
AMERICAN LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION
POLICY FORMS HANDBOOK

For many years, the American Land Title Association has developed title insurance forms for voluntary use by member title insurance underwriting companies. Before a new form is adopted, it first must be approved by a vote of the ALTA Active membership. Proposed new forms are continually being developed and existing forms are reviewed by the Association's Title Insurance Forms Committee under the authority of the elected ALTA Board of Governors.

ALTA forms represent an ongoing effort by the Association to keep title insurance coverage responsive to the needs of customers and consistent with the requirements of regulatory authorities. ALTA forms are presently used in all states except Texas.

The Title Insurance Policy Forms Handbook includes the current policy forms adopted by ALTA, as well as related title industry documentation including Facultative Reinsurance Agreements, Title Insurance Arbitration Rules and the Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys. There is also a comparison of the ALTA 1970 and 1992 policies. The Handbook does not include all forms of policies presently in use or specialized affirmative coverages. Since use of these forms is voluntary, they are often modified through exclusions or endorsements to meet the needs of customers and title insurers in specific transactions. In addition, modifications are also often required by state regulatory authorities. Any questions regarding title insurance in a given transaction should be discussed with a representative of the individual title insurance company providing the coverage.

FORMS OVERVIEW

All ALTA basic policy forms (Owner's, Loan, Leasehold Owner's, Leasehold Loan, and Construction Loan) have the following basic components--(1) Insuring Provisions, (2) Exclusions from Coverage, (3) Conditions and Stipulations, (4) Schedule A, and (5) Schedule B. The Insuring Provisions detail specific matters that are covered by the policy, while the Exclusions from Coverage set forth those matters not covered by the policy.

The Conditions and Stipulations detail the contractual relationship between the insurer and insured and set forth, among many other matters, the definitions of some important terms in the policy, situations when the coverage of the policy may continue, both the insured's and the insurer's rights and responsibilities in the event of a claim, limitations on liability, and an arbitration provision.

Schedule A sets forth the name of the insured, the particular estate insured, the manner in which vesting of title in insured, and a description of the property covered by the policy. Schedule B details the exceptions to coverage.

All basic ALTA policy forms include coverage insuring against the unmarketability of title and the lack of a legal right of access to and from the land. Also, these policies provide, subject to their conditions and stipulations, that the company will pay for counsel to represent the insured as to any claim based on a matter covered by the policy.

The following are brief profiles of the current ALTA forms:

ALTA LOAN POLICY

Insures a lender making a loan secured by a mortgage on land with respect to the title of the subject property, and with respect to the validity and priority of the mortgage lien. Coverage usually is in the amount of the mortgage loan and the amount of coverage decreases as the mortgage is paid.

ALTA OWNER'S POLICY

Insures an owner with respect to the title to the subject property. The policy can be used for residential or commercial properties, or various other interests in real estate. The coverage remains in effect as long as the insured, or heirs or devisees of the insured, retain an interest in the subject property or remain liable under warranties given in the sale of that property. The minimum amount of coverage is generally the full purchase price of the real estate, including any improvements to the property that constitute real property.

ALTA LEASEHOLD LOAN POLICY

Insures a lender making a loan secured by a mortgage on a "leasehold estate" with respect to the title to the subject property, and with respect to the validity and priority of the mortgage lien. The policy includes a definition of the "leasehold estate" and provides a basis for valuation of the leasehold estate for claims purposes. The policy specifies various miscellaneous items of loss in the event of eviction that are peculiar to a "leasehold estate"--including the reasonable cost of removing and relocating personal property up to 25 miles, rent or damages that may be due to someone with superior title, the fair market value of any sublease under the insured leasehold, or damages that the insured's borrower may be obligated to pay any sublease because of any breach of the sublease caused by eviction.

ALTA LEASEHOLD OWNER'S POLICY

Insures the owner of the leasehold estate. Coverage is very similar to the ALTA Owner's Policy but this policy provides a definition of a "leasehold estate" and a method of valuation of the "leasehold estate" for claims purposes. Also, in the event of eviction, it provides for miscellaneous items of loss as set forth in the ALTA Leasehold Loan Policy.

ALTA CONSTRUCTION LOAN POLICY

Insures a lender making a loan secured by a mortgage on land for the purpose of financing construction on the land with respect to the title to the subject property and with respect to the validity and priority of the mortgage lien. This policy is similar to the ALTA Loan Policy except that no mechanic's lien coverage is furnished by the base policy, but rather by one of four endorsement forms designed to be used, depending on state law, with the ALTA Construction Loan Policy.

ALTA CONSTRUCTION LOAN POLICY ENDORSEMENTS A, B, C, D

Endorsement A insures the lender against the lack of priority of the mortgage lien over any statutory liens for service, labor or material which were provided prior to a specified date, which were related to the land, and for which the insured has advanced funds. Endorsement B insures the lender against the lack of priority of the mortgage lien over any statutory lien for services, labor or material furnished before or after date of policy--but only for that portion of the loan proceeds secured by the mortgage and advanced at date of policy or subsequently in compliance with a legal obligation to advance, expressed in writing at the date of policy. Endorsement C insures the lender against the lack of priority of the insured mortgage over any statutory lien for services, labor or material furnished for that portion of the loan proceeds secured by the insured mortgage and advanced at date of policy or subsequently, but before the filing of a statutory lien or right of lien in the public records. Endorsement D insures the lender against lack of priority of the insured mortgage over any statutory lien for services, labor or material furnished before or after policy date. All endorsement forms exclude liability for loss or damage by reason of the failure of the lender to comply with or enforce the provisions of any construction loan agreement which relate to advancing the proceeds of the loan.

ALTA RESIDENTIAL TITLE INSURANCE POLICY

Insures the owner of a one-to-four family residential dwelling, residential lot, or condominium unit. This is a "plain language" policy designed for consumers and is often used, where appropriate, instead of the ALTA Owner's Policy. The policy specifies 14 covered title risks and, unlike the ALTA Owner's Policy, provides limited survey coverage and limited zoning coverage, if no exception is taken to these matters.

ALTA SHORT FORM RESIDENTIAL LOAN POLICY

Insures the lender making a mortgage loan on a one-to-four family residence or condominium unit. The policy is an abbreviated short form version of the current ALTA Loan Policy, incorporating all of the terms and provisions of the ALTA Loan Policy, which is designed to be delivered to the lender at closing. The policy contains blanket exceptions to taxes, covenants and restrictions, easements, reservations of minerals or mineral rights, and offers certain affirmative assurances with respect to those exceptions desired by lenders, including certain affirmative assurances with respect to survey matters. The policy also includes an Addendum, which can be used to set forth additional exceptions or to limit the affirmative assurances. The policy is designed so that certain ALTA endorsement forms may be specified, and thus incorporated, by checking appropriate boxes.

ALTA MASTER RESIDENTIAL LOAN POLICY

This form offers a lender in one-to-four family residential and condominium transactions the protection of the current ALTA Loan Policy through the Master Policy, which is supplemented by an ALTA Residential Loan Certificate for each particular mortgage loan insured. The Residential Loan Certificate is similar to the ALTA Short Form Policy and sets forth blanket exceptions to taxes, covenants and restrictions, easements, reservation of minerals or mineral rights, which are followed by certain affirmative assurances desired by lenders in connection with these exceptions including specified affirmative assurance with respect to survey matters. As with the Short Form Policy, the Master Policy also includes an Addendum. The Residential Loan Certificate is also designed so that it may incorporate by reference certain ALTA endorsement forms.

ALTA U. S. POLICY

An owner's policy, very similar to the regular ALTA Owner's Policy, designed to insure title in the United States of America or a U. S. agency. This policy has an additional insuring provision insuring against loss or damage by reason of the failure of the title report or commitment to name any party who has an interest in the land, which was disclosed by the public records immediately prior to the filing of the lis pendens or Declaration of Taking by the U.S.A. The policy does not insure the validity or sufficiency of the condemnation proceeding, and it contains a provision by which the Attorney General of the United States may undertake the defense of any claim, provided that certain notices and opportunities to suggest defenses are given to the company.

ALTA COMMITMENT FORM--1966

A preliminary commitment to issue a title insurance policy or policies subject to their provisions, conditions and stipulations. This commitment form sets forth requirements that must be complied with prior to issuance of the title insurance policy. It also details exceptions to coverage as of the date of the commitment which will be included in the policy, although additional exceptions may need to be included at the time of issuance of the policy.

ALTA COMMITMENT FORM--1982

A simplified "plain language" version of the ALTA Commitment Form--1966.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORM 1--STREET ASSESSMENTS

Insures a lender against loss as a result of an assessment for street improvements under construction or completed at date of policy, which may gain priority over the lien of the insured mortgage.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORM 2--TRUTH-IN-LENDING

Insures a lender against loss resulting from a determination that the lien of the mortgage has been terminated or the title acquired by the lender (in foreclosure) has been defeated by a valid exercise of the right of rescission pursuant to the Federal Truth- in-Lending Act, and that the right of rescission existed because neither the credit transaction nor the right of rescission was exempted or excepted by Regulation Z.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORM 3--ZONING

Insures the lender that the vacant land described in the policy is zoned in a specific classification, and lists one or more of the uses allowed by that classification.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORM 3.1--ZONING, COMPLETED STRUCTURE

Insures the lender that the improved land described in the policy is zoned in a specific classification, and lists one or more of the uses allowed in that classification. Also affirmatively assures that the improvements comply with the zoning classification regarding use, building site dimension, floor space, setback, and height.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORM 4-- CONDOMINIUM

Insures a lender securing its loan with a mortgage lien on a condominium unit that (i) the unit is part of the condominium; (ii) the condominium documents comply with state requirements; (iii) there are no violations of restrictive covenants, and any violations of the covenants will not cause a forfeiture or reversion of title; (iv) the mortgage has priority over liens for charges and assessments; (v) the unit will be assessed for real property taxes as a separate parcel; (vi) there is no obligation to remove any improvements due to encroachments; and (vii) there has been no prior right of first refusal which could defeat the title.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORM 5--PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT

Insures a lender securing its loan with a lien on a unit in a PUD that: (i) there are no violations of restrictive covenants, and any violation of the covenants will not cause a forfeiture or reversion of title; (ii) the mortgage has priority over liens for charges and assessments by any homeowner's association; (iii) no existing structure will have to be removed because of any encroachments; (iv) there has been no prior right of first refusal which could defeat the title.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORMS 4.1 AND 5.1

Intended for use in states where condominium and PUD homeowners' associations' liens for unpaid association charges have super priority status. Insure that the lender has priority only at the date of the policy and that there is no amount due or lien in existence for homeowners' association charges.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORMS 6 AND 6.1.

Insure the lender against the invalidity, unenforceability, or loss of priority of the lien of the insured mortgage as a result of changes in the rate of interest pursuant to a formula provided for in the insured mortgage.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORM 6.2--VARIABLE RATE MORTGAGE, NEGATIVE AMORTIZATION

Insures the lender against the invalidity, unenforceability, or loss of priority of the lien of the insured mortgage as a result of changes in the rate of interest, interest on interest, or increases in the unpaid principal balance of the loan resulting from the addition of unpaid interest pursuant to a formula provided for in the insured mortgage.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORM 7--MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNIT

Insures the lender that the manufactured housing unit (a mobile home), affixed to the land, is included in the definition of term "land" used in the policy and, accordingly, the lien of the insured mortgage attaches to the manufactured housing unit.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORM 8.1--ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LIEN

Insures the residential lender against loss of priority to (a) an environmental protection lien, federal or state, filed in the public records as defined in the endorsement at date of policy and (b) an environmental lien provided for by a state statute (superlien) in effect on the date of the policy, except those statutes listed in Paragraph (b) of the endorsement.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORM 9--RESTRICTIONS, ENCROACHMENTS, MINERALS

This endorsement offers the lender a variety of additional affirmative assurances including, but not limited to, assurance that there are no covenants, conditions, or restrictions under which the lien of the mortgage can be divested, subordinated or extinguished, or its validity, priority or enforceability impaired; insurance against present violations of covenants, conditions, or restrictions; insurance against encroachments and against damage to existing improvements which encroach upon easement areas or damage resulting from the right to use the surface of the land for the extraction of minerals.

ALTA ENDORSEMENT FORMS 10 AND 10.1--ASSIGNMENTS

These endorsements insure against loss from failure of the assignment to vest title to the insured mortgage in the insured and any partial or full reconveyance or release of the insured lien recorded in the public records. Endorsement Form 10.1 differs only in that it provides additional "date down" coverage for certain matters such as tax liens and bankruptcy notices.

REINSURANCE AGREEMENTS

Reinsurance is a contract in which the Reinsurer, for a consideration, agrees to indemnify the Ceder or policy-issuing company in whole or in part against loss or liability which the Ceder may sustain or incur under a separate and original contract of insurance ("policy") with the original insured owner, lender or lessee. The Ceder or Ceding Company is the company which writes the policy insuring the owner, lender or lessee and "cedes," that is sells or transfers, to the Reinsurer all or a portion of its policy risk or exposure which the Reinsurer "assumes" or acquires under the Reinsurance Agreement or contract.

Facultative reinsurance applies to one particular risk. The Ceder may offer all or any part of a risk and the Reinsurer may accept or reject the risk offered. In addition facultative reinsurance offers flexibility to the Ceding Company, for the Reinsurance Company may give valuable underwriting assistance since the facultative reinsurer may become involved in the evaluation of the proposed risk. Thus, Reinsurance is ceded and assumed on the same careful basis as direct insurance is written.

It should be also noted that reinsurance may also be by treaty or special agreement between the companies which may provide for automatic reinsurance on all risks assumed. However, the Forms Handbook does not apply to Treaty Reinsurance since such coverage is negotiated on an individual basis and varies substantially as to form, effect, and operation. Although several facultative reinsurance agreement forms have been prepared and promulgated by the American Land Title Association between 1961 and 1990, the most common and most recent version is the 1994 revision.

ALTA NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF OWNER'S TITLE INSURANCE

Required by law in some states. Informs real estate purchasers that mortgagee title insurance is being issued to protect the lender in a transaction (and that the mortgagee policy does not protect the owner), and the purchaser has the option to buy separate owner's title insurance for the purchaser's protection. There is a provision on the form for the purchaser to specify whether or not owner's title insurance is desired.

ALTA APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF RECORDED DOCUMENT GUARANTEE AND APPLICATION FOR ISSUANCE OF RECORDED DOCUMENT CERTIFICATE (and Related Guarantee and Certificate Forms)

These forms were developed to allow the title industry to respond to information requests from real estate purchasers and lenders relating to the chain of title to a particular property. Purchasers and lenders make these requests as part of their investigation of prior ownerships and uses of real property in order to facilitate their establishment of an innocent landowner's defense under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) as amended. The defense is important to avoid cleanup liability for toxic waste after the purchaser or lender acquires an interest in the property. Subject to the terms of the relevant application, applicants under their guarantees or certificates will receive copies of the documents that they specify in the application they would like to be furnished from the public records as defined. The Recorded Document Guarantee is an insurance form issued only by title insurers; the Recorded Document Certificate may be issued either by title insurers or title insurance agents.

POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE

Issued by

BLANK TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

SUBJECT TO THE EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE, THE EXCEPTIONS FROM COVERAGE CONTAINED IN SCHEDULE B AND THE CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS, BLANK TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Blank corporation, herein called the Company, insures, as of Date of Policy shown in Schedule A, against loss or damage, not exceeding the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A, sustained or incurred by the insured by reason of:

1. Title to the estate or interest described in Schedule A being vested other than as stated therein;
2. Any defect in or lien or encumbrance on the title;
3. Unmarketability of the title;
4. Lack of a right of access to and from the land;
5. The invalidity or unenforceability of the lien of the insured mortgage upon the title;
6. The priority of any lien or encumbrance over the lien of the insured mortgage;
7. Lack of priority of the lien of the insured mortgage over any statutory lien for services, labor or material:

(a) arising from an improvement or work related to the land which is contracted for or commenced prior to Date of Policy; or

(b) arising from an improvement or work related to the land which is contracted for or commenced subsequent to Date of Policy and which is financed in whole or in part by proceeds of the indebtedness secured by the insured mortgage which at Date of Policy the insured has advanced or is obligated to advance;

8. The invalidity or unenforceability of any assignment of the insured mortgage, provided the assignment is shown in Schedule A, or the failure of the assignment shown in Schedule A to vest title to the insured mortgage in the named insured assignee free and clear of all liens.

The Company will also pay the costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in defense of the title or the lien of the insured mortgage, as insured, but only to the extent provided in the Conditions and Stipulations.

[Witness clause optional]

BLANK TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

BY: _____
PRESIDENT

BY: _____
SECRETARY

EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE

The following matters are expressly excluded from the coverage of this policy and the Company will not pay loss or damage, costs, attorneys' fees or expenses which arise by reason of:

1. (a) Any law, ordinance or governmental regulation (including but not limited to building and zoning laws, ordinances, or regulations) restricting, regulating, prohibiting or relating to (i) the occupancy, use, or enjoyment of the land; (ii) the character, dimensions or location of any improvement now or hereafter erected on the land; (iii) a separation in ownership or a change in the dimensions or area of the land or any parcel of which the land is or was a part; or (iv) environmental protection, or the effect of any violation of these laws, ordinances or governmental regulations, except to the extent that a notice of the enforcement thereof or a notice of a defect, lien or encumbrance resulting from a violation or alleged violation affecting the land has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy.
- (b) Any governmental police power not excluded by (a) above, except to the extent that a notice of the exercise thereof or a notice of a defect, lien or encumbrance resulting from a violation or alleged violation affecting the land has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy.
2. Rights of eminent domain unless notice of the exercise thereof has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy, but not excluding from coverage any taking which has occurred prior to Date of Policy which would be binding on the rights of a purchaser for value without knowledge.
3. Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims or other matters:
 - (a) created, suffered, assumed or agreed to by the insured claimant;
 - (b) not known to the Company, not recorded in the public records at Date of Policy, but known to the insured claimant and not disclosed in writing to the Company by the insured claimant prior to the date the insured claimant became an insured under this policy;
 - (c) resulting in no loss or damage to the insured claimant;
 - (d) attaching or created subsequent to Date of Policy (except to the extent that this policy insures the priority of the lien of the insured mortgage over any statutory lien for services, labor or material); or
 - (e) resulting in loss or damage which would not have been sustained if the insured claimant had paid value for the insured mortgage.
4. Unenforceability of the lien of the insured mortgage because of the inability or failure of the insured at Date of Policy, or the inability or failure of any subsequent owner of the indebtedness, to comply with applicable doing business laws of the state in which the land is situated.
5. Invalidity or unenforceability of the lien of the insured mortgage, or claim thereof, which arises out of the transaction evidenced by the insured mortgage and is based upon usury or any consumer credit protection or truth in lending law.
6. Any statutory lien for services, labor or materials (or the claim of priority of any statutory lien for services, labor or materials over the lien of the insured mortgage) arising from an improvement or work related to the land which is contracted for and commenced subsequent to Date of Policy and is not financed in whole or in part by proceeds of the indebtedness secured by the insured mortgage which at Date of Policy the insured has advanced or is obligated to advance.

7. Any claim, which arises out of the transaction creating the interest of the mortgagee insured by this policy, by reason of the operation of federal bankruptcy, state insolvency, or similar creditors' rights laws, that is based on:
- (a) the transaction creating the interest of the insured mortgagee being deemed a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer; or
 - (b) the subordination of the interest of the insured mortgagee as a result of the application of the doctrine of equitable subordination; or
 - (c) the transaction creating the interest of the insured mortgagee being deemed a preferential transfer except where the preferential transfer results from the failure:
 - (i) to timely record the instrument of transfer; or
 - (ii) of such recordation to impart notice to a purchaser for value or a judgment or lien creditor.

SCHEDULE B

[File No.] Policy No.

EXCEPTIONS FROM COVERAGE

This policy does not insure against loss or damage (and the Company will not pay costs, attorneys' fees or expenses) which arise by reason of:

PART I

1.

[POLICY MAY INCLUDE REGIONAL EXCEPTIONS IF SO

2. DESIRED BY ISSUING COMPANY]

[VARIABLE EXCEPTIONS SUCH AS TAXES, EASEMENTS, CC & Rs, ETC.]

3.

4.

Note: If there are matters which affect the title to the estate or interest in the land described in Schedule [A][C], but which are subordinate to the lien of the insured mortgage, Part II of Schedule B must be added, or Part I of Schedule B must contain the following statement:

“Matters which affect the title to the estate or interest, but which are subordinate to the lien of the insured mortgage”

PART II

In addition to the matters set forth in Part I of this Schedule, the title to the estate or interest in the land described or referred to in Schedule [A][C] is subject to the following matters, if any be shown, but the Company insures that these matters are subordinate to the lien or charge of the insured mortgage upon the estate or interest:

CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS1. **DEFINITION OF TERMS.**

The following terms when used in this policy mean:

- (a) “insured”: the insured named in Schedule A. The term “insured” also includes
- (i) the owner of the indebtedness secured by the insured mortgage and each successor in ownership of the indebtedness except a successor who is an obligor under the provisions of Section 12(c) of these Conditions and Stipulations (reserving, however, all rights and defenses as to any successor that the Company would have had against any predecessor insured, unless the successor acquired the indebtedness as a purchaser for value without knowledge of the asserted defect, lien, encumbrance, adverse claim or other matter insured against by this policy **as** affecting title to the estate or interest in the land);
 - (ii) any governmental agency or governmental instrumentality which is an insurer **or** guarantor under an insurance contract or guaranty insuring or guaranteeing the indebtedness secured by the insured mortgage, or any part thereof, whether named as an insured herein or not;
 - (iii) the parties designated in Section 2(a) of these Conditions and Stipulations.
- (b) “insured claimant”: an insured claiming loss or damage.
- (c) “knowledge” or “known”: actual knowledge, not constructive knowledge or notice which may be imputed to an insured by reason of the public records as defined in this policy or any other records which impart constructive notice of matters affecting the land.
- (d) “land”: the land described or referred to in Schedule [A][C], and improvements affixed thereto which by law constitute real property. The term “land” does not include any property beyond the lines of the area described or referred to in Schedule [A][C], nor any right, title, interest, estate or easement in abutting streets, roads, avenues, alleys, lanes, ways or waterways, but nothing herein shall modify or limit the extent to which a right of access to and from the land is insured by this policy.
- (e) “mortgage”: mortgage, deed of trust, trust deed, or other security instrument.
- (f) “public records”: records established under state statutes at Date of Policy for the purpose of imparting constructive notice of matters relating to real property to purchasers for value and without knowledge. With respect to Section 1(a)(iv) of the Exclusions From Coverage, “public records” shall also include environmental protection liens filed in the records of the clerk of the United States district court for the district in which the land is located.
- (g) “unmarketability of the title”: an alleged or apparent matter affecting the title to the land, not excluded or excepted from coverage, which would entitle a purchaser of the estate or interest described in Schedule A or the insured mortgage to be released from the obligation to purchase by virtue of a contractual condition requiring the delivery of marketable title.

2. **CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE.**

- (a) Alter Acquisition of Title. The coverage of this policy shall continue in force as of Date of Policy in favor of (i) an insured who acquires all or any part of the estate or interest in the land by foreclosure, trustee’s sale, conveyance in lieu of foreclosure, or other legal manner which discharges the lien of the insured mortgage; (ii) a transferee of the estate or interest so acquired from an insured corporation, provided the transferee is the parent or wholly-owned subsidiary of the insured corporation, and their corporate successors by operation of law and not by purchase, subject to any rights or defenses the Company may have against any predecessor insureds; and (iii) any governmental agency or governmental instrumentality which acquires all or any part of the estate or

interest pursuant to a contract of insurance or guaranty insuring or guaranteeing the indebtedness secured by the insured mortgage.

(b) Alter Conveyance of Title. The coverage of this policy shall continue in force as of Date of Policy in favor of an insured only so long as the insured retains an estate or interest in the land, or holds an indebtedness secured by a purchase money mortgage given by a purchaser from the insured, or only so long as the insured shall have liability by reason of covenants of warranty made by the insured in any transfer or conveyance of the estate or interest. This policy shall not continue in force in favor of any purchaser from the insured of either (i) an estate or interest in the land, or (ii) an indebtedness secured by a purchase money mortgage given to the insured.

(c) Amount of Insurance. The amount of insurance after the acquisition or after the conveyance shall in neither event exceed the least of:

(i) the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A;

(ii) the amount of the principal of the indebtedness secured by the insured mortgage as of Date of Policy, interest thereon, expenses of foreclosure, amounts advanced pursuant to the insured mortgage to assure compliance with laws or to protect the lien of the insured mortgage prior to the time of acquisition of the estate or interest in the land and secured thereby and reasonable amounts expended to prevent deterioration of improvements, but reduced by the amount of all payments made; or

(iii) the amount paid by any governmental agency or governmental instrumentality, if the agency or instrumentality is the insured claimant, in the acquisition of the estate or interest in satisfaction of its insurance contract or guaranty.

3. NOTICE OF CLAIM TO BE GIVEN BY INSURED CLAIMANT.

The insured shall notify the Company promptly in writing (1) in case of any litigation as set forth in Section 4(a) below, (ii) in case knowledge shall come to an insured hereunder of any claim of title or interest which is adverse to the title to the estate or interest or the lien of the insured mortgage, as insured, and which might cause loss or damage for which the Company may be liable by virtue of this policy, or (iii) if title to the estate or interest or the lien of the insured mortgage, as insured, is rejected as unmarketable. If prompt notice shall not be given to the Company, then as to the insured all liability of the Company shall terminate with regard to the matter or matters for which prompt notice is required; provided, however, that failure to notify the Company shall in no case prejudice the rights of any insured under this policy unless the Company shall be prejudiced by the failure and then only to the extent of the prejudice.

4. DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION OF ACTIONS; DUTY OF INSURED CLAIMANT TO COOPERATE.

(a) Upon written request by the insured and subject to the options contained in Section 6 of these Conditions and Stipulations, the Company, at its own cost and without unreasonable delay, shall provide for the defense of an insured in litigation in which any third party asserts a claim adverse to the title or interest as insured, but only as to those stated causes of action alleging a defect, lien or encumbrance or other matter insured against by this policy. The Company shall have the right to select counsel of its choice (subject to the right of the insured to object for reasonable cause) to represent the insured as to those stated causes of action and shall not be liable for and will not pay the fees of any other counsel. The Company will not pay any fees, costs or expenses incurred by the insured in the defense of those causes of action which allege matters not insured against by this policy.

(b) The Company shall have the right, at its own cost, to institute and prosecute any action or proceeding or to do any other act which in its opinion may be necessary or desirable to establish the title to the estate or interest or the lien of the insured mortgage, as insured, or to prevent or reduce loss or damage to the insured. The Company may take any appropriate action under the terms of this policy, whether or not it shall be liable hereunder, and shall not thereby concede liability or waive any provision of this policy. If the Company shall exercise its rights under this paragraph, it shall do so diligently.

(c) Whenever the Company shall have brought an action or interposed a defense as required or permitted by the provisions of this policy, the Company may pursue any litigation to final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction and expressly reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to appeal from any adverse judgment or order.

(d) In all cases where this policy permits or requires the Company to prosecute or provide for the defense of any action or proceeding, the insured shall secure to the Company the right to so prosecute or provide defense in the action or proceeding, and all appeals therein, and permit the Company to use, at its option, the name of the insured for this purpose. Whenever requested by the Company, the insured, at the Company's expense, shall give the Company all reasonable aid ~ in any action or proceeding, securing evidence, obtaining witnesses, prosecuting or defending the action or proceeding, or effecting settlement, and (ii) in any other lawful act which in the opinion of the Company may be necessary or desirable to establish the title to the estate or interest or the lien of the insured mortgage, as insured. If the Company is prejudiced by the failure of the insured to furnish the required cooperation, the Company's obligations to the insured under the policy shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute, or continue any litigation, with regard to the matter or matters requiring such cooperation.

5. PROOF OF LOSS OR DAMAGE.

In addition to and after the notices required under Section 3 of these Conditions and Stipulations have been provided the Company, a proof of loss or damage signed and sworn to by the insured claimant shall be furnished to the Company within 90 days after the insured claimant shall ascertain the facts giving rise to the loss or damage. The proof of loss or damage shall describe the defect in, or lien or encumbrance on the title, or other matter insured against by this policy which constitutes the basis of loss or damage and shall state, to the extent possible, the basis of calculating the amount of the loss or damage. If the Company is prejudiced by the failure of the insured claimant to provide the required proof of loss or damage, the Company's obligations to the insured under the policy shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute, or continue any litigation, with regard to the matter or matters requiring such proof of loss or damage.

In addition, the insured claimant may reasonably be required to submit to examination under oath by any authorized representative of the Company and shall produce for examination, inspection and copying, at such reasonable times and places as may be designated by any authorized representative of the Company, all records, books, ledgers, checks, correspondence and memoranda, whether bearing a date before or after Date of Policy, which reasonably pertain to the loss or damage. Further, if requested by any authorized representative of the Company, the insured claimant shall grant its permission, in writing, for any authorized representative of the Company to examine, inspect and copy all records, books, ledgers, checks, correspondence and memoranda in the custody or control of a third party, which reasonably pertain to the loss or damage. All information designated as confidential by the insured claimant provided to the Company pursuant to this Section shall not be disclosed to others unless, in the reasonable judgment of the Company, it is necessary in the administration of the claim. Failure of the insured claimant to submit for examination under oath, produce other reasonably requested information or grant permission to secure reasonably necessary information from third parties as required in this paragraph, unless prohibited by law or governmental regulation, shall terminate any liability of the Company under this policy as to that claim.

6. OPTIONS TO PAY OR OTHERWISE SETTLE CLAIMS; TERMINATION OF LIABILITY.

In case of a claim under this policy, the Company shall have the following additional options:

(a) To Pay or Tender Payment of the Amount of Insurance or to Purchase the Indebtedness.

(i) to pay or tender payment of the amount of insurance under this policy together with any costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the insured claimant, which were authorized by the Company, up to the time of payment or tender of payment and which the Company is obligated to pay; or

(ii) to purchase the indebtedness secured by the insured mortgage for the amount owing thereon together with any costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the insured claimant which were

authorized by the Company up to the time of purchase and which the Company is obligated to pay.

If the Company offers to purchase the indebtedness as herein provided, the owner of the indebtedness shall transfer, assign, and convey the indebtedness and the insured mortgage, together with any collateral security, to the Company upon payment therefor.

Upon the exercise by the Company of either of the options provided for in paragraphs a(i) or (ii), all liability and obligations to the insured under this policy, other than to make the payment required in those paragraphs, shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute, or continue any litigation, and the policy shall be surrendered to the Company for cancellation.

(b) To Pay or Otherwise Settle With Parties Other than the Insured or With the Insured Claimant.

(i) to pay or otherwise settle with other parties for or in the name of an insured claimant any claim insured against under this policy, together with any costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the insured claimant which were authorized by the Company up to the time of payment and which the Company is obligated to pay; or

(ii) to pay or otherwise settle with the insured claimant the loss or damage provided for under this policy, together with any costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the insured claimant which were authorized by the Company up to the time of payment and which the Company is obligated to pay.

Upon the exercise by the Company of either of the options provided for in paragraphs b(i) or (ii), the Company's obligations to the insured under this policy for the claimed loss or damage, other than the payments required to be made, shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute or continue any litigation.

7. DETERMINATION AND EXTENT OF LIABILITY.

This policy is a contract of indemnity against actual monetary loss or damage sustained or incurred by the insured claimant who has suffered loss or damage by reason of matters insured against by this policy and only to the extent herein described.

(a) The liability of the Company under this policy shall not exceed the least of:

(i) the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A, or, if applicable, the amount of insurance as defined in Section 2 (c) of these Conditions and Stipulations;

(ii) the amount of the unpaid principal indebtedness secured by the insured mortgage as limited or provided under Section 8 of these Conditions and Stipulations or as reduced under Section 9 of these Conditions and Stipulations, at the time the loss or damage insured against by this policy occurs, together with interest thereon; or

(iii) the difference between the value of the insured estate or interest as insured and the value of the insured estate or interest subject to the defect, lien or encumbrance insured against by this policy.

(b) In the event the insured has acquired the estate or interest in the manner described in Section 2(a) of these Conditions and Stipulations or has conveyed the title, then the liability of the Company shall continue as set forth in Section 7(a) of these Conditions and Stipulations.

(c) The Company will pay only those costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in accordance with Section 4 of these Conditions and Stipulations.

8. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

(a) If the Company establishes the title, or removes the alleged defect, lien or encumbrance, or cures the lack of a right of access to or from the land, or cures the claim of unmarketability of title, or otherwise establishes the lien of the insured mortgage, all as insured, in a reasonably diligent manner by any method, including litigation and the completion of any appeals therefrom, it shall have fully performed its obligations with respect to that matter and shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused thereby.

(b) In the event of any litigation, including litigation by the Company or with the Company's consent, the Company shall have no liability for loss or damage until there has been a final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction, and disposition of all appeals therefrom, adverse to the title or to the lien of the insured mortgage, as insured.

(c) The Company shall not be liable for loss or damage to any insured for liability voluntarily assumed by the insured in settling any claim or suit without the prior written consent of the Company.

(d) The Company shall not be liable for: (i) any indebtedness created subsequent to Date of Policy except for advances made to protect the lien of the insured mortgage and secured thereby and reasonable amounts expended to prevent deterioration of improvements; or (ii) construction loan advances made subsequent to Date of Policy, except construction loan advances made subsequent to Date of Policy for the purpose of financing in whole or in part the construction of an improvement to the land which at Date of Policy were secured by the insured mortgage and which the insured was and continued to be obligated to advance at and after Date of Policy.

9. REDUCTION OF INSURANCE; REDUCTION OR TERMINATION OF LIABILITY.

(a) All payments under this policy, except payments made for costs, attorneys' fees and expenses, shall reduce the amount of the insurance pro tanto. However, any payments made prior to the acquisition of title to the estate or interest as provided in Section 2(a) of these Conditions and Stipulations shall not reduce pro tanto the amount of the insurance afforded under this policy except to the extent that the payments reduce the amount of the indebtedness secured by the insured mortgage.

(b) Payment in part by any person of the principal of the indebtedness, or any other obligation secured by the insured mortgage, or any voluntary partial satisfaction or release of the insured mortgage, to the extent of the payment, satisfaction or release, shall reduce the amount of insurance pro tanto. The amount of insurance may thereafter be increased by accruing interest and advances made to protect the lien of the insured mortgage and secured thereby, with interest thereon, provided in no event shall the amount of insurance be greater than the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A.

(c) Payment in full by any person or the voluntary satisfaction or release of the insured mortgage shall terminate all liability of the Company except as provided in Section 2(a) of these Conditions and Stipulations.

10. LIABILITY NONCUMULATIVE.

If the insured acquires title to the estate or interest in satisfaction of the indebtedness secured by the insured mortgage, or any part thereof, it is expressly understood that the amount of insurance under this policy shall be reduced by any amount the Company may pay under any policy insuring a mortgage to which exception is taken in Schedule B or to which the insured has agreed, assumed, or taken subject, or which is hereafter executed by an insured and which is a charge or lien on the estate or interest described or referred to in Schedule A, and the amount so paid shall be deemed a payment under this policy.

11. PAYMENT OF LOSS.

(a) No payment shall be made without producing this policy for endorsement of the payment unless the policy has been lost or destroyed, in which case proof of loss or destruction shall be furnished to the satisfaction of the Company.

12. SUBROGATION UPON PAYMENT OR SETTLEMENT.

(a) The Company's Right of Subrogation.

Whenever the Company shall have settled and paid a claim under this policy, all right of subrogation shall vest in the Company unaffected by any act of the insured claimant.

The Company shall be subrogated to and be entitled to all rights and remedies which the insured claimant would have had against any person or property in respect to the claim had this policy not been issued. If requested by the Company, the insured claimant shall transfer to the Company all rights and remedies against any person or property necessary in order to perfect this right of subrogation. The insured claimant shall permit the Company to sue, compromise or settle in the name of the insured claimant and to use the name of the insured claimant in any transaction or litigation involving these rights or remedies.

If a payment on account of a claim does not fully cover the loss of the insured claimant, the Company shall be subrogated to all rights and remedies of the insured claimant after the insured claimant shall have recovered its principal, interest, and costs of collection.

(b) The Insured's Rights and Limitations.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the owner of the indebtedness secured by the insured mortgage, provided the priority of the lien of the insured mortgage or its enforceability is not affected, may release or substitute the personal liability of any debtor or guarantor, or extend or otherwise modify the terms of payment, or release a portion of the estate or interest from the lien of the insured mortgage, or release any collateral security for the indebtedness.

When the permitted acts of the insured claimant occur and the insured has knowledge of any claim of title or interest adverse to the title to the estate or interest or the priority or enforceability of the lien of the insured mortgage, as insured, the Company shall be required to pay only that part of any losses insured against by this policy which shall exceed the amount, if any, lost to the Company by reason of the impairment by the insured claimant of the Company's right of subrogation.

(c) The Company's Rights Against Non-insured Obligors.

The Company's right of subrogation against non-insured obligors shall exist and shall include, without limitation, the rights of the insured to indemnities, guaranties, other policies of insurance or bonds, notwithstanding any terms or conditions contained in those instruments which provide for subrogation rights by reason of this policy.

The Company's right of subrogation shall not be avoided by acquisition of the insured mortgage by an obligor (except an obligor described in Section 1(a)(ii) of these Conditions and Stipulations) who acquires the insured mortgage as a result of an indemnity, guarantee, other policy of insurance, or bond and the obligor will not be an insured under this policy, notwithstanding Section 1(a)(i) of these Conditions and Stipulations.

13. ARBITRATION.

Unless prohibited by applicable law, either the Company or the insured may demand arbitration pursuant to the Title Insurance Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Arbitrable matters may include, but are not limited to, any controversy or claim between the Company and the insured arising out of or relating to this policy, any service of the Company in connection with its issuance or the breach of a policy provision or other obligation. All arbitrable matters when the Amount of Insurance is \$1,000,000 or less shall be arbitrated at the option of either the Company or the insured. All arbitrable matters when the Amount of Insurance is in excess of \$1,000,000 shall be arbitrated only when agreed to by both the Company and the insured. Arbitration pursuant to this policy and under the Rules in effect on the date the demand for arbitration is made or, at the option of the insured, the Rules in effect at Date of Policy shall be binding upon the parties. The award may include attorneys' fees only if the laws of the state in which the land is located permit a court to award attorneys' fees to a prevailing party. Judgment upon the award rendered by the Arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

The law of the situs of the land shall apply to an arbitration under the Title Insurance Arbitration Rules.

A copy of the Rules may be obtained from the Company upon request.

14. LIABILITY LIMITED TO THIS POLICY; POLICY ENTIRE CONTRACT.

(a) This policy together with all endorsements, if any, attached hereto by the Company is the entire policy and contract between the insured and the Company. In interpreting any provision of this policy, this policy shall be construed as a whole.

(b) Any claim of loss or damage, whether or not based on negligence, and which arises out of the status of the lien of the insured mortgage or of the title to the estate or interest covered hereby or by any action asserting such claim, shall be restricted to this policy.

(c) No amendment of or endorsement to this policy can be made except by a writing endorsed hereon or attached hereto signed by either the President, a Vice President, the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, or validating officer or authorized signatory of the Company.

15. SEVERABILITY.

In the event any provision of this policy is held invalid or unenforceable under applicable law, the policy shall be deemed not to include that provision and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

16. NOTICES, WHERE SENT.

All notices required to be given the Company and any statement in writing required to be furnished the Company shall include the number of this policy and shall be addressed to the Company at (fill in).

NOTE: Bracketed [] material optional

POLICY OF TITLE INSURANCE

Issued by

BLANK TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

SUBJECT TO THE EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE, THE EXCEPTIONS FROM COVERAGE CONTAINED IN SCHEDULE B AND THE CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS, BLANK TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, a Blank corporation, herein called the Company, insures, as of Date of Policy shown in Schedule A, against loss or damage, not exceeding the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A, sustained or incurred by the insured by reason of:

1. Title to the estate or interest described in Schedule A being vested other than as stated therein;
2. Any defect in or lien or encumbrance on the title;
3. Unmarketability of the title;
4. Lack of a right of access to and from the land.

The Company will also pay the costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in defense of the title, as insured, but only to the extent provided in the Conditions and Stipulations.
[Witness clause optional]

BLANK TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY

BY: _____
PRESIDENT

BY: _____
SECRETARY

EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE

The following matters are expressly excluded from the coverage of this policy and the Company will not pay loss or damage, costs, attorneys' fees or expenses which arise by reason of:

1. (a) Any law, ordinance or governmental regulation (including but not limited to building and zoning laws, ordinances, or regulations) restricting, regulating, prohibiting or relating to (i) the occupancy, use, or enjoyment of the land; (ii) the character, dimensions or location of any improvement now or hereafter erected on the land; (iii) a separation in ownership or a change in the dimensions or area of the land or any parcel of which the land is or was a part; or (iv) environmental protection, or the effect of any violation of these laws, ordinances or governmental regulations, except to the extent that a notice of the enforcement thereof or a notice of a defect, lien or encumbrance resulting from a violation or alleged violation affecting the land has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy.
- (b) Any governmental police power not excluded by (a) above, except to the extent that a notice of the exercise thereof or a notice of a defect, lien or encumbrance resulting from a violation or alleged violation affecting the land has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy.
2. Rights of eminent domain unless notice of the exercise thereof has been recorded in the public records at Date of Policy, but not excluding from coverage any taking which has occurred prior to Date of Policy which would be binding on the rights of a purchaser for value without knowledge.
3. Defects, liens, encumbrances, adverse claims or other matters:
 - (a) created, suffered, assumed or agreed to by the insured claimant;
 - (b) not known to the Company, not recorded in the public records at Date of Policy, but known to the insured claimant and not disclosed in writing to the Company by the insured claimant prior to the date the insured claimant became an insured under this policy;
 - (c) resulting in no loss or damage to the insured claimant;
 - (d) attaching or created subsequent to Date of Policy; or
 - (e) resulting in loss or damage which would not have been sustained if the insured claimant had paid value for the estate or interest insured by this policy.
4. Any claim, which arises out of the transaction vesting in the Insured the estate or interest insured by this policy, by reason of the operation of federal bankruptcy, state insolvency, or similar creditors' rights laws, that is based on:
 - (a) the transaction creating the estate or interest insured by this policy being deemed a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer; or
 - (b) the transaction creating the estate or interest insured by this policy being deemed a preferential transfer except where the preferential transfer results from the failure:
 - (i) to timely record the instrument of transfer; or
 - (ii) of such recordation to impart notice to a purchaser for value or a judgment or lien creditor.

SCHEDULE B

[File No.] Policy No.

EXCEPTIONS FROM COVERAGE

This policy does not insure against loss or damage (and the Company will not pay costs, attorneys' fees or expenses) which arise by reason of:

1.

[POLICY MAY INCLUDE REGIONAL EXCEPTIONS IF SO

2.

DESIRED BY ISSUING COMPANY]

[VARIABLE EXCEPTIONS SUCH AS TAXES, EASEMENTS, CC & Rs, ETC.]

3.

4.

CONDITIONS AND STIPULATIONS1. DEFINITION OF TERMS.

The following terms when used in this policy mean:

(a) “insured”: the insured named in Schedule A, and, subject to any rights or defenses the Company would have had against the named insured, those who succeed to the interest of the named insured by operation of law as distinguished from purchase including, but not limited to, heirs, distributees, devisees, survivors, personal representatives, next of kin, or corporate or fiduciary successors.

(b) “insured claimant”: an insured claiming loss or damage.

(c) “knowledge” or “known”: actual knowledge, not constructive knowledge or notice which may be imputed to an insured by reason of the public records as defined in this policy or any other records which impart constructive notice of matters affecting the land.

(d) “land”: the land described or referred to in Schedule [A][C], and improvements affixed thereto which by law constitute real property. The term “land” does not include any property beyond the lines of the area described or referred to in Schedule [A][C], nor any right, title, interest, estate or easement in abutting streets, roads, avenues, alleys, lanes, ways or waterways, but nothing herein shall modify or limit the extent to which a right of access to and from the land is insured by this policy.

(e) “mortgage”: mortgage, deed of trust, trust deed, or other security instrument.

(f) “public records”: records established under state statutes at Date of Policy for the purpose of imparting constructive notice of matters relating to real property to purchasers for value and without knowledge. With respect to Section 1(a)(iv) of the Exclusions From Coverage, “public records” shall also include environmental protection liens filed in the records of the clerk of the United States district court for the district in which the land is located.

(g) “unmarketability of the title”: an alleged or apparent matter affecting the title to the land, not excluded or excepted from coverage, which would entitle a purchaser of the estate or interest described in Schedule A to be released from the obligation to purchase by virtue of a contractual condition requiring the delivery of marketable title.

2. CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE AFTER CONVEYANCE OF TITLE.

The coverage of this policy shall continue in force as of Date of Policy in favor of an insured only so long as the insured retains an estate or interest in the land, or holds an indebtedness secured by a purchase money mortgage given by a purchaser from the insured, or only so long as the insured shall have liability by reason of covenants of warranty made by the insured in any transfer or conveyance of the estate or interest. This policy shall not continue in force in favor of any purchaser from the insured of either (i) an estate or interest in the land, or (ii) an indebtedness secured by a purchase money mortgage given to the insured.

3. NOTICE OF CLAIM TO BE GIVEN BY INSURED CLAIMANT.

The insured shall notify the Company promptly in writing (i) in case of any litigation as set forth in Section 4(a) below, (ii) in case knowledge shall come to an insured hereunder of any claim of title or interest which is adverse to the title to the estate or interest, as insured, and which might cause loss or damage for which the Company may be liable by virtue of this policy, or (iii) if title to the estate or interest, as insured, is rejected as unmarketable. If prompt notice shall not be given to the Company, then as to the insured all liability of the Company shall terminate with regard to the matter or matters for which prompt notice is required; provided, however, that failure to notify the Company shall in no case prejudice the rights of any insured under this policy unless the Company shall be prejudiced by the failure and then only to the extent of the prejudice.

4. DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION OF ACTIONS; DUTY OF INSURED CLAIMANT TO COOPERATE.

(a) Upon written request by the insured and subject to the options contained in Section 6 of these Conditions and Stipulations, the Company, at its own cost and without unreasonable delay, shall provide for the defense of an insured in litigation in which any third party asserts a claim adverse to the title or interest as insured, but only as to those stated causes of action alleging a defect, lien or encumbrance or other matter insured against by this policy. The Company shall have the right to select counsel of its choice (subject to the right of the insured to object for reasonable cause) to represent the insured as to those stated causes of action and shall not be liable for and will not pay the fees of any other counsel. The Company will not pay any fees, costs or expenses incurred by the insured in the defense of those causes of action which allege matters not insured against by this policy.

(b) The Company shall have the right, at its own cost, to institute and prosecute any action or proceeding or to do any other act which in its opinion may be necessary or desirable to establish the title to the estate or interest, as insured, or to prevent or reduce loss or damage to the insured. The Company may take any appropriate action under the terms of this policy, whether or not it shall be liable hereunder, and shall not thereby concede liability or waive any provision of this policy. If the Company shall exercise its rights under this paragraph, it shall do so diligently.

(c) Whenever the Company shall have brought an action or interposed a defense as required or permitted by the provisions of this policy, the Company may pursue any litigation to final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction and expressly reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to appeal from any adverse judgment or order.

(d) In all cases where this policy permits or requires the Company to prosecute or provide for the defense of any action or proceeding, the insured shall secure to the Company the right to so prosecute or provide defense in the action or proceeding, and all appeals therein, and permit the Company to use, at its option, the name of the insured for this purpose. Whenever requested by the Company, the insured, at the Company's expense, shall give the Company all reasonable aid (i) in any action or proceeding, securing evidence, obtaining witnesses, prosecuting or defending the action or proceeding, or effecting settlement, and (ii) in any other lawful act which in the opinion of the Company may be necessary or desirable to establish the title to the estate or interest as insured. If the Company is prejudiced by the failure of the insured to furnish the required cooperation, the Company's obligations to the insured under the policy shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute, or continue any litigation, with regard to the matter or matters requiring such cooperation.

5. PROOF OF LOSS OR DAMAGE.

In addition to and after the notices required under Section 3 of these Conditions and Stipulations have been provided the Company, a proof of loss or damage signed and sworn to by the insured claimant shall be furnished to the Company within 90 days after the insured claimant shall ascertain the facts giving rise to the loss or damage. The proof of loss or damage shall describe the defect in, or lien or encumbrance on the title, or other matter insured against by this policy which constitutes the basis of loss or damage and shall state, to the extent possible, the basis of calculating the amount of the loss or damage. If the Company is prejudiced by the failure of the insured claimant to provide the required proof of loss or damage, the Company's obligations to the insured under the policy shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute, or continue any litigation, with regard to the matter or matters requiring such proof of loss or damage.

In addition, the insured claimant may reasonably be required to submit to examination under oath by any authorized representative of the Company and shall produce for examination, inspection and copying, at such reasonable times and places as may be designated by any authorized representative of the Company, all records, books, ledgers, checks, correspondence and memoranda, whether bearing a date before or after Date of Policy, which reasonably pertain to the loss or damage. Further, if requested by any authorized representative of the Company, the insured claimant shall grant its permission, in writing, for any authorized representative of the Company to examine, inspect and copy all records, books, ledgers, checks, correspondence and memoranda in the custody or control of a third party, which reasonably pertain to the loss or damage. All information designated as confidential by the insured claimant provided to the Company pursuant to this Section shall not be disclosed to others unless, in the reasonable judgment of the Company, it is necessary in the administration of the claim.

Failure of the insured claimant to submit for examination under oath, produce other reasonably requested information or grant permission to secure reasonably necessary information from third parties as required in this paragraph shall terminate any liability of the Company under this policy as to that claim.

6. OPTIONS TO PAY OR OTHERWISE SETTLE CLAIMS; TERMINATION OF LIABILITY.

In case of a claim under this policy, the Company shall have the following additional options:

(a) To Pay or Tender Payment of the Amount of Insurance.

(i) To pay or tender payment of the amount of insurance under this policy together with any costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the insured claimant, which were authorized by the Company, up to the time of payment or tender of payment and which the Company is obligated to pay.

(ii) Upon the exercise by the Company of this option, all liability and obligations to the insured under this policy, other than to make the payment required, shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute, or continue any litigation, and the policy shall be surrendered to the Company for cancellation.

(b) To Pay or Otherwise Settle With Parties Other than the Insured or With the Insured Claimant.

(i) to pay or otherwise settle with other parties for or in the name of an insured claimant any claim insured against under this policy, together with any costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the insured claimant which were authorized by the Company up to the time of payment and which the Company is obligated to pay; or

(ii) to pay or otherwise settle with the insured claimant the loss or damage provided for under this policy, together with any costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the insured claimant which were authorized by the Company up to the time of payment and which the Company is obligated to pay.

Upon the exercise by the Company of either of the options provided for in paragraphs (b)(i) or (ii), the Company's obligations to the insured under this policy for the claimed loss or damage, other than the payments required to be made, shall terminate, including any liability or obligation to defend, prosecute or continue any litigation.

7. DETERMINATION, EXTENT OF LIABILITY AND COINSURANCE.

This policy is a contract of indemnity against actual monetary loss or damage sustained or incurred by the insured claimant who has suffered loss or damage by reason of matters insured against by this policy and only to the extent herein described.

(a) The liability of the Company under this policy shall not exceed the least of:

(i) the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A; or,

(ii) the difference between the value of the insured estate or interest as insured and the value of the insured estate or interest subject to the defect, lien or encumbrance insured against by this policy.

(b) In the event the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A at the Date of Policy is less than 80 percent of the value of the insured estate or interest or the full consideration paid for the land, whichever is less, or if subsequent to the Date of Policy an improvement is erected on the land which increases the value of the insured estate or interest by at least 20 percent over the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A, then this Policy is subject to the following:

(i) where no subsequent improvement has been made, as to any partial loss, the Company

shall only pay the loss pro rata in the proportion that the amount of insurance at Date of Policy bears to the total value of the insured estate or interest at Date of Policy; or

(ii) where a subsequent improvement has been made, as to any partial loss, the Company shall only pay the loss pro rate in the proportion that 120 percent of the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A bears to the sum of the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A and the amount expended for the improvement.

The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to costs, attorneys' fees and expenses for which the Company is liable under this policy, and shall only apply to that portion of any loss which exceeds, in the aggregate, 10 percent of the Amount of Insurance stated in Schedule A.

(c) The Company will pay only those costs, attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in accordance with Section 4 of these Conditions and Stipulations.

8. APPORTIONMENT.

If the land described in Schedule [A][C] consists of two or more parcels which are not used as a single site, and a loss is established affecting one or more of the parcels but not all, the loss shall be computed and settled on a pro rata basis as if the amount of insurance under this policy was divided pro rate as to the value on Date of Policy of each separate parcel to the whole, exclusive of any improvements made subsequent to Date of Policy, unless a liability or value has otherwise been agreed upon as to each parcel by the Company and the insured at the time of the issuance of this policy and shown by an express statement or by an endorsement attached to this policy.

9. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.

(a) If the Company establishes the title, or removes the alleged defect, lien or encumbrance, or cures the lack of a right of access to or from the land, or cures the claim of unmarketability of title, all as insured, in a reasonably diligent manner by any method, including litigation and the completion of any appeals therefrom, it shall have fully performed its obligations with respect to that matter and shall not be liable for any loss or damage caused thereby.

(b) In the event of any litigation, including litigation by the Company or with the Company's consent, the Company shall have no liability for loss or damage until there has been a final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction, and disposition of all appeals therefrom, adverse to the title as insured.

(c) The Company shall not be liable for loss or damage to any insured for liability voluntarily assumed by the insured in settling any claim or suit without the prior written consent of the Company.

10. REDUCTION OF INSURANCE; REDUCTION OR TERMINATION OF LIABILITY.

All payments under this policy, except payments made for costs, attorneys' fees and expenses, shall reduce the amount of the insurance pro tanto.

11. LIABILITY NONCUMULATIVE.

It is expressly understood that the amount of insurance under this policy shall be reduced by any amount the Company may pay under any policy insuring a mortgage to which exception is taken in Schedule B or to which the insured has agreed, assumed, or taken subject, or which is hereafter executed by an insured and which is a charge or lien on the estate or interest described or referred to in Schedule A, and the amount so paid shall be deemed a payment under this policy to the insured owner.

12. PAYMENT OF LOSS.

(a) No payment shall be made without producing this policy for endorsement of the payment unless the policy has been lost or destroyed, in which case proof of loss or destruction shall be furnished to the satisfaction of the Company.

(b) When liability and the extent of loss or damage has been definitely fixed in accordance with these Conditions and Stipulations, the loss or damage shall be payable within 30 days thereafter.

13. SUBROGATION UPON PAYMENT OR SETTLEMENT.

(a) The Company's Right of Subrogation.

Whenever the Company shall have settled and paid a claim under this policy, all right of subrogation shall vest in the Company unaffected by any act of the insured claimant.

The Company shall be subrogated to and be entitled to all rights and remedies which the insured claimant would have had against any person or property in respect to the claim had this policy not been issued. If requested by the Company, the insured claimant shall transfer to the Company all rights and remedies against any person or property necessary in order to perfect this right of subrogation. The insured claimant shall permit the Company to sue, compromise or settle in the name of the insured claimant and to use the name of the insured claimant in any transaction or litigation involving these rights or remedies.

If a payment on account of a claim does not fully cover the loss of the insured claimant, the Company shall be subrogated to these rights and remedies in the proportion which the Company's payment bears to the whole amount of the loss.

If loss should result from any act of the insured claimant, as stated above, that act shall not void this policy, but the Company, in that event, shall be required to pay only that part of any losses insured against by this policy which shall exceed the amount, if any, lost to the Company by reason of the impairment by the insured claimant of the Company's right of subrogation.

(b) The Company's Rights Against Non-insured Obligor.

The Company's right of subrogation against non-insured obligors shall exist and shall include, without limitation, the rights of the insured to indemnities, guaranties, other policies of insurance or bonds, notwithstanding any terms or conditions contained in those instruments which provide for subrogation rights by reason of this policy.

14. ARBITRATION

Unless prohibited by applicable law, either the Company or the insured may demand arbitration pursuant to the Title Insurance Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. Arbitrable matters may include, but are not limited to, any controversy or claim between the Company and the insured arising out of or relating to this policy, any service of the Company in connection with its issuance or the breach of a policy provision or other obligation. AU arbitrable matters when the Amount of Insurance is \$1,000,000 or less shall be arbitrated at the option of either the Company or the insured. All arbitrable matters when the Amount of Insurance is in excess of \$1,000,000 shall be arbitrated only when agreed to by both the Company and the insured. Arbitration pursuant to this policy and under the Rules in effect on the date the demand for arbitration is made or, at the option of the insured, the Rules in effect at Date of Policy shall be binding upon the parties. The award may include attorneys' fees only if the laws of the state in which the land is located permit a court to award attorneys' fees to a prevailing party. Judgment upon the award rendered by the Arbitrator(s) may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

The law of the situs of the land shall apply to an arbitration under the Title Insurance Arbitration Rules.

A copy of the Rules may be obtained from the Company upon request.

15. LIABILITY LIMITED TO THIS POLICY; POLICY ENTIRE CONTRACT.

(a) This policy together with all endorsements, if any, attached hereto by the Company is the entire policy and contract between the insured and the Company. In interpreting any provision of this policy, this policy shall be construed as a whole.

(b) Any claim of loss or, damage, whether or not based on negligence, and which arises out of the status of the title to the estate or interest covered hereby or by any action asserting such claim, shall be restricted to this policy.

(c) No amendment of or endorsement to this policy can be made except by a writing endorsed hereon or attached hereto signed by either the President, a Vice President, the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, or validating officer or authorized signatory of the Company.

16. SEVERABILITY.

In the event any provision of the policy is held invalid or unenforceable under applicable law, the policy shall be deemed not to include that provision and all other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

17. NOTICES, WHERE SENT.

All notices required to be given the Company and any statement in writing required to be furnished the Company shall include the number of this policy and shall be addressed to the Company at (fill in).

NOTE: Bracketed [] material optional