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June 25, 2009

This letter confirms that the following unit or home is enrolled with the National Home Warranty Group Inc. for a 2/5/10 home warranty:

Address: 502-1280 Richards Street Vancouver, BC

NHWB91853-28 Policy Number:

The warranty documents were sent out to the initial homeowners at the above address. If a new copy of these documents is required, they can be reissued at a cost of \$36.75.

Please note that the home warranty is for the civic address, and remains on the home regardless of its owner.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the undersigned at the information noted below.

Yours truly,

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# Aviva Insurance Company of Canada

(hereinafter known as "The Program")

# Represented by its Agent, National Home Warranty Group Inc.

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Project Name: Policy Number:

**Address of Project Unit:** 

Name of Residential Builder:

# **Limited Home Warranty Insurance Policy**

For a Home in a Strata Residential Building

# SCHEDULE OF HOME WARRANTY EXPIRY DATES (PURSUANT TO HOMEOWNER PROTECTION ACT REGULATION 29/99 SECTION 15 (1))

Notice to the *Owner*. This policy covers different components of your new *home* for specified periods of time. It is important that the following expiry dates be kept in mind, and *The Program* be given prompt written notice of any defects covered by the policy. *The Program* will honour valid claims received up to the applicable Expiry Date listed below. The following descriptions of the coverage for each Expiry Date (in brackets) are for convenience only; refer to PARTS 1, 2 and 3 of this Limited Home Warranty Insurance *Policy* and the applicable Definitions for a succinct description of the applicable insurance coverage and exclusions.

Policy "New Home Commencement Date"

Policy "Common Property Commencement Date"

Coverages for the *Home* (terms begin on the *New Home Commencement Date*)

<ul> <li>One Year (all materials and labour)</li> </ul>		Expires	12:01 a.m.
• Two Years (major systems, exterior cladding	, Building Co	ode) Expires	12:01 a.m.

# Coverage's for Common Property (terms begin on the Common Property Commencement Date)

Fifteen Months (all materials and labour)	Expires	12:01 a.m.
• Two Years (major systems, exterior cladding, Building Code)	Expires	12:01 a.m.
Five Years (building envelope)	Expires	12:01 a.m.
Ten Years (structural)	Expires	12:01 a.m.

This is a Limited Policy of Home Warranty Insurance, and it does not cover all components of your new *home*. Read this *policy* thoroughly. The coverage contained in this Limited Home Warranty Insurance *Policy* is the only home warranty insurance on your *home*, which is binding upon *The Program*. This policy is subject to the provisions of the *Homeowner Protection Act* and its regulations.

In this *policy* any terminology printed in *italics* is defined and has the same meaning whether capitalized or not. See DEFINITIONS.

Robin Spencer
Authorized signature of Insurer

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

# In this Limited Home Warranty Insurance Policy:

- "Act" means the Homeowner Protection Act.
- "Builder" means the Licensed Registered Builder named in this Limited Warranty *Policy* that was engaged under contract by an *owner*, developer or vendor to perform or cause to be performed all, or substantially all, of the construction of a new *home*.
- "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 new *home* or, in jurisdictions where a building permit is not required, in force when construction commences.

- "Building Code Defect" means an instance of non-compliance with the Building Code applicable to the new home, if that non-compliance:
  - (a) constitutes an unreasonable health or safety risk, or
  - (b) has resulted in, or is likely to result in, material damage to the new *home*.
- "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.
- "Commencement Date" means the Common Property Commencement Date or the New home Commencement Date, as applicable.
- "Common Property" has the same meaning as in the Condominium Act but is limited to only the common property associated with or serving the Residential Building in which the home is situated, and does not include land.
- "Common Property Commencement Date" means the date shown on the face of this *Policy* for the commencement of the warranty on the *Common Property* of the *Residential Building* in which the *home* is situated.
- "Defect" means any design or construction, that is contrary to the *building code* or that requires repair or replacement due to the negligence of a residential builder or person for whom the residential builder is responsible at law.
- "Home" means a residential unit in a building constructed by the *Builder*, or deemed by *The Program* to be so, and includes a dwelling unit as defined by the Homeowner Protection Act regulations.
- "New Home Commencement Date" means the date shown on the face of this *Policy* for the commencement of the warranty on this *home*.
- "Owner" means the person who owns the new home.
- "Policy" means the documents provided to the *Owner* evidencing the Limited Home Warranty Insurance *Policy* and all forms, riders and endorsements pertaining or attached hereto.
- "The Program" means Aviva Insurance Company of Canada represented by its agent, National Home Warranty Group Inc.
- "Project" means the Residential Building or, if there is more than one, all of the Residential Buildings included in a single Strata Corporation, plus associated Common Property.
- "Purchaser" means the person or persons who purchased the new 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 new *home*, a driveway or a walkway.
- "Residential Building" means a building containing one or more *homes* in a strata project, and includes a multi-unit building as defined by the Homeowner Protection Act regulations.
- "Strata Corporation" carries the same meaning as in the Condominium Act.
- "Structural Defect" means:
  - (a) a defect in the materials and labour that results in the failure of a load bearing part of the new home, and
  - (b) any defect which causes structural damage that materially and adversely affects the use of the new *home* for residential occupancy.

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#### **PART 1: COVERAGE**

## New Home Materials and Labour Warranty

- 1. Beginning on the applicable Commencement Date, this Limited Home Warranty Insurance includes:
  - (a) In the first 12 months any defect in materials and labour:
  - (b) In the first 24 months:
    - i) Any defect in materials and labour supplied for the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning delivery and distribution systems,
    - ii) Any defect in materials and labour supplied for the exterior cladding, caulking, windows and doors that may lead to detachment or material damage to the new *home*, and
    - iii) Any Building Code Defect,
  - (c) In the first five years, any *Building Envelope Defect* in the new home including a defect which permits unintended water penetration such that it causes, or is likely to cause, material damage to the new home;
  - (d) In the first ten years, any Structural Defects.

## **Warranty Limits**

- 2. This policy is limited, for all claims under home warranty 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 Program* will include:

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

# **Components Excluded from Warranty**

- 3. The following components, constructions, buildings, and materials are excluded from this warranty 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 warranty);
  - (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 warranty);
  - (e) Site grading and surface drainage, unless on the applicable *Commencement Date* the construction does not conform with the *Building Code*;
  - (f) The operation of municipal services, including sanitary and storm sewers;
  - (g) A septic tank or septic field;
  - (h) The quality or quantity of water, either from a piped municipal water supply or from a well;
  - A water well (though equipment installed for the operation of a water well used exclusively for the home is considered to be part of the plumbing system for the home for the purposes of this warranty);
  - (j) Any defect in or damage to Common Property.
- 4. The exclusions set out above do not include:
  - (a) Recreational and amenity facilities situated in, or included as the common property of, a new home;
  - (b) A parking structure in a multi-unit building to the extent that the parking structure serves this home.

# **Defects, Costs or Conditions Excluded from Warranty**

- The following defects, costs or conditions are excluded from warranty 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 new *home* is being used primarily or substantially for non-residential purposes;
  - (d) Materials, labour or design supplied by an Owner,
  - (e) 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:

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- 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 new *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;
- (f) 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 Program of a defect or discovered loss or a potential defect or loss;
- (g) Any damage caused by insects or rodents or other animals, unless the damage results from non-compliance with the *Building Code* by the *Builder* or its employees, agents or subcontractors;
- (h) 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;
- (i) Bodily injury or damage to personal property or real property which is not part of the home;
- Any defect in, or caused by, materials or work supplied by anyone other than the Builder or its employees, agents or subcontractors;
- (k) Changes, alterations or additions made to a new home by anyone after initial occupancy, except those performed by the Builder or its employees, agents or subcontractors as required under Warranty or under the construction contract or sales agreement for the new home and any resultant damage;
- Contaminated soil;
- (m) Subsidence of the land around a new *home* or along utility lines, other than subsidence beneath footings of a new *home* or under driveways or walkways;
- (n) Diminution in the value of the new *home*;
- (o) Bodily injury or damage to personal property caused by the presence or growth of mould;
- (p) The cost of removing personal property and pets from the *home* in order to effect repairs resulting from *defects* to the *home* or to the *Common Property*.

# **Living-Out Allowance**

6. If repairs are required under this warranty and the damage to the *home* or the extent of the repairs to the *home* or to the *Common Property* 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 **Warranty Limits 2.** of this *Policy.* 

# **Warranty on Repairs**

- 7. All repairs and replacements made under this warranty 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
  - (b) The expiry of the applicable home warranty insurance coverage.

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

#### **Notice of Defects**

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- (a) Within a reasonable time after the discovery of a defect and before the expiry of the applicable *home* warranty insurance coverage, the *owner* must give written notice to:
  - i) The Builder; and
  - ii) The Program.
- (b) Written notice of a defect must be in reasonable detail, must set out any specific defects covered by home warranty insurance, and must include the home warranty insurance policy number set out on the first page of this document.
- (c) c) If the Owner has notified the Builder (only) of a defect before the expiry of the applicable home warranty insurance coverage, and the Owner is not satisfied with the Builder's repair or resolution of that defect, then the Owner must notify The Program in writing up to the close of business of the applicable expiry date. Such notice must include copies of any relevant documentation and correspondence between the Owner and the Builder.
- (d) d) The Program cannot provide warranty coverage for any defects of which The Program was not notified pursuant to this Section, even if such defects would otherwise be covered by home warranty insurance.

#### **Duties of the Owner**

- 9. As conditions of this warranty, 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 Program* or the *Builder*;
  - (b) Ensure that surface water is always directed away from the foundation of the home;
  - (c) Not permit the *home* to be used other than primarily as a residence;
  - (d) Not permit damage to a *residential building* to worsen from non-discovery of indications of a defect due to absence of the *Owner*, where indications of such a defect would normally have been noticeable by a reasonably prudent person occupying the *home*;
  - (e) Mitigate any damage to a new *home*, even if the *Owner* does not occupy the *home*, by providing notice of the defect in writing to *The Program* 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,
    - ii) 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;
  - (f) Where a defect requires immediate attention to prevent or reduce damage to the home, take all reasonable steps to restrict damage;
  - (g) Grant *The Program* or the *Builder* or both access to the *home* at all reasonable times to undertake inspection, investigation, monitoring or repair;
  - (h) Provide *The Program* 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.
- 10. To the extent that damage to a new home is caused or made worse by the failure of an owner to take reasonable steps to mitigate, prevent, or reduce damage or loss as set out in section 8 or under the Regulations, 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 Program*'s option, be excluded from *home* warranty insurance coverage.
- 11. The Owner's duty to mitigate damage to the building survives even if:
  - (a) The new home is unoccupied,
  - (b) The new *home* is occupied by other than the *Owner*, or
  - (c) The Owner notifies the Strata Corporation.

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## **PART 3: OTHER WARRANTY CONDITIONS**

## Mediation

12. If a dispute between *The Program* and an *Owner* arising under *home* warranty insurance cannot be resolved by informal negotiation within a reasonable time, the *Owner* may elect to have the dispute referred to mediation under the Homeowner Protection Act, by delivering to *The Program* a written request to mediate. Such mediation shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements set out in Schedule 2 of the Homeowner Protection Act regulations.

## **Program Obligations**

13. Except as set out in the *Act* and its regulations, *The Program* 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 Warranty to Subsequent Purchasers**

- 14. In the event that ownership of the *home* changes during the term of this warranty:
  - (a) No notice to *The Program* is required, as the *home* warranty insurance pertains solely to the new *home* for which it provides coverage.
  - (b) All of the applicable unused benefits under *home* warranty insurance are automatically transferred to the new *Owner*, and
  - (c) The new *Owner* is not entitled to any benefits under the Limited Warranty that would not have accrued to the *Owner* had the *Owner* retained ownership of the *home*.

## **Subrogated Rights**

- 15. Where *The Program* makes a payment or assumes liability for any payment or repair under this policy, *The Program* 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 Program* may bring an action, at its expense, in the name of the *Owner* or of the *Strata Corporation* or of *The Program*, to enforce such rights.
- 16. Where *The Program* brings an action to enforce subrogated rights, the *Owner* must fully support and assist *The Program* in the pursuit of those rights.

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