## **IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**

# $\underline{\textbf{BUSINESS}} \ \textbf{AND} \ \textbf{PROPERTY} \ \textbf{COURTS} \ \textbf{OF} \ \textbf{ENGLAND} \ \textbf{AND} \ \textbf{WALES}$

**COMPANIES COURT (ChD)** 

IN THE MATTER OF

PEDIGREE LIVESTOCK INSURANCE LIMITED

and

IN THE MATTER OF

**AMTRUST EUROPE LIMITED** 

and

IN THE MATTER OF

PART VII OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES AND MARKETS ACT 2000

SUMMARY OF THE TERMS OF THE SCHEME
AND
SUMMARY OF THE SCHEME REPORT

## **Summary of the Terms of the Scheme**

#### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 Pedigree Livestock Insurance Limited (PLIL) is proposing to transfer all of its general insurance policies through an insurance business transfer scheme (the Scheme). The Scheme will be carried out through the High Court of Justice in England (the High Court) in accordance with Part VII of the UK Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. This will transfer all of the business written by PLIL (the Transferring Business) to AmTrust Europe Limited (AEL).
- 1.2 This document sets out a summary of the effect of the Scheme.
- 1.3 This document is only a summary. Full details of the Scheme and the Report can be found in the complete versions which are available free of charge online www.amtrustinternational.com/portfoliotransfers, in hard emailing copy by PartVII@amtrustgroup.com or by telephoning 020 7280 6440 (available between 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday), or by writing to AmTrust International (Part VII), Exchequer Court 33 St Mary Axe London EC3A 8AA.

## 2 Background of PLIL and AEL

- 2.1 PLIL is a private limited company registered in England and Wales with registered company number 00746184 and its registered office at Market Square House, Saint James's Street, Nottingham, NG1 6FG.
- 2.2 The Transferring Business includes all business written by PLIL.
- 2.3 AEL is a private limited company registered in England and Wales with registered company number 01229676 and its registered office at 10th Floor Market Square House, Saint James's Street, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, NG1 6FG.
- 2.4 Both PLIL and AEL are part of the AmTrust group, with PLIL being a wholly-owned subsidiary of AEL.
- 2.5 PLIL is both authorised and regulated by the UK Prudential Regulation Authority (**PRA**) and it is also regulated by the UK Financial Conduct Authority (**FCA**). Before 1 April 2013 it was authorised and regulated by the FCA and PRA's predecessor, the Financial Services Authority (**FSA**).
- 2.6 AEL is both authorised and regulated by the PRA and it is also regulated by the FCA. Before 1 April 2013 it was authorised and regulated by the FCA and PRA's predecessor, the Financial Services Authority.

## 3 Process and timings of the Scheme

3.1 The proposed timings for the Scheme are:

High Court hearing	11 June 2019
Proposed "Effective Date" (when the policies will transfer to AEL)	30 June 2019

- 3.2 The Scheme will not go ahead unless the High Court approves it (which is currently anticipated to take place on 11 June 2019).
- 3.3 If the High Court imposes any change or conditions to the proposed Scheme, the Scheme will not take effect unless PLIL and AEL consent.

## 4 Summary of the Scheme

- 4.1 The following is a summary of the main points of the Scheme. As noted above, the full version of the scheme document is available free of charge online at <a href="https://www.amtrustinternational.com/portfoliotransfers">www.amtrustinternational.com/portfoliotransfers</a>, or by emailing <a href="mailto:PartVII@amtrustgroup.com">PartVII@amtrustgroup.com</a> or by telephoning 020 7280 6440, or by writing to AmTrust International (Part VII), Exchequer Court 33 St Mary Axe London EC3A 8AA.
- In addition, copies of the following documents in connection with the Scheme are available to view at <a href="www.amtrustinternational.com/portfoliotransfers">www.amtrustinternational.com/portfoliotransfers</a> and hard copies will be given free of charge by email sent to <a href="mailto:PartVII@amtrustgroup.com">PartVII@amtrustgroup.com</a> or written request addressed to AmTrust International (Part VII), Exchequer Court 33 St Mary Axe London EC3A 8AA or by telephoning on 020 7280 6440:
  - (a) the independent expert's report (the **Report**);
  - (b) this Scheme Summary and a summary of the Report; and
  - (c) a press notice in the form approved by the PRA in consultation with the FCA of the Scheme.

#### The Effect of the Scheme

4.3 As stated above, the Scheme is intended to transfer all of the Transferring Business from PLIL to AEL.

#### Claims paid by AEL after the Effective Date

4.4 It is intended that from the Effective Date, all the rights and obligations arising from the Transferring Business will automatically transfer to AEL and will no longer rest with PLIL. This means that AEL will be responsible for paying all claims and meeting all the other obligations which were previously PLIL's obligations in relation to the Transferring Business.

#### **Exceptions**

4.5 Despite the intention explained in 4.4 above, there may be a small number of policies which fall outside the Scheme. These would be "Residual Policies", as described in more detail in the full version of the Scheme. Any Residual Policies will transfer to AEL following the Effective Date once any relevant impediment to the transfer has been resolved.

#### No Changes to Policy Terms and Conditions

4.6 There will be no changes to the terms and conditions of the transferring policies, save that the insurer will be AEL and not PLIL.

#### Continuity of proceedings or litigation

- 4.7 From the Effective Date, any current proceedings or litigation which are brought by or against PLIL in connection with the business transferred by the Scheme shall be continued by or against AEL, and AEL shall be entitled to all defences, claims, counterclaims and rights of set-off that would have been available to PLIL.
- 4.8 From the Effective Date, any judgement, settlement, order or award under current or past proceedings obtained by or against PLIL in relation to the business transferred by the Scheme shall be enforceable by or against AEL in place of PLIL.

#### **Costs and Expenses**

4.9 None of the costs and expenses relating to the preparation of the Scheme or High Court process will be borne by the policyholders.

### 5 Further information

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## **Summary of the Scheme Report**

#### 1 Introduction

- 1.1 PLIL and AEL have appointed Mr Michael Tripp of Mazars LLP, as the Independent Expert to provide a report to the High Court on the effect of the Scheme on the policyholders of PLIL and AEL (the Report). The appointment of Mr Tripp has been approved by the PRA, in consultation with the FCA.
- 1.2 The summary in this section is subject to the same limitations on its use as those set out in the Report. The Report contains the reasoning behind Mr Tripp's conclusions, including his assumptions and some of the detail which has been omitted from this summary. The Report also includes further information regarding PLIL and AEL which has not been included within this summary. While Mr Tripp is satisfied that this summary provides an appropriate synopsis of the Report, reliance on this summary alone may not give you the whole picture. Copies of the full Report and any supplementary Report can be obtained free of charge wwww.amtrustinternational.com/portfoliotransfers, or in by hard copy PartVII@amtrustgroup.com or by telephoning 020 7280 6440 (available between 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday), or by writing to AmTrust International (Part VII), Exchequer Court 33 St Mary Axe London EC3A 8AA.
- 1.3 The Independent Expert has considered the impact of the Scheme on the security and the levels of service afforded to affected policyholders. He has also considered the impact of the Scheme on other matters pertinent to the affected policyholders, such as complaint procedures.
- 1.4 The Independent Expert has identified two main groups of policyholders affected by the Scheme and he has considered the effect of the Scheme on each of these groups separately. The two groups identified are: policyholders of the Transferring Business and the existing policyholders of AEL.

### **Security of Policyholders**

- 1.5 Policyholder security is provided by the amount of assets held by an insurer in excess of its liabilities, as well as the level of capital of the insurer and the probability that it will not make payment of claims as they fall due. The Independent Expert has assessed the amount of assets held in excess of liabilities by PLIL and AEL, and its level of capital, both currently and as is projected to be the case if the Scheme is sanctioned.
- 1.6 Based on his review of the excess assets and capitalisation of PLIL and AEL, the Independent Expert has concluded that the policyholders of the Transferring Business will not be materially adversely affected by the Scheme (i.e. the likelihood that the claims of these policyholders will be paid in full will for all practical purposes be the same before and after the Scheme comes into

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effect) as, following the Transfer, AEL will still be sufficiently capitalised to meet claims as they fall due.

1.7 Having reviewed the projected excess assets and level of capital of AEL if the Scheme is sanctioned, the Independent Expert has concluded that the security of the existing policyholders of AEL will not be materially adversely affected as a result of the Scheme (i.e. the likelihood that the claims of these policyholders will be paid in full will for all practical purposes be the same before and after the Scheme comes into effect) as, following the Transfer, AEL will still be sufficiently capitalised to meet claims as they fall due.

#### **Levels of Service**

1.8 PLIL ceased writing business in September 2006 and all of the Policies within the Transferring Business have expired. No claims have been received since 2007. As a result, only limited administration of the Transferring Business is currently required. The Independent Expert has concluded that there will be no material change to the service provided to the policyholders within the Transferring Business or the existing policyholders of AEL as a result of the Part VII Transfer.

#### **Other Considerations**

Effect of the Scheme on Reinsurers

1.9 The reinsurance arrangements protecting the Transferring Business will transfer by virtue of the Scheme and continue to protect the business once it has transferred to AEL. However, PLIL is not aware that any such reinsurance arrangements are in place and the Independent Expert's conclusions are based on the assumption that PLIL does not currently rely on any such reinsurance arrangements and will not following the Effective Date. Accordingly, the amount of the liabilities of each external reinsurer of PLIL and AEL will not change as a result of the Scheme. The Independent Expert is therefore satisfied that the Scheme will not have a materially adverse impact on any current and historic reinsurers of PLIL whose contracts of reinsurance are to be transferred by the Scheme and current and historic reinsurers of AEL.

## 2 Updated Report

Mr Tripp's analysis is based upon the material supplied to him, including balance sheets and other information, based on accounting positions as at 31 December 2017. Since the proposed Effective Date for the Scheme is 30 June 2019 he will revisit the analysis closer to the time to confirm that there have been no material changes to the arrangements that he has reviewed that would affect his overall opinion. He will then prepare and issue an updated report to be made available to the High Court prior to the second High Court hearing. Copies of the updated Report can be obtained at <a href="www.amtrustinternational.com/portfoliotransfers">www.amtrustinternational.com/portfoliotransfers</a>, or in hard copy by emailing <a href="mailto:PartVII@amtrustgroup.com">PartVII@amtrustgroup.com</a> or by telephoning 020 7280 6440, or by writing to AmTrust International (Part VII), Exchequer Court 33 St Mary Axe London EC3A 8AA

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