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Dear Sir

## **PROPOSED TRANSFER OF YOUR POLICY WITH BASLER VERSICHERUNG AG TO BOTHNIA INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED**

We are writing to you, on behalf of ourself, Basler Versicherung AG, also known as Baloise Insurance Limited (together with our UK branch, referred to in this letter as **us** or **Baloise**), and Bothnia International Insurance Company Limited (**Bothnia**), because our records show that you are the holder of a policy or policies issued by us. This letter provides important information regarding the proposed plans to transfer part of the UK general insurance and reinsurance business of Baloise to Bothnia, a wholly owned subsidiary of Compre Holdings Limited (**Compre**) (the **Proposed Transfer**). The Proposed Transfer is subject to UK court approval, as explained further below.

### **What is happening?**

The Proposed Transfer must be approved by the High Court of Justice of England and Wales before it can proceed. The Proposed Transfer will be implemented through an insurance business transfer under Part VII of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, which will be submitted for approval to the High Court. The court hearing to consider and, if thought fit, approve the Proposed Transfer, is currently scheduled for 14 December 2020. If the Proposed Transfer is approved by the High Court, it is proposed that it will take place on 18 December 2020 and your policies will transfer to Bothnia on 18 December 2020.

**The Proposed Transfer will have no impact on the current value of your policies, their terms and conditions (except that your policy provider will change to Bothnia), your rights and obligations under your policies or the way your policies are administered.**

### **How are you protected?**

Your interests, and the interests of other policyholders, are being looked after by a rigorous review process which includes:

- close consultation with the UK's Prudential Regulation Authority (the **PRA**) and Financial Conduct Authority (the **FCA**);
- the appointment of an Independent Expert to produce a report for the High Court on the likely impact of the Proposed Transfer on policyholders; and
- the approval of the Proposed Transfer by the High Court.

The High Court will only approve the Proposed Transfer if it is satisfied that it is fair to policyholders as a whole and that it meets all of the necessary legal requirements. The High Court will take into account the opinion of the PRA and FCA, the opinion of the Independent Expert and any representations made by policyholders who are concerned that they would be adversely affected by the Proposed Transfer.

### **What should you do next?**

You will find enclosed a booklet containing further information about the Proposed Transfer and a set of frequently asked Questions and Answers, which we encourage you to read carefully. The booklet contains:

- a summary of the Proposed Transfer;
- a summary of the Independent Expert's report; and
- notice of the Proposed Transfer and further information on the court hearing.

**Unless you have any concerns about this proposal, or wish to object to the Proposed Transfer, you do not have to take any further action.**

If you are concerned that the Proposed Transfer could adversely affect you, you have the right to make written representations and/or to appear at the court hearing or to instruct a legal representative to appear at the hearing and make representations on your behalf. We have explained the process for raising concerns at Question 9 of the Questions and Answers document.

In light of the current government guidelines regarding Covid-19, please note that it is possible that the hearing may take place remotely via Skype or another teleconferencing service. It is requested that if you intend to attend the hearing (whether in person or via a representative), you inform Baloise and Bothnia in writing via the contact details provided on the dedicated website for the Proposed Transfer (further details are set out below) as soon as possible and preferably before 1 December 2020 and set out the nature of any objection you may have. This will enable us to provide notification of any changes to the hearing (including any details that are necessary to attend the hearing remotely) and, where possible, to address any concerns raised in advance of the hearing.

If you are aware of anyone else who has an interest in and/or is entitled to benefits under your policies, such as a joint policyholder or another beneficiary, please ensure that they are also given the opportunity to review this letter and enclosed documents.

Please note that if you have more than one policy with Baloise and/or Bothnia you may receive more than one letter and information pack. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

#### **Further information**

If you have any questions or concerns about the Proposed Transfer, you can find more information, including the full Independent Expert's report, on the dedicated website for the Proposed Transfer at <https://Compre-Group.com/notices/Basler-Versicherung-AG> (**Website**).

You can request free copies of any of the documents or ask any further questions you may have by calling us on 0203 551 6524 within the UK or on +44 (0)203 551 6524 outside the UK. Phone lines are open from 9:00 to 17:30 (UK time) on Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can write to us at 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 2 Seething Lane, London, EC3N 4AT or by email at [caroline.hobbs@compre-group.com](mailto:caroline.hobbs@compre-group.com).

**If the Proposed Transfer is approved by the High Court, it will take place on 18 December 2020, and the Website will be updated to confirm this.** If the court hearing date changes the Website will be updated to confirm this, so you may wish to check for updates from time to time.

**If you would like this information in large print, in Braille or on a CD please call us on +44 (0)203 551 6524.**

Yours faithfully,

#### **Basler Versicherung AG**

On behalf of itself and Bothnia International Insurance Company Limited



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