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Compass Underwriting Limited
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08 September 2004

Ref: A0000108

Dear Mr Briant

**Compass Underwriting Limited, application reference number A0000108 :
Application for Permission under Part IV of the Financial Services and
Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA").**

Your firm recently applied for Part IV permission to become authorised to carry on mortgage and/or general insurance business. We have reviewed your application and are writing to let you know the current position.

We are minded to authorise your firm based on the information you have given us. However, this letter should not be treated as a formal notification of our decision to authorise your firm. Formal notification will be sent to firms nearer to the relevant date for authorisation. We expect this to be no earlier than August 2004 for firms doing mortgage business and November 2004 for firms doing general insurance business. For firms applying to do both mortgage and general insurance business, notification will be sent no earlier than August 2004.

Attached to this letter are two appendices:

- Appendix A sets out the scope of permission that we are minded to grant to your firm, including any requirements and/or limitations.
- Appendix B sets out the list of individuals whom we are minded to approve to carry on controlled functions on behalf of your firm.

If you have applied to be a Principal with responsibility for one or more appointed representatives, you will also find attached:

- Appendix C lists the appointed representatives and the individuals whom we are minded to approve to carry on controlled functions on behalf of the appointed representatives.

It is important to for you to check the information contained in these attachments carefully. If any changes are required please tell us immediately so that we can make the amendments before we issue the formal notification of our decision to authorise your firm.

If significant changes occur in your firm after receiving this letter, you must tell us immediately as it may affect our decision to authorise your firm.

Examples of significant changes include:

- A change in your firm's directors or partners;

- Your firm's resignation from membership of a voluntary regulator;
- Merging with another company or taking over another company; or
- Relocation of offices.

Please write to us to advise of any such changes. If you are unsure whether you need to advise us of a particular change, contact us first on 0845 6055525 to tell us about the changes and we will let you know what you have to do next.

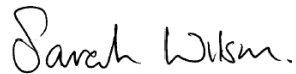
We may seek further information from you to demonstrate that your firm will be compliant with the rules by the date of regulation. Should this be the case we will write to you separately.

This letter is valid until 31st October 2004 for firms who do mortgage business and the 14th January 2005 for firms who do general insurance business.

You may use this letter to demonstrate to customers and to firms that you do business with that we are minded to authorise your firm when regulation takes effect.

If you have any queries about this letter or its appendices, please contact us on 0845 6055525.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Wilson".

Sarah Wilson
Director
High Street Firms Division

- Enc: Appendix A - Draft Scope of Permission Notice
- Appendix B - Approved Persons
- Appendix C - Appointed Representatives (where appropriate)

Appendix A: Draft Scope of Permission

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Permissions:

Regulated activity - Arranging (bringing about) deals in investments

Investment Type
Non Investment Insurance Contracts

Customer Type
All

Regulated activity - Making arrangements with a view to transactions in investments

Investment Type
Non Investment Insurance Contracts

Customer Type
All

Regulated activity - Dealing in investments as agent

Investment Type
Non Investment Insurance Contracts

Customer Type
All

Regulated activity - Assisting in the administration and performance of a contract of insurance

Investment Type
Non Investment Insurance Contracts

Customer Type
All

Regulated activity - Agree to carry on a regulated activity

Investment Type
Regulated Activity

Limitations
The firm can agree to carry on only the regulated activities specified in this permission notice

Customer Type
All

Requirements

Not to hold client money

Appendix B: Approved Persons

Compass Underwriting Limited

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Name	Reference	NI Number	Date of Birth
Mr Andrew Edmund Christian Briant	P0013234	NM054172A	03 June 1966
<i>Director Function</i>			
<i>Chief Executive Function</i>			
<i>Apportionment and Oversight Function</i>			
Mr Ortho Thomas David Barnes	P0012980	NB521186D	28 January 1964
<i>Director Function</i>			
