

## **Zurich North America Surety**

Los Angeles Branch 777 S. Figueroa, Suite 3900 Los Angeles, California 90017

December 30, 2013

Asbestos Instant Response, Inc. 3517 West Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90018

Re: Surety Prequalification

We are pleased to provide this surety reference on behalf of Asbestos Instant Response, Inc. Zurich American Insurance Company and/or its subsidiary, Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, will consider surety credit for single projects of \$5,000,000 and an aggregate uncompleted backlog of \$10,000,000. Zurich/F&D is an admitted surety in the State of California, rated "A+" (Superior) with a financial size category of XV (\$2 billion +) by AM Best, and maintains a US Treasury Limit exceeding \$600 million.

If Asbestos Instant Response, Inc. is awarded a contract for a project and requests that we provide the necessary Performance and/or Payment Bonds, we will consider executing the bonds subject to our acceptable review of the contract terms and conditions, bond forms, appropriate contract funding and any other underwriting considerations at the time of the request.

Our consideration and issuance of bonds is a matter solely between Asbestos Instant Response, Inc. and ourselves, and we assume no liability to third parties or to you by the issuance of this letter.

We trust that this information meets with your satisfaction. If there are further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely Zurich American Insurance Company Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland

Richard Hallett Attorney-in-Fact

### ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New York, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, a corporation of the State of Maryland, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND a corporation of the State of Maryland (herein collectively called the "Companies"), by THOMAS O. MCCLELLAN, Vice President, in pursuance of authority granted by Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, which are set forth on the reverse side hereof and are hereby certified to be in full force and effect on the date hereof, do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint Richard HALLETT, Aidan SMOCK, Tim MCCLELLAN, Penny E. KELLEY and Marta COLLETT, all of San Diego, California, EACH its true and lawful agent and Attorney-in-Fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver, for, and on its behalf as surety, and as its act and deed: any and all bonds and undertakings, and the execution of such bonds or undertakings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Companies, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at its office in New York, New York., the regularly elected officers of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., and the regularly elected officers of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at its office in Owings Mills, Maryland., in their own proper persons.

The said Vice President does hereby certify that the extract set forth on the reverse side hereof is a true copy of Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of said Companies, and is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vice-President has hereunto subscribed his/her names and affixed the Corporate Seals of the said ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, this 31st day of May, A.D. 2013.

ATTEST:

ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND







Bv:

Assistant Secretary Eric D. Barnes Vice President Thomas O. McClellan

State of Maryland City of Baltimore

On this 31st day of May, A.D. 2013, before the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, duly commissioned and qualified, THOMAS O. MCCLELLAN, Vice President, and ERIC D. BARNES, Assistant Secretary, of the Companies, to me personally known to be the individuals and officers described in and who executed the preceding instrument, and acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me duly sworn, deposeth and saith, that he/she is the said officer of the Company aforesaid, and that the seals affixed to the preceding instrument are the Corporate Seals of said Companies, and that the said Corporate Seals and the signature as such officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Corporations.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal the day and year first above written.

Constance a. Dunn

Constance A. Dunn, Notary Public My Commission Expires: July 14, 2015

#### **EXTRACT FROM BY-LAWS OF THE COMPANIES**

"Article V, Section 8, <u>Attorneys-in-Fact</u>. The Chief Executive Officer, the President, or any Executive Vice President or Vice President may, by written instrument under the attested corporate seal, appoint attorneys-in-fact with authority to execute bonds, policies, recognizances, stipulations, undertakings, or other like instruments on behalf of the Company, and may authorize any officer or any such attorney-in-fact to affix the corporate seal thereto; and may with or without cause modify of revoke any such appointment or authority at any time."

#### CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Vice President of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, and the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND, do hereby certify that the foregoing Power of Attorney is still in full force and effect on the date of this certificate; and I do further certify that Article V, Section 8, of the By-Laws of the Companies is still in force.

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 15th day of December 1998.

RESOLVED: "That the signature of the President or a Vice President and the attesting signature of a Secretary or an Assistant Secretary and the Seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any Power of Attorney...Any such Power or any certificate thereof bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company."

This Power of Attorney and Certificate may be signed by facsimile under and by authority of the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the COLONIAL AMERICAN CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 1994, and the following resolution of the Board of Directors of the FIDELITY AND DEPOSIT COMPANY OF MARYLAND at a meeting duly called and held on the 10th day of May, 1990.

RESOLVED: "That the facsimile or mechanically reproduced seal of the company and facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any Vice-President, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary of the Company, whether made heretofore or hereafter, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the corporate seals of the said Companies, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. 20\_\_\_\_\_.







Geoffrey Delisio, Vice President

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# **ACKNOWLEDGMENT** State of California County of San Diego DEC 3 0 2013 before me, A. Smock On Notary Public, personally appeared Richard Hallett who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(%) is/arrex subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signatures(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument. I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. WITNESS my hand and official seal. A. SMOCK COMM. #2019972 NOTARY PUBLIC . CALIFORNIA ₹ SAN DIEGO COUNTY Commission Expires Apr 14, 2017 OPTIONAL INFORMATION Date of Document Thumbprint of Signer Type or Title of Document Number of Pages in Document Document in a Foreign Language Type of Satisfactory Evidence: Personally Known with Paper Identification Paper Identification Credible Witness(es) Check here if Capacity of Signer: no thumbprint Trustee or fingerprint

is available.

Power of Attorney

CEO / CFO / COO

Other Information:

President / Vice-President / Secretary / Treasurer Other: