

July 12, 2013

Attn: Genda & Khonas Bichins

#### Re: Insurance Policy

Congratulations on your recent home purchase, we welcome you to our Insurance Program. Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada has partnered with WBI Home Warranty Ltd. to provide you with Home Warranty Protection.

Enclosed please find a copy of your policy. As not all components of your home are covered, we encourage you to read the policy to ensure a full understanding of the coverage and owner obligations.

Your Builder is here to help in any way that they can. You are welcome to make a claim to WBI Home Warranty in writing at any time within the policy term, however we would encourage you to deal with your Builder first for any defects in your home.

Lastly, WBI Home Warranty's related company, Wilson M. Beck Insurance Services Inc. can provide you with a competitive quote for your home insurance at your next renewal. To take advantage of our preferred pricing, please provide your WBI Policy number to one of our representatives when you call our toll-free number 1-888-437-1100. We look forward to assisting you.

Should you have any questions in regards to your policy or our claims process, please contact our office at 604-639-2924.

WBI Home Warranty Ltd.



## Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada

(hereinafter known as "The Insurance Provider")

## Represented by Its Agent, WBI Home Warranty Ltd

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Builder Name: Bosa Development Corporation

Builder Phone #:

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**Builder Address:** 

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Builder Fax #:

604-291-9120

Authorized signature of Insurer

# Insurance Policy For a Home in a *Strata* Residential Building

Insurance Policy Number:

WHW120063-1-42

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Insurance Commencement Date		July 2, 2013	_
1 Year (any Defects in Materials and Labour)	Expires:	July 2, 2014	(at 12:01AM)
2 Years (Building Systems, Exterior Cladding)	Expires:	July 2, 2015	(at 12:01AM)
Common Property Insurance Commencement Date		June 5, 2013	-
15 Months (any Defects in Materials and Labour)	Expires:	September 5, 2014	(at 12:01AM)
2 Years (Building Systems, Exterior Cladding)	Expires:	June 5, 2015	- (at 12:01AM)
5 Years (Building Envelope)	Expires:	June 5, 2018	(at 12:01AM)
10 Years (Structural)	Expires:	June 5, 2023	(at 12:01AM)
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## NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

Within a reasonable time after the discovery of a defect and before the expiry of the applicable insurance coverage, the Homeowner must give to (The Insurance Provider) and the residential builder, written notice in reasonable detail that provides particulars of any specific defects covered by insurance.

This is a limited policy of insurance, and it does not cover all components of this home. Please be sure to read your policy wording for a thorough understanding.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

## In this Limited Insurance Policy:

"Builder" means the person/company named in this Policy.

## "Building Code" means, as applicable:

- (a) the British Columbia Building Code established under the Municipal Act, or
- (b) the Vancouver Building Bylaw established under the Vancouver Charter,

in force at the time that the building permit was issued for the home

- "Building Envelope" means the assemblies, components and materials of a home which are intended to separate and protect the interior space of the home from the adverse affects of exterior climatic conditions.
- "Building Envelope Defect" means defects that result in the failure of the building envelope to perform its intended function
- "Building Inspector" means the Authority having Jurisdiction as defined by the BC Building Code.
- "Building Systems" means electrical, plumbing, heating ventilation, air conditioning etc.
- "Common Property" has the same meaning as in the Strata Property Act, but is limited to only the Common Property associated with or serving the Residential Building.
- "Defect" means any design or construction that requires repair or replacement due to the negligence of a residential builder or person for whom the residential builder is responsible at law.

## "Designated Heritage Building" means a building that is:

- A provincial heritage site within the meaning of the Heritage Conservation Act or included in the Provincial heritage register under that Act, or
- b) Protected through heritage designation or included in a heritage designation or included in a heritage register under the Local Government Act, the Vancouver Charter or the Islands Trust Act.
- "Home" means a residential unit in a building constructed by the Builder, or deemed by The Insurance Provider to be so.
- "Commencement Date" means the date shown on the face of this Policy for the commencement of the insurance on this home.
- "Owner" means the person who owns the home.
- "Policy" means the documents provided to the Owner evidencing the Limited Insurance Policy and all forms, riders and endorsements pertaining or attached hereto.
- "Purchaser" means the person or persons who purchased the home from the Builder.
- "Required Retaining Wall" means a retaining wall that is required by the Building Inspector to be engineered, or a retaining wall that is reasonably required for the direct support of, or to retain soil away from, a home, a driveway, or a walkway.
- "Residential Building" means a building containing one or more homes in a strata project.

### "Structural Defect" means:

- a) a Defect in the materials and labour that results in the failure of a load bearing part of the home; and
- b) any Defect which causes structural damage that materially and adversely affects the use of the home for residential occupancy.
- "The Provider" means Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Company of Canada represented by its agent, WBI Home Warranty Ltd.

#### PART 1: COVERAGE

#### Insurance Terms (Length of Coverage)

- 1. Beginning on the Commencement Date, this Limited Insurance includes:
  - a) in the first 12 months, any Defect in materials and labour;
  - b) in the first 24 months:
    - any Defect in materials and labour supplied for the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning delivery and new distribution systems,
    - ii) any Defect in new materials and labour supplied for the exterior cladding, caulking, windows and doors that may lead to detachment or material damage to the home,

- in the first five years, any Building Envelope Defect in the home including a Defect which permits unintended water penetration such that it causes, or is likely to cause, material damage to the home;
- in the first ten years, any Structural Defects.

#### Insurance Limits

- 2. This policy is limited in total, for all claims under this insurance coverage applicable to the home, to:
  - a) the original purchase price paid by the Purchaser, or
  - b) \$100,000,00

whichever is less.

When calculating the cost of claims in respect of the limits under this Policy, The Insurance Provider will include:

- a) the cost of repairs,
- b) the cost of any investigation, engineering and design required for the repairs, and
- the cost of supervision of repairs, including professional review but excluding legal costs.

#### Components Excluded from Insurance

- 3. The following components, constructions, buildings, and materials are excluded from this insurance coverage:
  - a) landscaping, both hard and soft, including plants, fencing, detached patios, planters, gazebos and similar structures (though a required retaining wall is not excluded from this insurance);
  - b) non-residential detached structures including sheds, garages, carports or outbuildings, or any structure or construction not attached to or forming an integral part of the *home*;
  - c) any commercial use area and any construction associated with a commercial use area;
  - d) roads, curbs and lanes (though driveways and walkways are not excluded from this insurance);
  - e) the operation of municipal services, including sanitary and storm sewers;
  - f) a septic tank or septic field;
  - g) the quality or quantity of water, either from a piped municipal water supply or from a well,
  - h) a water well; and
  - i) any Defect in or damage to Common Property.

## Defects, Costs or Conditions Excluded from Insurance

- 4. The following conditions, costs or defects are excluded from insurance coverage under this Policy:
  - a) weathering, normal wear and tear, deterioration or deflection consistent with normal industry standards;
  - b) normal shrinkage of materials caused by drying after construction;
  - c) any loss or damage which arises while a home is being used primarily or substantially for non-residential purposes;
  - materials, labour or design supplied by an Owner,
  - any damage to the extent that it is caused or made worse by an *Owner* or third party (other than the *Builder* or its employees, agents or subcontractors), including:
    - i) negligent or improper maintenance or improper operation,
    - ii) failure to comply with the warranty requirements of the manufacturers of appliances, equipment or fixtures,
    - iii) alterations to the home, including the conversion of non-living space into living space or the conversion of a dwelling unit into two or more units, unless the alterations were undertaken by the Builder under the sales contract, and
  - iv) changes to the grading of the ground;
  - any damage to the extent that it is caused by the failure of an Owner to take timely action to prevent or minimize loss or damage, including the failure to give prompt notice to The Insurance Provider of a Defect or discovered loss or a potential Defect or loss;
  - g) accidental loss or damage from acts of nature including, but not limited to, fire, explosion, smoke, water escape, glass breakage, windstorm, hail, lightning, falling trees, aircraft, vehicles, flood, earthquake, avalanche, landslide, and changes in the level of the underground water table which are not reasonably foreseeable by the *Builder*;
  - h) bodily injury or damage to personal property or real property which is not part of the home;
  - i) any Defect in, or caused by, materials or work supplied by anyone other than the Builder or its employees, agents or subcontractors;
  - changes, alterations or additions made to a home by anyone after initial occupancy, except those performed by the Builder or its employees, agents or subcontractors as required under this Policy or under the construction contract or sales agreement for the home, and any resultant damage;
  - j) contaminated soil;
  - subsidence of the land around a home or along utility lines, other than subsidence beneath footings of a home or under driveways or walkways;
  - I) diminution in the value of the home;
  - m) bodily injury or damage to personal property caused by mold.

#### Living-Out Allowance

5. If repairs are required under this insurance policy and the damage to the home or the extent of the repairs to the home that makes the home uninhabitable, this policy will cover the reasonable living-out expenses incurred by the Owner for alternate accommodation, including hotel, motel, boarding house or bed and breakfast or other rental accommodation, subject to a limit of \$100.00 per day for the actual accommodation cost, up to the day the home is ready for occupancy, subject to the Owner receiving 24 hours advance notice.

This Living-Out Allowance and the limit of \$100.00 per day is inclusive of the limits described under Part 1- Coverage, Item 2. Insurance Limits of this *Policy*.

#### Warranty on Repairs

- 6. All repairs and replacements made under this Policy are warranted against defects in materials and labour until the later of:
  - a) the first anniversary of the date of completion of the repair or replacement; and
  - the expiry of the applicable insurance coverage.

#### **PART 2: CONDITIONS**

#### **Notice of Defects**

- a) Within a reasonable time after the discovery of a *Defect* and before the expiry of the applicable insurance coverage under this *Policy*, the *Owner* or its property manager must give written notice to:
  - i) the Builder; and
  - ii) The Insurance Provider.
  - b) Written notice of a *Defect* must be in reasonable detail, must set out any specific *defects* covered by this policy, and must include the insurance *policy* number set out on the face of this policy.
  - c) Notwithstanding 7 a), if the Owner has notified the Builder only of a Defect before the expiry of the applicable insurance coverage, and the Owner is not satisfied with the Builder's repair or resolution of that Defect, then the Owner must notify The Insurance Provider in writing prior to the applicable expiry date. Such notice must include copies of any relevant documentation and correspondence between the Owner and the Builder.
  - d) The Insurance Provider shall not provide insurance coverage for any Defects of which The Insurance Provider was not notified pursuant to this Section, even if such Defects would otherwise be covered by this Policy.

#### Duties of the Owner

- 8. As conditions of this insurance, the Owner must:
  - a) properly maintain the home in keeping with whatever recommended maintenance requirements or procedures that were provided to the original Owner by The Insurance Provider or the Builder;
  - not permit damage to a residential building to worsen from non-discovery of indications of a Defect due to absence of the Owner of a home in the residential building, where indications of such a Defect would normally have been noticeable by a reasonably prudent person occupying the home;
  - c) mitigate any damage to a home, even if the Owner does not occupy the home, by providing notice of the Defect in writing to The Insurance Provider as soon as reasonably possible after discovering the Defect, or after indications of water penetration or other Defect first become evident, including such indications as:
    - i) water staining on interior surfaces,
    - evident water penetration into wall cavities, ceiling or roof spaces, or other areas of the building, even if such does not appear to be causing damage,
    - iii) water or dampness in carpeting or other floor finishes,
    - iv) mould growth or mildew in areas of the home where such might be caused by water penetration;
  - take all reasonable steps to restrict damage where a Defect requires immediate attention to prevent or reduce damage to the home;
  - grant The Insurance Provider or the Builder or both access to the residential building at all reasonable times to undertake inspection, investigation, monitoring or repair;
  - h) provide The Insurance Provider with all information and documentation that the Owner has available, as required to investigate a claim or to evaluate maintenance requirements or to undertake repairs.
- 9. To the extent that damage to the home is caused or made worse by the failure of an Owner to take reasonable steps to mitigate, prevent, or reduce damage or loss, or to provide access for inspection or repair, or to provide information and documentation required to investigate a claim or undertake repairs, such damage may, at The Insurance Provider's option, be excluded from insurance coverage.
- 10. The Owner's duty to mitigate damage to the building survives even if:
  - a) The home is unoccupied,
  - b) The home is occupied by someone other than the Owner, or
  - c) The Owner notifies the Strata Corporation.

#### **PART 3: OTHER INSURANCE CONDITIONS**

#### **Program Obligations**

12. The Insurance Provider is not bound by any expressed or implied warranties or representations made by the Builder to any Purchaser or to the Strata Corporation.

## Transfer of Insurance to Subsequent Purchasers

- 13. In the event that ownership of the home changes during the term of this insurance:
  - a) no notice to The Insurance Provider is required, as this Policy pertains solely to the home for which it provides coverage;
  - b) all of the applicable unused benefits under this Policy are automatically transferred to the new Owner, and
  - c) the new Owner is not entitled to any benefits under this Policy that would not have accrued to the Owner had the Owner retained ownership of the home.

#### **Subrogated Rights**

- 14. Where *The Insurance Provider* makes a payment or assumes liability for any payment or repair under this *Policy, The Insurance Provider* is subrogated to all rights of recovery of the *Owner* against any person or persons who may have caused or contributed to the requirement for the payment or repair under this *Policy*, and *The Insurance Provider* may bring an action, at its expense, in the name of the *Owner* to enforce such rights.
- 15. Where *The Insurance Provider* brings an action to enforce subrogated rights, the *Owner* must fully support and assist *The Insurance Provider* in the pursuit of those rights.