



**HCC Specialty**

**CRISIS MANAGEMENT GROUP**

## Kidnap and Ransom

The Protection You Need for What Matters Most



### Kidnap and Ransom Insurance from HCC Specialty

The threat of kidnapping and extortion has dramatically increased in the U.S. and abroad. Incidents have occurred with alarming frequency throughout the world and are not confined to the usual hotspots. Companies with employees traveling or based overseas are especially at risk, as are families vacationing or residing in areas where such crimes are prevalent. In today's world, it seems that anyone can fall victim to these emotionally and financially devastating events.



# Kidnap and Ransom



HCC Specialty's Kidnap and Ransom Insurance addresses the concerns of organizations whose employees and corporate assets are at risk, as well as high profile families in the U.S. and overseas. Our broad policy wording is customarily written on an unrestricted worldwide basis and is tailored to meet the needs of each company and family.

HCC Specialty's crisis management underwriters are readily available to discuss coverages and to offer a comprehensive package of protection.

## Why HCC Specialty

HCC Specialty, a division of HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc., has been writing kidnap and ransom, extortion and detention insurance for over 30 years. Underwriters at HCC Specialty are well equipped to address the full range of exposures facing commercial and financial enterprises and individuals based in the U.S. and abroad.

For U.S. domiciled companies or families, HCC Specialty issues its policies on U.S. Specialty Insurance Company (USSIC) paper. USSIC is an HCC Insurance Holdings, Inc. company, rated "AA (Very Strong)" by Fitch Ratings and "A+ (Superior)" by A.M. Best Company.

For those risks domiciled outside of the U.S., HCC Specialty utilizes carriers that provide the same high quality of coverage and service that we receive from our top rated carrier in the United States.

## About Unity Resources Group

HCC Specialty Kidnap and Ransom policyholders benefit from unlimited fees and expenses for crisis response through Unity Resources Group (Unity). Founded in 2000, Unity has grown to be a leading and trusted international provider of security, risk, and crisis response services. Unity's corporate footprint includes over 1,200 staff operating from a network of global offices across Australasia, Africa, the Americas, the Middle East, Central Asia and Europe.

## How Unity Can Help

Unity's crisis response leaders are full time employees drawn from a range of backgrounds including military, Special Forces, specialist police and intelligence services. Unity's staff has responded to more than 600 cases in over 70 countries, including the world's most challenging locations. Unity's collective experience includes more than 1,100 led and supervised cases.

Unity places considerable emphasis on prevention and pre-incident planning and preparation, providing HCC Specialty policyholders with a range of complimentary services to reduce their exposure to prevalent risks and threats. These services include:

- Familiarization briefings for all new and renewing policyholders including an overview of the crisis response capability and a detailed briefing on the global security environment.
- Electronic subscription to Unity's kidnap and ransom portal powered by iJET International, a leading provider of intelligence services.
- Direct access to travel risk analysts and other subject matter experts.



## Coverages

### Standard Coverages

- Kidnap and ransom — including hijacking and express kidnapping
- Extortion bodily injury
- Detention
- Extortion property damage — including pollution / contamination, trade secrets and computer virus

### Additional Coverages

1. Transit — 100% of basic limit paid in addition to the policy limit
2. Legal / medical expenses including rest and rehabilitation — 100% of basic limit paid in addition to the policy limit
3. Reward
4. Reasonable fees
5. Interest on loans secured for the purpose of paying a covered loss
6. Other expenses such as travel accommodation, payment of salaries, security guards, public relations, forensic analysis, job retraining, advertising to obtain release, etc. *Note: 100% of the basic limit will be paid (in addition to the basic policy limit) for the sum total of items 3, 4, 5 and 6 as detailed above*
7. Crisis response - unlimited fees and expenses for Unity Resources Group exclusive to HCC Specialty policyholders

### Optional (Enhanced) Coverages

- Accidental death and dismemberment
- Recall expense / value of products
- Loss of earnings (including computer virus)
- Contingent loss of earnings
- Child abduction
- Threat response
- Emergency repatriation and relocation
- Disappearance / investigation expenses
- Hospital and university tailored endorsements
- Amended coverage to include contractors, trustees, temporary employees, interns and volunteers

## Highlights

- Capacity up to US\$50 million or currency equivalent
- Policy periods up to 36 months
- 24-hour crisis hotline
- Worldwide coverage
- Coverage can be secured on a short-term basis, for individual trips or for an entire organization, including relatives and guests of insured persons
- Policy can be issued under a code name to preserve confidentiality
- Submissions can be quoted same day of receipt at HCC Specialty
- Indications available based on preliminary underwriting data
- Ability to offer tailored policies for a variety of risks, including but not limited to: religious institutions, educational facilities, hospitals and charitable organizations
- No minimum premium requirements
- No deductibles required on most risks
- Immediate access to Unity Resources Group's consulting services across a variety of topics relating to security and executive protection
- Credit card payments accepted
- Admitted policy in all 50 states

# Frequently Asked Questions\*

## **What happens if the victim is kidnapped and the demand is made against the family, not the employer?**

The policy will respond regardless of whether the ransom demand is made to the employer or to the family of the covered victim. This is called personal assets coverage.

## **Does the victim need to be traveling on company business in order for the policy to respond?**

The policy responds on a worldwide basis, regardless of whether covered persons are traveling on business or pleasure.

## **What happens if a covered incident happens at night or on a weekend?**

HCC Specialty policyholders are provided with 24/7 telephone hotline access to Unity Resources Group whose network of highly trained professionals stand ready to assist on a worldwide basis.

## **Are relatives and guests covered?**

Although HCC Specialty policies can be individually tailored, most policies covering a policyholder's employees also extend coverage to those employees' relatives and guests (as defined in the policy).

## **How many events are covered per policy term?**

Several events may be covered under the same policy term as long as the policy aggregate limit is not exhausted. If the policy purchased has no aggregate, the only limitation is the limit per event. That means that policy limits apply to each incident, regardless of how many persons are kidnapped in connection with one event.

## **Does the policy pay on a policyholder's behalf or is payment made on a reimbursement basis?**

The coverage will reimburse the policyholder for claims made in the case of a covered incident. The policyholder will also be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses, including interest charges incurred in connection with a loan to pay a ransom, as well as other critical related expenses.

In addition, the crisis response fees and expenses of Unity Resources Group in connection with covered incidents are paid directly by HCC Specialty; and, unless the policy is otherwise amended, the policy provides unlimited coverage over and above basic policy limits for these expenses.

## **Does HCC Specialty offer coverage on an excess follow-form basis?**

Yes, HCC Specialty can offer its full US\$50 million capacity on an excess follow-form basis. This approach is particularly useful for brokers looking to place extremely large limits in excess of any one carriers' capacity.

## **How long has HCC Specialty been writing this coverage and what is the number of dedicated staff working on this specialty line of business?**

HCC Specialty has been specializing in this line of business since 1980 and has a dedicated staff of seven underwriters for the kidnap and ransom, extortion and detention product line.

\* This page is designed to provide a concise overview of the provisions that have been the subject of frequent inquiries. It is not designed to replace the policy itself. For a full description of applicable provisions, please consult the policy wording.