

SOLUTIONS...DEFINED, DESIGNED, AND DELIVERED.

TITLE INSURANCE 26th MAY 2017, DELHI





WHAT IS TITLE ?

- Ownership of Real Estate, recognized by law
- Recorded in property Title Registry
- Rights: Enforceable against third parties
- Rights: Sell, Lease, Inheritance

TITLE INSURANCE PROTECTS THE BUYER FROM

TITLE DEFECT

DISCOVERED AFTER PURCHASE OF THE INSURANCE

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TITLE INSURANCE AND OTHER INSURANCES

Features	Title Insurance	PC Insurance
Protection	Against Past Events	Against Future Events
Scope of coverage	Specific	Broad
Actuarially Defined Rates	Evolving	Yes
Administrative / Acquisition Costs	High	Low
Loss Costs	Low	High
Policy Term	Potentially Unlimited	Finite
Premium (GAAP)	Fully Earned at Issuance	Earned Over Policy Term
Rate Regulation	Varies by State	High
Rate Activity	Varies by State	Tied to Inflation and Underwriting Business Cycles
Loss Frequency	Low to Moderate	High
Loss Severity	Low	Moderate
Distribution	Agents / Direct	Agents / Direct /Mass Market
Marketing Success	Based on Service	Based on Rates
Competition	Semi-Concentrated Market	Fragmented Market
Premium Collection	After	In advance
Financial Leverage	Low	High
Sensitivity to Real Estate Markets	High	Moderate

NEED FOR TITLE INSURANCE

1. For DEVELOPERS - REGULATION

• Real Estate Act 2016

16. (1) The promoter shall obtain all such insurances as may be notified by the appropriate Government, including but not limited to insurance in respect of —

(i) title of the land and building as a part of the real estate project; and

(ii) construction of the real estate project.

Obligations of promoter regarding insurance of real estate project.

(2) The promoter shall be liable to pay the premium and charges in respect of the insurance specified in sub-section (1) and shall pay the same before transferring the insurance to the association of the allottees.

(3) The insurance as specified under sub-section (1) shall stand transferred to the benefit of the allottee or the association of allottees, as the case may be, at the time of promoter entering into an agreement for sale with the allottee.

(4) On formation of the association of the allottees, all documents relating to the insurance specified under sub-section (1) shall be handed over to the association of the allottees.

NEED FOR TITLE INSURANCE

2. PERE FUNDS

 Attract institutional investments and Private Equity Real Estate capital Mitigates risks inherent in real estate acquisitions, strengthening the investment profile of the property

3. HOUSING FINANCE COMPANIES

 Mitigates risks inherent in real estate finance, relating to the borrower's title to the property and recording & priority of the mortgage. Strengthens the collateral supporting the credit and helps meet the lender's fiduciary obligations and reduce portfolio risks

NEED FOR TITLE INSURANCE

4. END CONSUMERS

- For better marketability

5. LANDOWNERS

 Simplifies and expedites real estate sales by enhancing ability to buy, sell or seek finance

WHAT IS COVERED?

A. Defect in, or Lien on the Title at the Date of Cover including but not limited to, indemnification of loss from a defect in the Title caused by:

- Forgery, fraud, undue influence, duress, incompetency, incapacity or impersonation
- Failure of any person or entity to have authorized a transfer or conveyance
- A lien or charge for real estate taxes or assessments imposed on the Title by a governmental authority due or payable, but unpaid at the Date of Cover

WHAT IS COVERED?

- Document affecting Title not properly created, executed, witnessed, sealed, stamped, acknowledged, notarized or delivered
- Document affecting Title executed under a falsified, expired or otherwise invalid power of attorney

WHAT IS COVERED?

B. Defence Costs

C. Out of Court Settlement

D. Court verdicts including AO/ Tribunal under RERA

WHAT IS EXCLUDED?

- Risks created, allowed or agreed by the insured
- Pending Litigation
- Sovereign ownership claims. Ex: Expropriation
- Claim to Natural resources: water, minerals etc.
- Consequential Damage. Ex: Loss of future profits
- Actions of the Government

SUM INSURED

- GROSS DEVELOPMENT VALUE
- Per RERA, the benefit of insurance needs to be passed to the allottee at the time of agreement of sale
- SELLING PRICE OF DEVELOPER = COST PRICE OF ALLOTTEE
- Property Value Appreciates over time
 - Policy Endorsed to increase Limit of Indemnity

TITLE INSURANCE STRUCTURE



RERA COMPLIANCE

- Transfer of benefit to Allottee
 - Insurance shall stand transferred to the benefit of the allottee at the time of promoter entering into an agreement for sale with allottee.
- Transfer of benefit to Association of the Allottees
 - Insurance shall stand transferred to the benefit of the association of allottees at the time of promoter entering into an agreement for sale with allottee.
 - On formation of the association of the allottees, all documents relating to the insurance shall be handed over to the association of allottees.

RERA COMPLIANCE

- PHASED HANDOVER
- DURATION OF COVER AND RESPONSIBILITY

HOW TO PURCHASE?

- Product available through several leading insurers in India
- Backed by Lloyd's of London (Having highest ratings in global Title Insurance markets with 'A+' Standard & Poor's rating)
- Approaching Marsh India Marsh has the capacity to understand each unique risk and provide a bespoke solution

HOW TO PURCHASE? – PROCESS

- Verification of title in multiple registries.
- Identifying missing or illegible documents.
- Identifying and correcting erroneous entries.
- Tracking missing heirs and publishing announcements.
- Litigation searches.
- Determine tenancy rights.
- Encroachments, overlaps, agricultural land use.
- Zoning and other types of permitted use issues.
- Enforceability and priority of mortgage.

HOW TO PURCHASE?

- <u>NEW Developments /</u> <u>Construction</u>
 - Questionnaire
 - Identify common lawyer
 - Initiate Title Report
 - Develop Term Sheet

ONGOING Projects (non O.C)

- Write-Up on Project
- Review Existing Title Report
- Summary of Ongoing litigations and Title issues
- Secondary Due Diligence (the law firm for secondary due diligence will be chosen only if the same has not done the primary due diligence or title report for the client)
- Develop Term Sheet

POLICY CONDITIONS

- Insured's Duty of Fair Presentation
 - Insured must disclose all material information
 - Insured agrees information true and correct

- Insurer's Obligation to Defend
 - Insurer defends against 3rd party claims, litigation
 - Legal expenses & costs payable by Insurer
 - Subject to deductible

POLICY CONDITIONS

<u>Claims</u>

- Insured must give notice of actual or potential claim or litigation by 3rd party
- Insured must cooperate in defense
- Insurer may litigate 3rd party claims until final judgment
- Insurer may settle claims with 3rd party

POLICY CONDITIONS

<u>Loss</u>

- Payable to 3rd party (on behalf of the Insured)
 - Satisfy 3rd party claim against the Insured's Title
 - Example: Payment to discharge 3rd party's charge.
- Payable to Insured
 - Indemnifies Insured for reduction in value of the Title
 - Example: If part of the land owned by 3rd party

OTHER INSURANCE OFFERINGS for REAL ESTATE SECTOR

- CONSTRUCTION ALL RISK
- DELAY INSURANCE
- STRUCTURAL DEFECT INSURANCE
- HOUSEHOLDERS INSURANCE
- LIABILITY INSURANCE
- HEALTH & BENEFITS INSURANCE
- REPRESENTATION AND WARRANTY INSURANCE

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