advice on the Australian and New Zealand tax implications.

It is not compulsory for the Lawyers to provide their partnership or company TFN or ABN details to the Scheme. However, unless an exemption applies, if the Lawyers do not provide their TFN or ABN, the responsible entity may be required to deduct tax from distributions to the Lawyers at the highest personal marginal rate plus the Medicare levy.



## Fees and Other costs

Claimants who are the representative party or a general member participating in the Class Action and who have an Interest in the Scheme will not pay any fees or other costs to the responsible entity. Each such claimant will remain entitled to their respective share of any Resolution Sum after the Lawyers and Funder have been paid their respective share of the Resolution Sum as described below.

Upon being issued with a Funder's Interest in the Scheme, the Funder will be liable to pay the Lawyers costs of prosecuting the Class Action (Project Costs) as set out in the Scheme's constitution, summarised in the Funding Terms section of this PDS. Project Costs could be more than AU\$3 million (or the NZD equivalent).

#### Fees and costs of the Scheme 36.

The responsible entity will not charge a fee for acting as trustee and responsible entity of the Scheme, but it is entitled to be reimbursed for third party costs and other expenses of the Scheme such as establishment costs, audit fees, director's fees and any professional advice it may require. Examples of the type of expenses OBIML may incur are set out in the Scheme's constitution. Support services provided to OBIML by the Omni Bridgeway Group will not incur a cost.<sup>5</sup> The external costs and expenses will be recovered by OBIML as part of the Project Costs, either by drawing down on capital committed by the Funder or out of the Funder's entitlement to a share of the Resolution Sum once it is paid to the responsible entity. The costs and expenses of the Scheme will not be separately charged to claimants, but will be added to the total of Project Costs that are used to calculate the Funder's entitlement to a distribution out of the Time-Weighted Amount of any Resolution Sum.

#### 37. Sharing in the Resolution Sum

The Funder obtains its economic return on its funding of the Project Costs by being allocated a share of any Resolution Sum. The Lawyers may also obtain an economic return in respect of contributing their professional services at less than their normal rates by being allocated a share of any Resolution Sum. These distributions to the Funder and the Lawyers reduce the amount of the Resolution Sum that would otherwise be available to the claimants.

Upon the Court awarding any damages, which will comprise the Resolution Sum, the Resolution Administrators appointed by the Court (who may be the Lawyers) will cause the Lawyers to make the following payments of any Resolution Sum out of the Lawyers' trust account in the strict order of priority set out below:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> To the extent that Omni Bridgeway or a related entity of Omni Bridgeway is appointed by the Court as Resolution Administrator, it shall be entitled to recover Court ordered fees in acting in that capacity in accordance with the Scheme's constitution.



- 1. As a first priority, pay to the Funder the Project Costs (this allows the Funder to recover the amounts it has spent funding the Lawyers in prosecuting the Class Action and funding the operations of the Scheme);
- 2. As a second priority, pay to the Funder GST at 10% on any supply made by the Funder;
- 3. As a third priority, pay to the Funder a percentage as described in section 38 below;
- 4. As a fourth priority, pay to the Lawyers their At-Risk Fees and Uplift as described in section 38, below;
- 5. As a fifth priority, the Resolution Administrator in their capacity as administrators of the distribution scheme are entitled to their fees as approved by the Court for administering the determination of distributions of the Resolution Sum; and
- 6. Finally, each claimant is entitled to a share of any remaining balance of the Resolution Sum in proportion to the value of their respective claims in the proceeding (subject to requirements for proof) as determined by the Resolution Administrator.

The Funder's share of the Resolution Sum is the aggregate of the amounts calculated as due to the Funder under items 1, 2, and 3 of the above list.

The amounts set out in items 1, 2, 3 and 4 are subject to the cap on the Funder's and Lawyers' return at 50% of the Resolution Sum meaning that the total amounts to which the Funder and the Lawyers are entitled from any Resolution Sum cannot exceed 50% of that Resolution Sum. After that limit has been reached, no further payments in respect of those items 1 to 4 can be made.

# 38. Calculation of the Funder's and the Lawyers' entitlements

In return for funding the Project Costs and managing the Class Action, each claimant who has an interest in the Scheme agrees to assign their share of the Resolution Sum to the responsible entity to hold on trust.

The Funder will be entitled to distributions from the Scheme paid out of the Resolution Sum, calculated to recover the Project Costs the Funder has spent in funding the Class Action, plus a success-based share of the Resolution Sum (the **Time-Weighted Amount**), calculated depending on the period of time that has elapsed from the commencement of the Scheme until the occurrence of a Resolution:

Resolution bef 12 months froi Commenceme	Resolution on or after the date which is 12 months from the Commencement Date
20%	25%



If, after the Condition Precedent Date and before resolution of the Class Action, any person becomes an additional party to the proceedings as a respondent, then an additional 2.5% for that person will be added to the percentages set out in the above table for the purposes of calculating the Time-Weighted Amount. However, no more than 7.5% in total will be added to the percentages set out in the above table as a result of additional parties becoming respondents to the proceedings.

Additionally, if an appeal is funded by the Funder in accordance with the Claim Funding Terms, an additional 5% will be added to the percentages set out in the above table for the purposes of calculating the Time-Weighted Amount (as such percentages may previously have been increased as a result of additional parties becoming respondents to the proceedings as described above).

The Lawyers will also be entitled to distributions from the Scheme paid out of the Resolution Sum, calculated by reference to the percentage of their fees at normal rates they have placed at risk in respect of the Class Action plus an uplift. The way the Lawyers will be entitled to be paid their fees, and any subsequent distribution from the Scheme is as follows (and more fully set out in the Standard Lawyers' Terms and the Scheme's constitution):

- The Lawyers will charge for legal work performed by them by reference to the time reasonably and properly spent at their normal hourly rates as notified to the Funder and OBIML.
- Prior to resolution of the Class Action:
  - Before the Funder has notified the Lawyers that it is satisfied that the Class Action is commercially viable (Condition Precedent Date), the Lawyers will charge for legal work comprising preliminary costs as part of their agreed Investment Budget at 80% of their normal hourly rates; and
  - After the Condition Precedent Date:
    - the Lawyers will charge for legal work as part of their agreed Investment Budget at 80% of their normal hourly rates; and
    - ♦ the Lawyers will charge for legal work within an agreed Revised Budget at 50% of their normal hourly rates.
- Upon resolution of the Class Action and receipt of the Resolution Sum by the Scheme, the Lawyers will be entitled to a distribution by the Scheme from the Resolution Sum as the fourth priority distribution, being the aggregate of the At-Risk Fees and the Uplift, as follows:

### The At-Risk Fees

- 20% of the Lawyers' reasonable legal fees comprising preliminary costs incurred as part of their agreed Investment Budget;
- from the Condition Precedent Date;
  - 20% of the Lawyers' reasonable fees incurred as part of their agreed Investment Budget; and
  - 50% of the Lawyers' reasonable fees incurred within an agreed Revised Budget; and



## The Uplift

a 20% uplift on the total quantum of the amounts comprising the At-Risk Fees

If the Class Action is unsuccessful the Lawyers will not receive their At-Risk Fees or their Uplift.

## The cap

The aggregate of the Funder and the Lawyers' share of the Resolution Sum cannot exceed 50% of the Resolution Sum (**the 50% cap**). If the entitlements of the Funder and the Lawyers exceed 50% of the Resolution Sum these entitlements will be scaled back as follows until the 50% cap is reached:

- First, the Uplift payable to the Lawyers will be reduced (but not below zero dollars);
- Second, the entitlement of the Funder to the Time-Weighted Amount to be paid out of the Resolution Sum and the entitlements of the Lawyers in respect of At-Risk Fees will be reduced on a pro rata basis; and
- Finally, the entitlements of the Funder to be paid the Project Costs will be reduced.

**Project Costs** has the meaning given in the Dictionary section at the back of this document. They include, but are not limited to, the Lawyers' fees at a discount to their normal hourly rates, 100% of the barrister's fees, any Adverse Costs awarded in favour of the Respondents, any indemnity given by the Funder and called upon in relation to security for costs, and the costs and expenses of operating the Scheme, including audit fees and establishment costs.

Project Costs are a material component of the Funder's share of any Resolution Sum. The Funder's project budget is developed in consultation with the Lawyers and is not made public because it gives information about the proposed management of the case and predicted outcomes that may be sensitive, confidential and/or subject to legal professional privilege. The confidential nature of the project budget has been acknowledged by the Courts in past class actions. If you would like more information about the budget for Project Costs, please contact the Client Liaison team using the details at the end of this document.



# 39. Worked examples of fees and costs- who gets paid what in various scenarios

Three worked examples of how the above calculations may play out for both a claimant and the Funder are set out below. The worked examples are for illustrative purposes only and are not forecasts or indicative of any potential or expected Resolution Sum or return. The Funder has no control over the amount that a Court may grant if the Class Action is successful. The worked examples have been provided in a consistent currency. The actual calculation will involve some degree of foreign currency translation to occur to bring all values to a consistent currency before the calculations can be performed.

## Example 1 - the Court awards damages of \$26,000,000 2 years after commencement of the Scheme

Assume the Resolution Sum is \$26,000,000, the Project Costs are \$2,500,000, the Lawyers' At-Risk Fees are \$286,000 and the GST is \$60,000

The Time-Weighted Amount is \$6,500,000

Funder	Claimant		
<ul> <li>The Funder will receive \$9,060,000 calculated as follows:</li> <li>First priority payment, \$2,500,000 as recovery of Project Costs</li> </ul>	The claimants will each receive a share of \$16,496,800. This total is the Resolution Sum less the Funders and the Lawyers' entitlements less the Resolution Administrator's fees (assumed to		
<ul> <li>Second priority payment, \$60,000 in respect of GST</li> <li>Third priority payment, \$6,500,000 (being 25% of the Resolution Sum).</li> </ul>	be \$100,000).  If there were 100 claimants with an interest in the Scheme – this would be \$164,968 each (assuming equal shares, but NOTE in a real-life claim your recovery is most likely weighted by your relative claim compared to each other claimant in the litigation).		
Lawyers  The Lawyers will receive, as a fourth-priority payment, \$343,200 (being the At-Risk Fees of \$286,000 plus the 20% Uplift of \$57,200).			



#### Example 2 – the Court awards damages of \$7,500,000 2 years after commencement of the Scheme

Assume the Resolution Sum is only \$7,500,000, and the facts in example 1 are unchanged.

The Time Weighted Amount is \$1,875,000

#### Funder

The Funder will receive **\$2,560,000** being the Project Costs and the GST.

The Funder would be entitled to its Time-Weighted Amount of \$1,875,000 however this will be reduced to \$1,032,508 as set out below to ensure that the aggregate of the Funders and Lawyers' entitlements do not exceed 50% of the Resolution Sum (being \$3,750,000).

#### Lawyers

The Lawyers would be entitled to \$343,200 (comprising At-Risk Fees of \$286,000 plus the 20% Uplift of \$57,200) however this will be reduced to **\$157,492** as set out below to ensure that the aggregate of the Funders and Lawyers entitlements do not exceed 50% of the Resolution Sum (being \$3,750,000).

#### The operation of the 50% cap

After paying the Project Costs, the remaining amount of the Resolution Sum which is available to the Funder and the Lawyers is \$1,190,000 (being \$3,750,000 less \$2,560,000). The 50% cap is implemented as follows:

First, the Lawyers' entitlement to the 20% Uplift of \$57,200 will be reduced to zero.

Second, the Funder's Time-Weighted Amount (i.e. \$1,875,000) and the Lawyers At-Risk Fees (i.e. \$286,000) will be reduced on a pro-rata basis:

Total remaining entitlements = \$2,161,000 (\$1,875,000 + \$286,000)

The Funder's proportion of the remaining entitlements is 87% (\$1,875,000/\$2,161,000) so its entitlement to the Time-Weighted Amount will be reduced by \$842,491.

#### Claimant

The claimants will each receive a share of \$3,650,000 from the Resolution Sum. This total is the Resolution Sum less the Funders and the Lawyers' entitlements less the Resolution Administrator's fees (assumed to be \$100,000).

If there were 100 claimants with an interest in the Scheme – this would be \$36,500 each (assuming equal shares, but NOTE in a real life-claim your recovery is most likely weighted by your relative claim compared to each other claimant in the litigation).



•	The Funder's Time-Weighted Amount will thus be \$1,032,509 (being \$1,875,000 less \$842,491).
•	The Lawyers' proportion of the remaining entitlements is 13% (\$286,000/\$2,161,000) so its entitlement to At-Risk Fees will be reduced by \$128,508.
•	The Lawyers' remaining entitlement to At-Risk Fees will thus be \$157,492.

Example 3 – the litigation is unsuccessful	
Assume the Resolution Sum is \$0, but the Project	ct Costs are <b>\$500,000</b>
Funder	Claimant
The Funder will be liable for the Project Costs of the litigation and any adverse costs orders, despite there being no Resolution Sum. Accordingly, the Funder would have lost \$500,000.	The claimant will bear no losses in the event of the litigation being unsuccessful. They will pay \$0 and receive \$0.



## The Funding Terms

This section contains a summary of the terms on which the Funder will provide funding for the Class Action.

This is a summary only, and the terms of the Scheme's constitution prevail. The clauses listed below are clauses of the Scheme's constitution, which contains the Claim Funding Terms in Schedule 3. You should read the Scheme's constitution to see the full details of the terms. By signing the Application Form, you are agreeing to the litigation funding terms as set out in the Scheme's constitution.

Words used with capital letters in this section have the meanings given to them in Schedule 1 of the Scheme's constitution.

Term	Summary
Project Investigation ahead of commencing proceedings (Sch 3, cl 2)	The Funder has an interest in the outcome of the Proceedings. Accordingly, the Claimant consents to the Funder investigating and collating information relevant to the Proceedings.  The Claimant agrees to provide all such information and assistance as the Funder may reasonably request for the project investigation.
Project Management (Sch 3, cl 3.1)	<ul> <li>The Funder will provide the following management services in respect of the Project:</li> <li>advising the Claimants on strategy;</li> <li>negotiating and seeking compliance with the Project Budget;</li> <li>considering the advice of the Lawyers and providing day-to-day instructions to the Lawyers;</li> <li>database and document management; and</li> <li>facilitating periodic meetings between participants in the Project, administering reports to the Claimants in respect of progress and Alternative Dispute Resolution Process.</li> </ul>
Proceedings (Sch 3, cl 4.1)	The Claimant agrees that the representative party will determine, in consultation with the Lawyers and Funder what Claims should be pursued at any stage in the Proceedings brought by the representative party.  Subject to the representative party's right to give overriding instructions to the Lawyers as their client, the Funder will give day-to-day instructions to the Lawyers on all matters concerning the Claims and the Proceedings and may give binding instructions to the Lawyers and make binding decisions on the Claimant's behalf.



Term	Summary
The Claimant	The Claimant must:
Obligations (Sch 3, 4.2)	act at all times in good faith;
	<ul> <li>follow all reasonable legal advice given by the Lawyers and by barristers retained by the Lawyers in relation to the Proceedings and the Claims and in the case of conflicting advice, will follow the advice of the most senior barrister retained;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>promptly provide full, frank and honest instructions to the Lawyers and barristers and provide the Lawyers with all documents in the Claimant's possession, custody or power that are relevant to the Claims or the Proceedings;</li> </ul>
	• if requested by the Lawyers to do so, provide a signed, written witness statement to the Lawyers for use in the Proceedings, attend Court to give evidence in person and actively participate in any Alternative Dispute Resolution Process;
	<ul> <li>diligently prosecute the Proceedings and any appeals and do all things necessary to enable the Lawyers to ensure that the Proceedings and any appeals are conducted with the goal of resolving the Proceedings quickly, efficiently and with a view to maximising the Resolution Sum whilst keeping costs as low as possible;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>opt out of or discontinue any other proceeding conducted against the Respondent, if the claims pursued in that proceeding overlap with the Claims in the Proceedings funded by the Funder;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>comply with all orders of the Court and all statutory provisions, regulations, rules and directions;</li> </ul>
	inform the Lawyers and Funder of any change in contact details;
	<ul> <li>inform the Lawyers and Funder of any information, circumstance or change in circumstances likely to affect the Claims, any issue in any Proceedings or the recoverability of any Resolution Sum;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>promptly take all appropriate actions, at the Funder's expense and with the Funder's written agreement, to tax or assess any costs claimed by any Respondent in an Adverse Costs Order;</li> </ul>
	take all appropriate action to diligently enforce any Settlement with, or any Judgment; and
	fully co-operate with the Funder and the Lawyers and act with the care and diligence of a prudent business person.



Term	Summary
	The Claimant <b>must not</b> (without the prior written consent of the Funder):
	if proceedings have not been commenced, commence proceedings;
	<ul> <li>discontinue, abandon, withdraw or Settle the Proceedings or make any admission in relation to any Claims (unless it is in accordance with the Scheme's constitution);</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>unilaterally reject any Settlement offer made by any Respondent (unless doing so is in accordance with the process in the Scheme's constitution);</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>reject any offer made by any Respondents to engage in any form of Alternative Dispute Resolution Process;</li> </ul>
	• terminate the retainer of the Lawyers or retain any other solicitors in place of the Lawyers;
	• seek any order from any court which may detrimentally affect the Funder's rights under this Agreement, other than with the consent of the Funder; or
	<ul> <li>provide any comment concerning the Proceedings to any news outlet, journalist or media of any sort.</li> </ul>
	The Claimant <b>instructs the Lawyers</b> to do everything set out at Schedule 3, clause 4.4 of the Scheme's constitution.
	The Claimant <b>will not</b> disclose to any person, other than the Lawyers for the purpose of obtaining confidential legal or financial advice, or to the Funder, any information outlined at Schedule 3, clause 4.6.
	The Claimant <b>will not</b> , during the period of the Scheme's constitution, have any communication with any Respondent, relating to the Claims, other than through the Lawyers or upon their reasonable advice.
Project Costs	The Funder will pay the Project Costs.
(Sch 3, cl 5)	If any Respondent makes any payment by way of costs during the course of any Proceedings, then the payment will be paid into the Lawyers' Trust Account on trust for the Funder and may be utilised by the Funder in paying or reimbursing any Project Costs.
	If there is any Resolution Sum that is money in the Trust Account at the time an Adverse Costs Order is payable, then that money will first be employed to pay the Adverse Costs Order and the Funder will pay any balance outstanding after such payment.
Ceased claim (Sch 3, cl 5.6 – 5.7, clause 11 of the	The Funder may decide, in its sole discretion following consultation with the Lawyers and the representative party, to cease to fund all Claims or any Claim, either completely or as against any particular Respondent (Ceased Claim), in



Term	Summary
Scheme's constitution)	accordance with clause 11 of the Scheme's constitution and by giving 14 days' written notice to the Claimant and OBIML.
	The Lawyers will be instructed to discontinue the prosecution of the Ceased Claim.
	The Funder will cease to have any entitlement to a success-based share of the Resolution Sum, but will remain liable for, and able to be reimbursed for Project Costs payable in relation to the Ceased Claim up to the date the Funder ceased to fund it.
Receipt of Resolution Sum (Sch 3, cl 6.1)	The Claimant, OBIML and Funder instruct the Lawyers to immediately pay any Resolution Sum comprising money into an interest-bearing trust account to be kept for that purpose.
(3013, 010.1)	The Resolution Sum will be distributed to the Claimant in accordance with clause 12 of the Scheme's constitution, after payment is made to the Funder and the Lawyers.
Payment of Resolution Sum (Sch 3, cl 7.1 – 7.4)	If a lump sum amount is received in Settlement or by way of Judgment, the Claimant will be paid the balance of funds after deducting all amounts required to be paid to the Funder and the Lawyers under the terms of the Scheme's constitution.
,	If for whatever reason (including due to change of circumstances, overpayment or an error) amounts paid or released to the Claimant under the Scheme's constitution by the Lawyers exceed the Claimant's entitlement under the Scheme's constitution, the Lawyers may demand the Claimant repay an amount equal to the difference between such amounts ( <b>Overpayment Amount</b> ). The Claimant must immediately refund (or procure the refund of) the Overpayment Amount to the Lawyers.
	The Claimant agrees not to bring any claim against the Funder if the amount paid or released to the Claimant by the Lawyers is less than the Claimant's entitlement.
Appeals (Sch 3, cl 8.1 – 8.2)	Should there be an unfavourable judgment, and the Funder notifies the Claimant (or the Representative Member) that it is prepared, in its discretion, to fund an appeal then the Funder will pay, as part of the Project Costs, the reasonable legal costs and disbursements of the appeal and any Adverse Costs Order if the appeal is unsuccessful.
	If there is judgment in the Proceedings in favour of the Claimants and the Respondents appeal, the Funder may elect (but is not obliged) to fund the defence of the appeal.
The Lawyer's Retainer and Settlement (Sch 3, cl 9)	The Claimant acknowledges and accepts that the Lawyers have entered, or will enter, into an agreement with the Funder in the same or similar terms to the Standard Lawyers Terms.



Term	Summary
	If there is any inconsistency between the terms of any Retainer Agreement and the Scheme's constitution or the Standard Lawyers Terms, the terms of the Scheme's constitution or the Standard Lawyers Terms, as applicable, will prevail.
	The Claimant acknowledges that they will be bound by an order of the Court made in any Proceedings approving the Settlement of the Proceedings (unless the Claimant has validly opted out).
Difference in opinion (Sch 3, cl 9.7 – 9.13)	Recognising that the Funder has an interest in the Resolution Sum, where there are differences in opinion as to the appropriateness of accepting any settlement sum, the parties must resolve the difference by referring it to the barristers for advice on whether, in their opinion, Settlement is fair and reasonable in all of the circumstances.
	The Funder will pay the costs of the barristers in providing the opinion.
Confidentiality (Sch 3, cl 11)	The Funder and the Claimant acknowledge that:
	all the Project Information is confidential;
	the Project Information may be subject to a claim of Privilege by the Claimant (including any joint interest or common interest privilege); and
	the communications are "confidential communications" and the documents are "confidential documents" within the meaning of Part 3.10 of the Evidence Act 1995 (Cth),
	unless any part of the Project Information is already in the public domain through no breach of the Scheme's constitution.
Default by Funder (cl 4.15 – 4.21 of the Scheme's constitution)	If the Funder fails to pay any amount drawn down from it in accordance with the Scheme's constitution, or commits a material breach of the Scheme's constitution and does not remedy the breach within 30 days after receiving written notice from OBIML, OBIML may classify the Funder as a Defaulting Funder and take steps to designate a replacement funder to assume responsibility for the Funder and cancel the Funder's interest in the Scheme. If OBIML does not replace the Funder, OBIML must wind up the Scheme and treat the Claims as Ceased Claims.
Withdrawal by the Claimant, removal of a Claimant from	If the Proceedings are conducted as a Class Action and the Claimant exercises their right to opt out of the Class Action pursuant to an Opt Out Notice, then upon the exercise of that right the Claimant will be deemed to have withdrawn from the Scheme.
the Scheme (cl 10)	OBIML must also cancel a Claimant's interest in the Scheme and remove them from the register of members if OBIML reasonably determines the Claimant does not have a valid Claim, or the Court finds that the Claimant's claims have been unsuccessful, or the Class Action is settled out of Court or determined by the Court



Term	Summary
	and the Resolution Administrator determines that a Claimant does not have a valid claim.
	If the Claims of the Claimant are resolved at the time it withdraws from the Scheme, or thereafter, the Claimant's assignment of its interest in any Resolution Sum to the Scheme remains in force and the Resolution Sum will continue to be allocated and distributed according to the Scheme's constitution.
	The replacement of Lawyers will not terminate the agreement. The replacement will be on the same or substantially the same terms as the Standard Lawyers' Terms.



#### General terms

This section contains information relevant to every participant in the Scheme.

## 40. The risk of conflicts of interest, related party transactions

Omni Bridgeway and the responsible entity (OBIML) are related to each other and Omni Bridgeway has indirect managerial responsibilities in respect of the Funder.

OBIML is under an obligation not to prefer the interests of the Funder over the interests of other members of the Scheme.

The Funder and the general members of the Class Action may have different interests in continuing to fund or settle the Class Action. They may also have different opinions about other steps in the litigation. This is possible because the Funder is on risk for the costs of pursuing the Class Action and also is paid its share of the Resolution Sum ahead of any distribution to claimants, so the Funder may consider that an early settlement, or settlement for a smaller amount than the claimants would like to accept, is warranted.

The Funder is entitled to give instructions to the Lawyers in relation to the day-to-day management of the Class Action, seek orders from the Court (such as orders for discovery of relevant documents) and make decisions about settlement offers to be made to the Respondents. This gives the Funder the opportunity to act in its own interests, which may be different from the general members' (although, as the client of the Lawyers, the representative party has the right to over-ride the instructions of the Funder).

The Lawyers also have financial risk on the Class Action in that they will not be paid their final percentage of fees unless the Class Action is successful. Their views on the likelihood of receiving an award in the Class Action, and the value of that award and the likelihood of being able to recover it, versus the amount of work they will be required to contribute (i.e. the value of fees at risk) may lead to the Lawyers taking a different view from the Funder and/or the claimants on the conduct and continuation of the Class Action. The Lawyers are entitled to cease acting in the Class Action at any time. Their withdrawal as counsel would cause significant disruption to the conduct of the case.

Claimants may also have conflicting interests between themselves, depending on the relative strength, value and nature of their claims. This may lead some claimants being in favour of an early or smaller settlement than the other claimants are happy to accept.

The representative party is the person against whom a costs award will be made if the Class Action fails. The representative party must rely on reimbursement from the Funder under the terms of the Scheme's constitution. This different exposure to the risk of adverse costs in the proceedings means that the representative party may have a conflict of interest with the other claimants.



The Funder and the responsible entity use as their guiding principle, the 'Overarching Purpose', which is to facilitate the just resolution of the claims and the Class Action according to law and as quickly, inexpensively and efficiently as possible with the aim of maximising settlement or judgment proceeds net of Project Costs and minimising all risks, including, in particular, the risk of the Proceedings being unsuccessful.

Omni Bridgeway, the Funder and OBIML have a conflicts management policy in section 6 of the Code of Conduct, which can be found here: <a href="https://omnibridgeway.com/docs/default-source/investors/corporate-governance/1-code-of-conduct.pdf?sfvrsn=7b2765ea">https://omnibridgeway.com/docs/default-source/investors/corporate-governance/1-code-of-conduct.pdf?sfvrsn=7b2765ea</a> 6.

## 41. Condition precedent to providing the funding

The responsible entity will not issue any Interests in the Scheme to general members unless a Funder has confirmed in writing that it agrees to be bound by the Scheme's constitution and to subscribe for the Funder's Interest in the Scheme. Claimants are encouraged to submit their applications forms in advance of this happening, but if the Funder does not agree to fund the action, the responsible entity will return your application form (or at your direction, destroy it).

Even after the Funder has applied to become a member of the Scheme, it will not be obliged to fund the Project Costs (except for the preliminary costs) until it has satisfied itself that the Class Action is commercially viable for it to fund.

Claimants should also note that the Funder has the right, where it subsequently determines that the action has become unviable, to withdraw its funding and terminate its participation in the Scheme. If the Funder does not provide funding and no alternative funder is found, it is likely that the representative party will withdraw the Class Action.

#### 42. Risks

Before deciding to participate in the Scheme, you should consider the risks involved.

**Litigation may be unsuccessful**: It is very hard to accurately predict whether litigation will be successful, and over what time frame (which can be years), or if successful, the value of damages that may be awarded or agreed. It is possible that the Funder may not recover all the Project Costs they have paid in pursuing the litigation, or the claimants may not receive any material amount out of the Resolution Sum once the costs of litigation have been met and the Funder has received its share. Neither the Funder nor the responsible entity is able to give any claimant legal advice about the litigation.

Neither the Funder nor the responsible entity gives any guarantee of any payment to the Funder or any claimant in connection with the Class Action or an interest in the Scheme.

**Causes of action**: Class Action litigation addresses only those issues which are common to all members of the class. An individual claimant may have additional or different causes of action that would, if litigated separately, entitle it to recover more than they may be entitled to as a member of the class.



**Proof of loss**: Litigation is an adversarial process: a claimant may be called upon to prove their loss. Depending on the nature of the claim, this can be a stressful experience. We recommend that claimants speak to a lawyer to understand the process and determine whether litigation is the right path for them.

**Perception of fairness:** Claimants have suffered a loss, which is the subject of the litigation. The Funder takes on all the risk of paying for the litigation, so it is making a financial investment. These are quite different situations with different motivations and incentives, but both positions give rise to claims on the Resolution Sum. Before participating in the Scheme, a claimant should satisfy itself that if the litigation is successful they will feel that the Funder's share of the Resolution Sum is fair.

**Conflicts of interest**: The different members of the Scheme may have competing interests. Conflicts of interest are discussed in more detail in the section above (*Conflicts, related party transactions*).

Ability to manage litigation: The Funder has rights under the Claim Funding Terms in the Scheme's constitution to instruct the Lawyers in the day-to-day management of the proceedings, to seek orders from the Court, and to make decisions in respect of the proceedings including acceptance of settlement offers (subject to certain obligations to consult the Lawyers and the representative party). Claimants may disagree with the Funder's decisions, and the Funder may be incentivised by its risk exposure to the costs of the proceedings to prefer its own interests ahead of the claimants'.

Competing class actions; Amalgamation of class actions: There are other litigation funders in the market and one or more of those other litigation funders may offer competing funding terms in relation to your claim. The terms and conditions upon which other litigation funders provide funding may differ to those offered by OBIML (including in a material way). We encourage you to consider whether there are any other funding options in the market before making a decision about your claim. In addition, other class actions litigating the same causes of action the subject of the Class Action may be ordered by the Court to amalgamate into one class action. If that was to occur, the funding may be given by another funder on terms that are different (better or worse) from those offered by OBIML under this Scheme.

**Difficulty of recovering Resolution Sum**: Even if judgement is awarded or a settlement agreement is reached, the Respondent may be insolvent or otherwise unwilling or unable to pay the Resolution Sum. The Funder may decide to invest more money in pursuing enforcement action in order to obtain payment, but these additional costs may further reduce the share of the Resolution Sum that is paid to the claimants.

**Payment in kind**: In rare cases, the Respondent may meet its resolution obligations by the transfer of assets rather than cash. The Funder and the responsible entity may be required to expend money on liquidating the assets in order to produce cash for distribution by the Lawyers to the Funder and the claimants. This may cause delay and additional costs may further reduce the share of the Resolution Sum that is paid to the claimants. The Funder and the responsible entity may not be able to realise the assets for their full market value, or at all.

Claimant has limited rights to withdraw: The Court has developed rules to address what is known as the risk of "free-riding", where it was possible for funded claimants to have the benefit of having the prosecution of their claims funded, only to terminate the funding agreement just before a resolution of the claims is reached. As a result, after the cooling-off period has elapsed, the claimant may only withdraw from the Scheme if it also opts out of the proceedings (which means that the claimant will not receive a share of the Resolution Sum). If a claimant withdraws from the Scheme after the cooling-off period, the claimant's share of the Resolution Sum (if any) remains part of the Scheme.



**Funder's return may be capped by the Court or by regulation**: The Funder should understand that, even in relation to litigation that is on foot at the time regulation may be made, its potential share of any resolution may be subject either to adjustment by the Court or by intervening regulation, notwithstanding any the terms of the litigation funding agreement or this Scheme.

Difficulty of changing funding arrangements: Once the funding arrangements have been entered into with the Funder and any cooling-off period has passed, the responsible entity has only a limited set of default circumstances that gives it the right to terminate the funding arrangements with the Funder and cancel the Funder's interest in the Scheme, even if the responsible entity is unhappy with the project management of the litigation by the Funder. Claimants are urged to read the terms of the Claim Funding Terms closely. You can find it at the back of the Scheme's constitution.

**Termination risk:** The Funder may terminate funding at its discretion on 14 days' notice including in circumstances where it considers the proceedings have become unviable. That may mean the proceedings are terminated and the claimants have no further ability to seek redress for their claims unless alternative funding can be found, even where they disagree with the decision that has been taken by the Funder.

**Failure to pay**: The Funder's ability to pay is not unlimited. Due to its insolvency or other default, the Funder may fail to make payments of the Lawyers' fees or for security for costs. This would lead to the Funder being considered in default of its obligations to the Scheme, and the responsible entity may remove the Funder from the Scheme. Even where a substitute Funder is found, payment default by the Funder is likely to lead to serious disruption to the proceedings and may lead to their discontinuation. In that case, the claimants would be unlikely to receive any Resolution Sum.

Risk for representative party: The representative party is the named plaintiff bringing the Class Action. The representative party is primarily legally responsible for paying the Lawyers' costs and, if the Class Action is unsuccessful, may have costs awarded against them by the Court, payable to the Respondents. The representative party is indemnified for these costs by the Funder through the Scheme, but if the Funder defaults on this indemnity the representative party may be personally liable. These amounts may be material.

Regulatory Risk: The requirement to establish a registered managed investment scheme in order to fund multi-party litigation was introduced by regulation passed under the Corporations Act in July 2020. The regulations removed a previously available statutory exemption. Those regulations have been subject to debate in the Senate and to an ongoing process of regulatory development. The requirement to implement litigation funding via a managed investment scheme rests on a Full Federal Court decision. The passing of new regulations reinstating an exemption or giving other relief or imposing additional requirements, or the overturning of the Federal Court's decision in the future may again change the regulatory environment in ways which are uncertain. The outcome may lead to the Funder becoming unwilling to continue to participate in the Scheme or may materially alter the costs associated with the Class Action.

**Currency Risk:** All or almost all of the funding provided under the Scheme will be received and spent by the Scheme in Australian dollars. Priority entitlements to returns from the Scheme may be calculated in Australian dollars (such as the entitlements of the Funder and the Lawyers to distributions from the Scheme). There is a material likelihood that the Resolution Sum (if any is awarded) may be awarded in a currency other than Australian dollars (most likely to be New Zealand dollars). If the Resolution Sum is not awarded in Australian dollars it may be converted to Australian dollars to the extent necessary to meet obligations of the Scheme in Australian dollars. The claimants' entitlement to a distribution from the Scheme out of the Resolution Sum is calculated and



paid after first meeting the entitlements of the Funder and the Lawyers, in Australian dollars. The value of entitlements of New Zealand residents from the Scheme may go up or down according to changes in the exchange rate between Australian dollars and New Zealand dollars. These changes may be significant.

#### 43. No transfer of Scheme interests

Your interests in the Scheme are not able to be sold or transferred to anyone else. This Scheme will not be listed and no market is expected to develop in the Scheme interests. The constitution makes provision for dealing with Scheme interests if a member of the Scheme dies or becomes incapable.

### 44. Your right to obtain documents relating to the Scheme

Interests in the Scheme are "ED (Enhanced Disclosure) Securities" as defined under the *Corporations Act 2001*, and consequently the Scheme is a "disclosing entity" as defined under the *Corporations Act 2001*.

As a disclosing entity, the Scheme is subject to regular reporting and disclosure obligations and must lodge various documents with ASIC. Copies of documents lodged with ASIC in relation to the Scheme may be obtained from, or inspected at, an ASIC office.

Members of the Scheme have a right to obtain a copy of the following documents:

- the annual financial report most recently lodged with ASIC by the Scheme;
- any half-year financial report lodged with ASIC by the Scheme after the lodgement of that annual financial report and before the date of this PDS; and
- any continuous disclosure notices given by the Scheme after the lodgement of that annual report and before the date of this PDS.

Following OBIML's receipt of a request by a member of the Scheme for an abovementioned document, OBIML will give the relevant member a copy of the requested document free of charge as soon as practicable, and in any event within five days after receipt of the request.

## 45. How can I complain?

OBIML is committed to taking all feedback, in particular all complaints that we receive, seriously. We believe that dealing appropriately with a complaint provides an opportunity for us to improve our services and preserve our good reputation.

You can contact the person you have been dealing with directly at Omni Bridgeway by calling:

Tel: 1800 016 464;

or by posting details of your complaint to:



Compliance Manager – Omni Bridgeway Investment Management Limited PO Box 5106
St Georges Terrace
Perth WA 6831;

or by emailing details of your complaint to the Complaints Officer at:

#### complaints@omnibridgeway.com.

If we are unable to resolve the complaint or you are dissatisfied with our final response you may lodge a complaint with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority:

Online: <a href="www.afca.org.au">www.afca.org.au</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@afca.org.au">info@afca.org.au</a>

Phone: 1800 931 678 (free call)

Mail: Australian Financial Complaints Authority, GPO Box 3, Melbourne VIC 3001

Time limits may apply to complaints to AFCA and so you should act promptly or otherwise consult the FOS and AFCA websites to find out if or when the time limit relevant to your circumstances expires.

## 46. Privacy statement

Omni Bridgeway has a privacy policy which covers the group of companies that comprise the Omni Bridgeway Group, including OBIML. OBIML collects, holds, discloses, uses and otherwise processes personal information in accordance with this privacy policy. A copy of the Omni Bridgeway Privacy Policy can be obtained here: <a href="https://omnibridgeway.com/website-policies/privacy-policy">https://omnibridgeway.com/website-policies/privacy-policy</a>.

The Application Form at the back of this PDS requires you to provide personal information. OBIML may share your personal information, as permitted by applicable law, for the business and commercial purposes listed in the Omni Bridgeway Privacy Policy.

OBIML may use your personal information to let you know about products and services that it believes will be of interest to you. OBIML does not disclose any personal information it collects to third parties for the purpose of allowing them to directly market their products and/or services to you. The Omni Bridgeway Privacy Policy sets out how you can manage your marketing preferences.



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## Dictionary

**Adverse Costs** means costs awarded in favour of any Respondent in relation to the Class Action

in respect of costs of that Respondent incurred in respect of the proceedings

(and Adverse Costs Order means an order for Adverse Costs).

**At-Risk Fees** means an amount of fees and costs that the Lawyers have at risk in respect of

> the Class Action and which will be used to calculate the Lawyers' entitlement to a distribution out of the Resolution Sum as set out in the Scheme's constitution. In the Scheme's constitution, the At-Risk Fees and the Uplift to which the

Lawyers are entitled are together defined as **Remaining Costs**.

**Claim Funding Terms** means the terms applicable to the provision of funding and project

> investigation and management services relating to the Class Action by the Funder, which take effect as an agreement between the Funder, the responsible entity, the claimants and the Lawyers, including the terms upon which the Funder agrees to pay the Project Costs. The Claim Funding Terms

form part of the Scheme's constitution.

claimant means a person with a claim that is the subject of the Class Action.

Class Action is a lawsuit filed by an individual acting on behalf of a Group and in this PDS

means the class action described in sections 3 and 9.

**Commencement Date** means the date the Scheme commences as defined in clause 27.1 of the

Scheme's constitution.

**Funder** means Omni Bridgeway (Fund 5) Australian Invt. Pty Ltd, acting as the funder of

the costs of litigating the Class Action in accordance with the Claim Funding

Terms.

**Input Tax Credit** For Australian GST purposes has the meaning given in the A New Tax System

(Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cth) and for New Zealand purposes refers to a deduction of input tax allowed under the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985

whereby Input Tax is defined in section 3A of that Act.

managed investment

scheme

is defined in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth), and is created by a group of people contributing money or money's worth in a common enterprise

in the expectation of a return, where the members of the scheme do not have

day to day control over the operation of the scheme.

**Opt Out Notice** means the form of notice mandated by the Court, to be completed by any

> claimant wishing to opt out of the Class Action and be excluded from membership of the class in relation to whom the common facts are to be

determined by the Class Action.

**Passive Member** is someone who is a member of the class of people who have a claim in the

Class Action, has not positively opted out of the Class Action by giving an Opt



Out Notice to the Court and the Court has agreed that all such people are covered by the decision to be made in the Class Action. Passive Members are defined as "passive general members" under the ASIC Corporations (Litigation Funding Schemes) Instrument 2020/87.

#### preliminary costs

means the reasonable legal fees and disbursements of the Lawyers incurred for the sole purpose of preparing for and taking steps ancillary to preparation for the proceedings, prior to the commencement of litigation, and in accordance with the Investment Budget.

#### **Project Costs**

#### means:

- (a) 80% of the legal fees and 100% of the disbursements of the costs comprising the preliminary costs;
- (b) the costs and expenses associated with the Funder undertaking investigations of the merits of the Class Action and managing the litigation;
- (c) the costs involved in the provision by the Funder of any security for costs;
- (d) any Adverse Costs Order paid or payable by the Funder in accordance with the terms of the Scheme's constitution;
- (e) the costs incurred by the Funder in quantifying any Adverse Costs Order;
- (f) (other than in respect of the preliminary costs) amounts incurred for the sole purpose of preparing for, prosecuting and resolving the Class Action payable by the Funder as follows:
  - 80% of the reasonable legal fees and 100% of the disbursements of (i) the Lawyers up to the amount of such costs contained in the Investment Budget agreed between the Funder and the Lawyers; and
  - for amounts within the Revised Budget, 50% of the Lawyers' reasonable legal fees and 100% of the disbursements of the Lawyers;
- (g) any other costs or expenses which are expressly stated to form part of the "Project Costs" payable by the Funder under the terms of the Scheme's constitution;
- all of the Funder's out of pocket costs and expenses paid or incurred in (h) relation to the Class Action, including in relation to any consultants engaged by the Funder (other than those costs and expenses already referred to in this definition);
- (i) the provision of finance, other financial accommodation and/or indemnities to the Lawyers in respect of a Class Action; and



(j) any GST payable on any supply made by any entity as a result of the cost or expense being incurred.

#### representative party

is the person or persons who bring a claim in order to resolve issues of law and fact that are common to a Class Action.

#### Resolution Administrator

means the Lawyers or such other person (which may be Omni Bridgeway or a related entity of Omni Bridgeway) appointed by Court order to determine the proper distribution of the Resolution Sum.

#### **Resolution Sum**

means any money, services, benefits and/or any in-kind assets for which the Class Action is settled, or for which judgment is given, in favour, or otherwise for the benefit (directly or indirectly) of any claimant or an External Controller of such claimant, and includes:

- any interest (including any interest earned on money while held in the Lawyers' trust account);
- (b) any costs pursuant to a costs order made by the Court or by agreement;
- (c) any ex gratia payments or any compensation (whether statutory or otherwise) directly or indirectly in relation to the Class Action;
- (d) if a Respondent (or any property, assets or liabilities of any defendant) is, or comes, under the control of an External Controller, any amounts or property paid or distributed by the External Controller of such Respondent in relation to the Class Action or any settlement or judgment in respect thereof.

#### Respondents

means the persons against whom the Class Action is brought.

#### responsible entity

means Omni Bridgeway Investment Management Limited, acting in its capacity as the trustee of the Scheme.

#### **Retainer Agreement**

means the terms of engagement upon which it is proposed the representative party will engage the Lawyers.

#### Scheme

means The Certain Underwriters at Lloyds Group Litigation Funding Scheme (ARSN 647 497 229), a managed investment scheme comprising the pooling of resources between the Funder, the Lawyers and the members of the class in the Class Action, together with the responsible entity.

#### Standard **Terms**

Lawyers'

means the terms upon which the Funder will deal with Lawyers, including as to timing of payments in respect of the Project Costs, which are attached to the Application Form as Schedule 1.



#### ANNEXURE A – APPLICATION FORM

#### **Omni Bridgeway Investment Management Limited**

This Application Form relates to the Product Disclosure Statement ('PDS') issued by Omni Bridgeway Investment Management Limited (ACN 642 086 593, AFS Licence No. 524023) ('OBIML') as the Responsible Entity ('RE'), in relation to The Certain Underwriters at Lloyds Group Litigation Funding Scheme (ARSN 647 497 229) ('Scheme'). Information about the Scheme can be found in the PDS for the Scheme, of which this Application Form is part, or it can be downloaded here: https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/lloyds. Please read the PDS, this Application Form, the Claim Funding Terms at the end of the Scheme's constitution, and the Scheme's constitution itself carefully, as together those documents contain terms that will be binding on you if your application is accepted by the RE.

#### Information on how to complete this Application Form

- Please use BLOCK LETTERS and record your responses on the solid lines
- If there is not sufficient space on these pages to include all of your relevant information, please copy and attach additional pages
- Please return your completed and signed Application Form by no later than 30 April 2021. If we postpone this date, we will post the new date on the website: https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/lloyds
- Please ensure that each registered owner in respect of the property identified in Part 4 below, executes and returns a separate Application Form.
- It is important that the person(s) signing this Application Form has authority to do so on behalf of the Claimant (as set out in Part 2).
- If you are the Funder or the Lawyers, do NOT complete this Application Form. Your participation in the Scheme will be agreed in writing directly between you and OBIML.
- Return your completed and signed Application Form to Omni Bridgeway (you should retain a copy for your records):

By Email: lloyds@omnibridgeway.com

or

By Post: **Omni Bridgeway Investment Management Limited** PO Box 5106 **PERTH WA 6831 AUSTRALIA** 

#### Part 1. Contact Information

To ensure you receive all important correspondence, please ensure you keep your contact details up to date with us throughout the duration of the matter. Our preferred method of correspondence is by email. By providing the below information, I agree that OBIML may use my information to provide me with information about the Claim

Title	First Name	Middle Name		Last Name
Company			Position	
Landline Phone			Mobile Phone	
Email Address				
Mailing Address				
Suburb		State	Postcode	Country



Part 2. 0	Claimant [	Detai	ls						
The Claimant is the person or entity who has a NZ judgment debt in their favour against BMX in the proceedings Body Corporate 346799 (and others) v KNZ International Co Limited (and others) CIV 2012-404-6290.			rate						
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Suburb			State		Postcode		Country		



## Part 5. Declaration and Signing by the Parties

Your application is subject to a cooling-off period as described in section 17 of the PDS.

#### Claimant's Acceptance

I/we declare and agree that I/we:

- have read and understood in full the PDS and the Scheme's constitution (including the Claim Funding Terms in Schedule 3 of the Scheme's constitution (collectively, the 'Scheme Documents'), copies of which are available at https://portal.omnibridgeway.com/lloyds;
- agree that the terms and conditions of the Scheme Documents form part of this declaration;
- by signing this declaration, agree to make the Assignment referred to in the Scheme's constitution;
- agree that all of the information provided in my/our application is true and correct and I/we undertake to inform you of any changes to the information supplied as and when they occur;
- acknowledge that this application may be submitted electronically and that such electronic version shall be legally binding;
- agree that OBIML may contact me/us where required by using the email address provided on this Application Form; and
- acknowledge that OBIML may require us to provide any additional documentation or other information to enable compliance with any laws relating to anti-money laundering and counter terrorism financing ('AML/CTF') or any other law, including the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ('FATCA') and OECD Common Reporting Standard ('CRS').

Signatory 1	Signatory 2
Print Name	Print Name
Capacity	Capacity
Date	Date
Signatory 3	Signatory 4
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If there is not sufficient space on these pages to include all of your relevant information, please copy and attach additional pages.



## Schedule 1 - Standard Lawyers' Terms (Agreed Form)

This agreement is	made the day of 202
PARTIES	
Omni Bridgeway	Omni Bridgeway (Fund 5) Australian Invt. Pty Ltd ACN 635 083 984 of Level
	18, 68 Pitt Street, Sydney, New South Wales 2000
OBIML	Omni Bridgeway Investment Management Limited ACN 642 086 593 of Level
	18, 68 Pitt Street, Sydney, New South Wales 2000
Lawyers	Piper Alderman ABN 42 843 327 183 of Level 23, Governor Macquarie Tower,
	1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000.
	Email: mdelgallego@piperalderman.com.au
SCHEME	
Scheme	The Certain Underwriters at Lloyds Group Litigation Funding Scheme (ARSN 647
	497 229)

#### **RECITALS**

- Α Omni Bridgeway has entered into, or proposes to enter into, the obligation to fund the prosecution of the Claims by participating as a member of the Scheme, on the terms set forth in the Scheme's constitution.
- В The Lawyers are aware of the terms of the Scheme's constitution including the Claim Funding Terms and have agreed to act consistently with, and in accordance with, the terms of the Scheme's constitution, the Claim Funding Terms and these Standard Lawyers' Terms.

#### **AGREED TERMS**

- 1. Definitions
- 1.1 In these Terms, unless the contrary intention appears:

**Claims** has the meaning given in the Scheme's constitution.

Claim Funding Terms means the litigation funding terms included in the Scheme's constitution.



Funded Person means a claimant who has an interest in the Scheme as a result of agreeing to accept funding to pursue their Claims under the Scheme's constitution or who is otherwise deemed by law or Court order to be a member of the Scheme as a general member of the class which is the subject of the Claims.

**Insolvency Event** means, in respect of a person, one of the following occurs:

- a controller (as defined in section 9 of the Corporations Act), receiver, receiver and (a) manager, administrator or similar officer is appointed in respect of that person or any asset of that person;
- (b) a liquidator, provisional liquidator or administrator is appointed in respect of that person;
- (c) except for the purpose of a solvent reconstruction or amalgamation, any application (not withdrawn or dismissed within 7 days) is made to a court for an order, an order is made, a meeting is convened or a resolution is passed, for the purpose of:
  - (i) appointing a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) of this definition;
  - (ii) winding up, dissolving or deregistering that person; or
  - (iii) proposing or implementing a company voluntary arrangement or a scheme of arrangement, other than with the prior approval by a Special Resolution of the Noteholders under a solvent scheme of arrangement pursuant to Part 5.1 of the Corporations Act;
- (d) any application (not withdrawn or dismissed within 7 days) is made to a court for an order, a meeting is convened, a resolution is passed or any negotiations are commenced, for the purpose of implementing or agreeing:
  - (i) moratorium of any debts of that person;
  - (ii) any other assignment, composition or arrangement (formal or informal) with that person's creditors; or
  - (iii) any similar proceeding or arrangement by which the assets of that person are subjected conditionally or unconditionally to the control of that person's creditors or a trustee,

or any agreement or other arrangement of the type referred to in this paragraph (d) is ordered, declared or agreed to;

- (e) as a result of the operation of section 459F(1) of the Corporations Act, that person is taken to have failed to comply with a statutory demand (as defined in the Corporations Act);
- (f) any writ of execution, garnishee order, mareva injunction or similar order, attachment or other process is made, levied or issued against or in relation to any asset of that person;



- (g) anything analogous to anything referred to in paragraphs (a) to (f) inclusive of this definition, or which has a substantially similar effect, occurs with respect to that person under any law; or
- (h) that person is, or admits in writing that his, her or it is, or is declared to be, or is presumed or taken under any applicable law to be (for any purpose), insolvent or unable to pay his, her or its debts as they fall due.

Key Personnel means those partners, directors, special counsel or equivalent roles of seniority designated in accordance with Term 3.1.1, or such other persons as may be agreed between the Lawyers and Omni Bridgeway from time to time.

**Remaining Costs** has the meaning given in the Scheme's constitution.

Scheme means the registered managed investment scheme constituted for the purpose of funding the Claims, as named above.

**Scheme's constitution** means the trust deed establishing the Scheme.

Terms means this agreement and "Term" means a provision of these Standard Lawyers Terms.

- 1.2 Unless the contrary intention appears or unless specifically defined above, the definitions of words in the Scheme's constitution apply to define the meaning of words used in these Terms.
- 1.3 Unless the context otherwise requires amounts due under this agreement will be in Australian dollars.
- The Scheme's constitution and Claim Funding Terms 2.
- 2.1 The Lawyers will:
  - 2.1.1 act consistently with the terms of the Scheme's constitution including the Claim Funding Terms (including complying with all instructions set out in, or provided pursuant to, the Claim Funding Terms); and
  - 2.1.2 do all things which the Scheme's constitution and the Claim Funding Terms contemplate the Lawyers will do.
- 2.2 The Lawyers agree that if there is any inconsistency between the Scheme's constitution and/or these Terms and the terms of any Retainer Agreement (including any costs disclosure) between the Lawyers and any Funded Person, then the terms of the Scheme's constitution and/or these Terms (as appropriate) will prevail.
- 2.3 The Lawyers shall disclose to each Funded Person the sources of all fees or other income they may receive in relation to this Project, including providing a budget for all estimated costs and expenses up to the conclusion of a trial in the proposed Proceedings which shall be consistent with the Project Budget.



- 2.4 The Lawyers agree that by signing these Terms, they apply for an interest in the Scheme with the entitlement to a share of any Resolution Sum as indicated in, and subject to, the terms of the Scheme's constitution.
- 2.5 OBIML enters into these Terms in its capacity as trustee and responsible entity for the Scheme for the purpose of holding the mutual promises of the Lawyers and the Funder under these Terms on trust as part of the Scheme property, allocable to the classes of interest in the Scheme held by the Funder and the Lawyers respectively (and for no other purpose). No promise of the Funder, nor any promise of the Lawyers, given in these Terms may be enforced against OBIML except to the extent it is able to enforce such promise against the relevant party in its capacity as trustee of the Scheme.
- 3. Commencement of the Project
- 3.1 The Lawyers will inform Omni Bridgeway in writing of:
  - 3.1.1 the name and title of each lawyer who it is proposed will provide the Legal Work, for the purposes of Term 5.2;
  - 3.1.2 the hourly rates of those lawyers (inclusive of GST) for the purposes of Term 5.1;
  - 3.1.3 the hourly and daily rates of any barristers or experts retained or proposed to be retained (inclusive of GST); and
  - 3.1.4 the Lawyers' estimate of fees and disbursements to prosecute the Claims and the Other Claims up to the conclusion of a trial in the proposed Proceedings (separately identifying the estimated fees of the Lawyers, the barristers and the experts, if any, by reference to each event in the Investment Budget).
- 3.2 The Lawyers will use their best endeavours to ensure that the total actual costs and disbursements set out in the Investment Budget are not exceeded. If at any time the Lawyers form a view that the Investment Budget is no longer their best estimate of the costs and disbursements for the Project, they will advise Omni Bridgeway in writing, setting out why they have come to that view, and identify their revised best estimate of the costs and disbursements. Such revised estimate, if approved by Omni Bridgeway, would constitute a Revised Budget.
- 4. Reporting
- 4.1 The Lawyers will keep Omni Bridgeway fully informed of all matters concerning the Claims and the Proceedings, including any mediation and settlement discussions. The Lawyers will ensure that Omni Bridgeway is given all necessary information and advice in order for Omni Bridgeway to provide informed instructions and the Project Management.
- 4.2 The Lawyers will inform Omni Bridgeway, in writing and as soon as they become aware that:
  - 4.2.1 the Lawyers or any director, partner or senior employee (or any spouse or child of any director, partner or senior employee) of the Lawyers beneficially owns at least 1% of Omni Bridgeway Limited's issued share capital or at least 1% of the limited partnership interests in Omni Bridgeway (Fund 5) LP; and



4.2.2 any barrister or expert witness retained or briefed by the Lawyers in relation to the Project (or any spouse or child of any such barrister or witness) beneficially owns at least 1% of Omni Bridgeway Limited's issued share capital or at least 1% of the limited partnership interests in Omni Bridgeway (Fund 5) LP,

#### and the Lawyers agree:

- 4.2.3 to make all reasonable enquiries, at the commencement of these Terms or when initially retaining all barristers and expert witnesses, in order to determine whether Terms 4.2.1 or 4.2.2 apply;
- 4.2.4 to require, for the duration of these Terms, all persons referred to in this Term 4.2 to immediately inform the partner of the Lawyers with responsibility for this Project of any change in the circumstances referred to in Terms 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 which have been previously disclosed to Omni Bridgeway; and
- 4.2.5 that the partner of the Lawyers with responsibility for this Project will immediately inform Omni Bridgeway of any information received pursuant to Term 4.2.4.
- 4.3 Without limiting Term 4.1, if, after the date of these Terms, the Lawyers become aware of any information which has or may have a material impact on the Claims, the Proceedings, or the potential for any judgment sum to be recovered, the Lawyers will immediately inform Omni Bridgeway of that information.
- 4.4 The Lawyers will inform the Funded Persons of significant developments in the Proceedings by means of update reports which Omni Bridgeway will email or post to each Funded Person and, unless otherwise agreed, will provide a quarterly report within 7 days of the end of March, June, September and December to any Representative Member and to Omni Bridgeway which:
  - 4.4.1 identifies any change to the previous quarterly report and any significant developments since that report;
  - 4.4.2 reviews and updates the issues relevant to liability and quantum; and
  - 4.4.3 provides advice in respect of any proposed changes to the Claims' percentage chance of success and any proposed changes to the Project Budget without derogating in any way from the continuing obligation in Term 3.2.
- 5. Costs and Disbursements
- 5.1 Subject to Term 6, the Lawyers will charge for the Legal Work performed by reference to the time reasonably and properly spent at the hourly rates notified to Omni Bridgeway pursuant to Term 3.1, subject to an annual revision in those rates which is acceptable to Omni Bridgeway, the Representative Member and the Lawyers. Detailed time records must be kept to facilitate time details being provided in accordance with Term 6.
- 5.2 No fee will be charged by the Lawyers for any fee earners, other than those notified to Omni Bridgeway pursuant to Term 3.1, without the prior written consent of Omni Bridgeway. Omni Bridgeway will not be liable to pay the fees of any barristers or experts other than those



- notified to Omni Bridgeway pursuant to Term 3.1 or those briefed with Omni Bridgeway's written consent. Omni Bridgeway will not unreasonably refuse to provide its written consent.
- 5.3 The Lawyers will only seek reimbursement from Omni Bridgeway for expenditure reasonably incurred by the Lawyers in progressing the Proceedings being:
  - 5.3.1 photocopying and scanning at the rates agreed in writing between Omni Bridgeway and the Lawyers prior to incurring the expenditure; and
  - 5.3.2 other reasonable expenditure, supported by invoices where \$500 or above.
- 6. Invoices
- 6.1 The Lawyers will render monthly invoices to Omni Bridgeway (emailed to invoices@omnibridgeway.com), with a copy to any Representative, by the 20th day of each month, accompanied by:
  - 6.1.1 the details contemplated by Term 6.5;
  - 6.1.2 a summary of the time details by their total cost (in a single dollar figure) allocated to each relevant event in the Proceedings; and
  - 6.1.3 invoices from barristers, experts (both also being allocated to each event as in Term 6.1.2) and for any other significant disbursements (\$500 or above).
- 6.2 Following the Commencement Date but prior to the Condition Precedent Date, the monetary details in the monthly invoices will include a charge for the time detailed at, in respect of amounts within the Investment Budget, the percentage of full hourly rates specified in the definition of Project Costs with respect to Preliminary Costs in the Scheme's constitution and 100% of the hourly rates of the barristers notified to Omni Bridgeway pursuant to Term 3.1
- 6.3 Following the Condition Precedent Date, the monetary details in the monthly invoices will include a charge for the time detailed at:
  - 6.3.1 in respect of amounts within the Investment Budget, at the percentage of full hourly rates specified in the definition of Project Costs in the Scheme's constitution and 100% of the hourly rates of the barristers notified to Omni Bridgeway pursuant to Term 3.1;
  - 6.3.2 in respect of all amounts within any Revised Budget, at the percentage of full hourly rates specified in the definition of Project Costs in the Scheme's constitution (and if no such amount is specified, then at the percentage of hourly rates specified for amounts within the Investment Budget), and 100% of the hourly rates of the barristers and experts notified to Omni Bridgeway pursuant to Term 3.1;
  - 6.3.3 plus any GST payable.
- 6.4 Provided invoices from the Lawyers comply with these Terms and validly form part of the Project Costs in accordance with the Scheme's constitution including the Claim Funding Terms, Omni Bridgeway will pay them within 30 days from the end of the month in which the Lawyers' invoice is received by Omni Bridgeway.



- 6.5 The time details for fees of the Lawyers must be in a separate document to each invoice and must include, for each time entry:
  - 6.5.1 the date on which the time was spent;
  - 6.5.2 the solicitor or paralegal who spent the time;
  - 6.5.3 the time spent in six minute units; and
  - 6.5.4 a brief explanation of the work performed.
- 6.6 Omni Bridgeway may at its discretion require the Lawyers to submit any one or more of their invoices to taxation.
- 7. Payment of Lawyers' Remaining Costs
- 7.1 Following Resolution, to the extent of any allocation of the Resolution Sum mandated by the Scheme's constitution, the Lawyers shall be entitled to a distribution by the Scheme calculated by reference to their Remaining Costs.
- 8. Priorities, Lien and Insurance
- 8.1 The Lawyers agree not to seek payment of any amounts outstanding to them in excess of that for which Omni Bridgeway is liable under these Terms.
- 8.2 The Lawyers agree that the payment to them of any amount in respect of their Remaining Costs is only available as a distribution by the responsible entity for the Scheme out of the corpus of the Scheme and subject to the Scheme's constitution, and is not a liability of, and may not be recovered from, Omni Bridgeway or Omni Bridgeway Limited or any of its related bodies corporate.
- 8.3 The Lawyers are not entitled to claim a lien in respect of documents in their possession relevant to the Proceedings if there are no fees payable pursuant to Term 5.
- 8.4 The Lawyers will maintain professional indemnity insurance of at least \$10 million for the duration of these Terms plus three years.
- 8.5 The Lawyers will provide evidence of the insurance to Omni Bridgeway on Omni Bridgeway's request.
- 9. Termination of these Terms
- 9.1 The Lawyers may terminate these Terms on 7 days' written notice to Omni Bridgeway in the following circumstances:
  - 9.1.1 if Omni Bridgeway fails to pay any costs in accordance with these Terms after Omni Bridgeway has been given 30 days' written notice to do so; or
  - 9.1.2 if the Lawyers terminate all retainers between the Lawyers and Funded Persons relating to the Proceedings in accordance with their right to do so.



- 9.2 Omni Bridgeway may terminate these Terms:
  - 9.2.1 by giving written notice, upon an Insolvency Event occurring in relation to the Lawyers;
  - 9.2.2 by agreement with the Lawyers;
  - 9.2.3 upon 7 days' written notice to the Lawyers in the event of professional misconduct or negligence by the Lawyers that has caused or is reasonably likely to cause material loss to a Funded Person or to Omni Bridgeway; or
  - 9.2.4 upon 7 days' written notice if:
    - (a) any of the Key Personnel cease to be engaged in providing the Legal Work; and
    - (b) Omni Bridgeway does not consent to the Lawyers' proposed replacement of the relevant Key Personnel, such consent not to be withheld unreasonably.
- 9.3 If these Terms are terminated pursuant to either Term 9.1 or 9.2, the Lawyers remain liable for all obligations under these Terms accrued by them between the date of termination and the date of their appointment, but thereafter all obligations and entitlements of the Lawyers cease except:
  - 9.3.1 the obligations to do those things set out in sections 9 and 10 of the Claim Funding Terms, where the Lawyers are not replaced by other solicitors to provide the Legal Work;
  - 9.3.2 those entitlements under Term 6 (in respect of Legal Work up to the date of termination) unless the termination of the Lawyers is under Term 9.2.3; and
  - 9.3.3 the Lawyers shall continue to maintain any legal professional privilege attaching to, and the confidentiality of, the Project Information defined in the Claim Funding Terms.
- 9.4 If these Terms are terminated pursuant to Term 9.2.3 the Lawyers will be entitled only to payment under Term 6 in respect of Legal Work up to the date of termination) subject to a deduction for the amount of the loss caused by the Lawyers' professional misconduct or negligence.
- 9.5 These Terms will terminate when the Scheme is terminated, such termination to take effect upon the last date on which the Scheme is in existence prior to being wound up. If there is a termination pursuant to this Term each party will remain liable for its obligations accrued to the date of termination. Nothing in these Terms shall affect or limit Omni Bridgeway's rights to terminate its funding arrangements with the Scheme.
- 10. Confidentiality
- 10.1 The Lawyers agree to keep these Terms and any original documents produced by Omni Bridgeway (or by Omni Bridgeway Limited or any of its related bodies corporate) to which the Lawyers have access (including Omni Bridgeway's Conflicts Management Policy) confidential and not to use them for any purpose other than the Project unless disclosure of any of this information by the Lawyers is agreed in writing by Omni Bridgeway or is required by law. The obligations in this Term 10.1 will survive the termination of these Terms.



- 11. Address for Service
- 11.1 Omni Bridgeway's address for service is as set out in the Scheme's constitution.
- 11.2 The Lawyers' address for service is the address identified on the first page of these Terms or as otherwise notified to Omni Bridgeway in writing if that address changes.
- 12. Variation
- 12.1 These Terms may only be varied in writing signed by the Lawyers and Omni Bridgeway.



## Execution by the parties

SIGNED by Omni Bridgeway (Fund 5)	)		
Australian Invt. Pty Ltd	)		
ACN 635 083 984 in accordance with	)		
section 127 of the <i>Corporations Act</i>	)	Print Name:	Print name:
2001 (Cth)		Title:	Title:
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SIGNED by <b>Omni Bridgeway</b>	)		
Investment Management Limited	)		
ACN 642 086 593 in accordance with	)		
section 127 of the <i>Corporations Act</i>		Print Name:	Print name:
2001 (Cth)		Title:	Title:
	)	Date:	



Date:

SIGNED for and on behalf of	)	
Piper Alderman ABN 42 843 327 183	)	
by its duly authorised representative,	)	
in the presence of:		Signature of authorised person
	)	Print Name: Martin del Gallego
		Position: Partner
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