

HANCOCK JOHN BANK & THRIFT OPPORTUNITY FUND

Form 40-17G

July 28, 2006

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John Hancock Advisers, LLC  
601 Congress Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02210-2805

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July 28, 2006

Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, DC 20549

RE: John Hancock Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund

File No. 811-8568

Dear Sir/Madam:

Pursuant to provisions of Regulation 17g-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, enclosed are the following documents:

1. A certified copy of the resolution of majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of the above name trust approving the bonds.
2. A copy of the agreement between the investment company and all of the other named insured entered into pursuant to paragraph (f) of Regulation 17g-1.
3. A copy of an amended joint insured fidelity bond no. 469PB0607 issued by St. Paul Travelers Insurance Company.
4. A copy of an amended joint insured fidelity bond no. 87142105B issued by ICI Mutual Insurance Co.
5. A copy of an amended joint insured fidelity bond no. 81520012H issued by Chubb Insurance Co.

If the investment company had not been named as an insured under this joint insured bond, it would have provided and maintained a single bond in the amount of at least \$1,000,000. Premiums have been paid for the period July 15, 2005 to July 15, 2006.

Sincerely,

/s/Jeffrey Long

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Jeffrey Long  
VP & Corporate Controller

John Hancock Funds, LLC, 601 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210, Member NASD  
John Hancock Advisers, LLC  
Sovereign Asset Management LLC

RATIFICATION OF RENEWAL OF FIDELITY BOND  
AND PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

RESOLVED, that the joint insured fidelity bonds issued by St. Paul Travelers and ICI Mutual Insurance Company on the Investment Company Blanket bond form, be entered into for one year pursuant to and in compliance with the requirements of Rule 17g-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, at a combined limit of \$45 million, with each Fund as a joint insured, and that the premium will be paid by all Funds collectively and shall be pro-rated according to the assets of each Fund.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposal to renew the coverage in the Directors and Officers/Errors & Omissions Policies as presented to the meeting from July 15, 2005 through July 15, 2006; be, and hereby is approved.

Certified by: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

It is hereby agreed among the undersigned parties, named insured under Fidelity Bond Insurance provided by St. Paul Travelers Insurance Company renewed on July 15, 2005, ICI Mutual Insurance Company renewed on July 15, 2005 and Chubb Insurance Company renewed on March 31, 2005 that in the event recovery is received as a result of a loss sustained by any one of the undersigned registered management investment companies and one or more of the other named insured under the said bonds, the said registered management investment company shall receive an equitable and proportionate share of the recovery, but at least equal to the amount which it would have received had it provided and maintained a single insured bond with the minimum coverage required under the provisions of paragraph (f) (1) of Rule 17g-1 under Section 17(g) of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officer on July 26, 2006.

John Hancock Investment Trust

John Hancock Investment Trust II

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Investment Trust III

John Hancock Bank and Thrift Opportunity Fund

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

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John Hancock Bond Trust

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock California Tax-Free Income Fund

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Capital Series

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Tax-Advantaged Dividend Income Fund

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

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John Hancock Current Interest

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Income Securities Trust

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Institutional Series Trust

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Investors Trust

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Equity Trust

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Patriot Global Dividend Fund

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Patriot Preferred Dividend Fund

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund I

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund II

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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John Hancock Patriot Select Dividend Trust

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Series Trust

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

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John Hancock Sovereign Bond Fund

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Strategic Series

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Tax-Exempt Series Fund

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Municipal Securities Trust

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock World Fund

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Financial Trends Fund, Inc.

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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Assistant Secretary

John Hancock Preferred Income Fund II

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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John Hancock Preferred Income Fund III

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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John Hancock Funds, LLC

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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John Hancock Advisers, LLC

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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John Hancock Signature Services, Inc.

By: /s/John Hatch  
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Sovereign Asset Management LLC

By: /s/Alfred P. Ouellette  
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President and CEO

Assistant Secretary

DELIVERY INVOICE

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Company: St Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company

INSURED

JOHN HANCOCK CAPITAL SERIES, INC.  
101 HUNTINGTON AVENUE  
BOSTON MA 02199

Policy Inception/Effective Date: 7/15/05  
Agency Number: 5934854S

Transaction Type:  
Renewal

Transaction number: 001  
Processing date: 9/8/2005  
Policy Number: 469PB0607

AGENT

Aon Financial Services Group  
99 High Street  
Boston MA 02110

Policy Number	Description	Amount	Surtax/ Surcharge
469PB0607	Investment Company Blanket Bond	\$125,000	

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING INDEPENDENT AGENT AND BROKER COMPENSATION

For information about how St. Paul Travelers compensates independent agents and brokers, please visit [www.stpaultravelers.com](http://www.stpaultravelers.com), or you may request a written copy from Marketing at One Tower Square, 2GSA, Hartford, CT 06183; Fax (860) 954-5987.

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POLICY FORM LIST

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Here's a list of all forms included in your policy, on the date shown below. These forms are listed in the same order as they appear in your policy.

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Add Exclusions (n) & (o)	ICB026	07-04
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Limits		
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Name of Insured Policy Number 469PB0607 Effective Date 07/15/05  
JOHN HANCOCK CAPITAL SERIES, INC. Processing Date 09/13/05 13:07 001  
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St. Paul Surplus Lines Insurance Company Endorsement No.

ENDORSEMENT

The following spaces preceded by an asterisk (\*) need not be completed if this endorsement and the policy have the same inception date.

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ATTACHED TO AND FORMING PART OF POLICY NO. 469PB0607 \*EFFECTIVE DATE OF ENDORSEMENT 07/15/05 \*ISSUED TO JOHN HANCOCK CAPITAL SERIES, INC.  
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SERVICE OF LAWSUIT ENDORSEMENT

It is agreed that in the event of the failure of the Insurer to pay any amount claimed to be due hereunder, the Insurer shall honor the decision of the court that is authorized to hear the case; provided that the Insurer has the right to appeal that decision.

It is further agreed that service of process for any lawsuit brought against the Insurer may be made upon the Insurer by serving its President, or the President's designee, at 385 Washington Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102 and such person shall be authorized to receive the papers on behalf of the Insurer.

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However, the Insured may also serve or send papers involving such lawsuit to the Commissioner, Director or Superintendent of Insurance for the state in which the lawsuit is being filed. The Insurer designates that appropriate officer, or that person's successor, to mail a copy of the paper to the Insurer.

California Clause:  
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For the State of California, it is agreed that service of process in a lawsuit against the Insurer may be made upon:

CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service  
2730 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100  
Sacramento, California 95833

Rhode Island Clause:

For the State of Rhode Island, it is agreed that service of process in a lawsuit against the Insurer may be made upon:

Corporation Service Company  
222 Jefferson Blvd., Suite 200  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive or extend any of the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of the above mentioned policy, other than as above stated.

By \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative

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INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND  
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55102-1396  
(A Stock Insurance Company, herein called Underwriter)

DECLARATIONS

BOND NO. 469PB0607

Item 1. Name of Insured (herein called Insured):  
JOHN HANCOCK CAPITAL SERIES, INC.

Principal Address:  
601 Congress Street  
Boston, MA 02210

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Item 2. Bond Period from 12:01 a.m. on 07/15/05 to 12:01 a.m. on 07/15/06 the effective date of the termination or cancellation of the bond, standard time at the Principal Address as to each of said dates.  
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Item 3. Limit of Liability  
Subject to Sections 9, 10, and 12 hereof:

	Limit of Liability	Deductible Amount
Insuring Agreement A - FIDELITY	\$25,000,000	\$50,000
Insuring Agreement B - AUDIT EXPENSE	\$50,000	\$N/A
Insuring Agreement C - PREMISES	\$25,000,000	\$50,000

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Insuring Agreement D - TRANSIT	\$25,000,000\$	\$50,000
Insuring Agreement E - FORGERY OR ALTERATION	\$25,000,000	\$50,000
Insuring Agreement F - SECURITIES	\$25,000,000	\$50,000
Insuring Agreement G - COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY	\$25,000,000	\$50,000
Insuring Agreement H - STOP PAYMENT	\$50,000	\$5,000
Insuring Agreement I - UNCOLLECTIBLE ITEMS OF DEPOSIT	\$50,000	\$5,000

OPTIONAL COVERAGES ADDED BY RIDER:

- Insuring Agreement J- Unauthorized Signatures
- Insuring Agreement K- Computer Systems
- Insuring Agreement L- Voice Initiated Transactions
- Insuring Agreement M- Automatic Phone Systems

If "Not Covered" is inserted above opposite any specified Insuring Agreement or Coverage, such Insuring Agreement or Coverage and any other reference thereto in this bond shall be deemed to be deleted therefrom.

Item 4. Offices or Premises Covered -Offices acquired or established subsequent to the effective date of this bond are covered according to the terms of General Agreement A. All the Insured's offices or premises in existence at the time this bond becomes effective are covered under this bond except the offices or premises located as follows:

Item 5. The liability of the Underwriter is subject to the terms of the following endorsements or riders attached hereto: Endorsements or Riders No. 1 through

Item 6. The Insured by the acceptance of this bond gives notice to the Underwriter terminating or canceling prior bonds or policy(ies) No.(s) such termination or cancellation to be effective as of the time this bond becomes effective.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has caused this bond to be signed by its President and Secretary and countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

Countersigned:	ST. PAUL FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY	
/s/Andrew M. Sullivan	/s/B.A. Backberg	/s/Jay S. Fishman
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Authorized Representative Countersigned At	Secretary	President

9/30/05  
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 Countersignature Date

INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND

The Underwriter, in consideration of an agreed premium, and subject to the Declarations made a part hereof, the General Agreements, Conditions and Limitations and other terms of this bond, agrees with the Insured, in accordance with the Insuring Agreements hereof to which an amount of insurance is



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applicable as set forth in Item 3 of the Declarations and with respect to loss sustained by the Insured at any time but discovered during the Bond Period, to indemnify and hold harmless the Insured for:

### INSURING AGREEMENTS

#### (A) FIDELITY

Loss resulting from any dishonest or fraudulent act(s), including Larceny or Embezzlement, committed by an Employee, committed anywhere and whether committed alone or in collusion with others, including loss of Property resulting from such acts of an Employee, which Property is held by the Insured for any purpose or in any capacity and whether so held gratuitously or not and whether or not the Insured is liable therefor.

Dishonest or fraudulent act(s) as used in this Insuring Agreement shall mean only dishonest or fraudulent act(s) committed by such Employee with the manifest intent:

(a) to cause the Insured to sustain such loss; and

(b) to obtain financial benefit for the Employee, or for any other Person or organization intended by the Employee to receive such benefit, other than salaries, commissions, fees, bonuses, promotions, awards, profit sharing, pensions or other employee benefits earned in the normal course of employment.

#### (B) AUDIT EXPENSE

Expense incurred by the Insured for that part of the costs of audits or examinations required by any governmental regulatory authority to be conducted either by such authority or by an independent accountant by reason of the discovery of loss sustained by the Insured through any dishonest or fraudulent act(s), including Larceny or Embezzlement, of any of the Employees. The total liability of the Underwriter for such expense by reason of such acts of any Employee or in which such Employee is concerned or implicated or with respect to any one audit or examination is limited to the amount stated opposite Audit Expense in Item 3 of the Declarations; it being understood, however, that such expense shall be deemed to be a loss sustained by the Insured through any dishonest or fraudulent act(s), including Larceny or Embezzlement, of one or more of the Employees, and the liability under this paragraph shall be in addition to the Limit of Liability stated in Insuring Agreement (A) in Item 3 of the Declarations.

#### (C) ON PREMISES

Loss of Property (occurring with or without negligence or violence) through robbery, burglary, Larceny, theft, holdup, or other fraudulent means, misplacement, mysterious unexplainable disappearance, damage thereto or destruction thereof, abstraction or removal from the possession, custody or control of the Insured, and loss of subscription, conversion, redemption or deposit privileges through the misplacement or loss of Property, while the Property is (or is supposed or believed by the Insured to be) lodged or deposited within any offices or premises located anywhere, except in an office listed in Item 4 of the Declarations or amendment thereof or in the mail or with a carrier for hire, other than an armored motor vehicle company, for the purpose of transportation.

#### Office and Equipment

(1) loss of or damage to furnishings, fixtures, stationery, supplies or equipment, within any of the Insured's offices covered under this bond caused

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by Larceny or theft in, or by burglary, robbery or hold-up of, such office, or attempt thereat, or by vandalism or malicious mischief; or

- (2) loss through damage to any such office by Larceny or theft in, or by burglary, robbery or hold-up of, such office, or attempt thereat, or to the interior of any such office by vandalism or malicious mischief provided, in any event, that the Insured is the owner of such offices, furnishings, fixtures, stationery, supplies or equipment or is legally liable for such loss or damage always excepting, however, all loss or damage through fire.

(D) IN TRANSIT

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Loss of Property (occurring with or without negligence or violence) through robbery, Larceny, theft, hold-up, misplacement, mysterious unexplainable disappearance, being lost or otherwise made away with, damage thereto or destruction thereof, and loss of subscription, conversion, redemption or deposit privileges through the misplacement or loss of Property, while the Property is in transit anywhere in the custody of any person or persons acting as messenger, except while in the mail or with a carrier for hire, other than an armored motor vehicle company, for the purpose of transportation, such transit to begin immediately upon receipt of such Property by the transporting person or persons, and to end immediately upon delivery thereof at destination.

(E) FORGERY OR ALTERATION

Loss through Forgery or alteration of or on:

- (1) any bills of exchange, checks, drafts, acceptances, certificates of deposit, promissory notes, or other written promises, orders or directions to pay sums certain in money, due bills, money orders, warrants, orders upon public treasuries, letters of credit; or

- (2) other written instructions, advices or applications directed to the Insured, authorizing or acknowledging the transfer, payment, delivery or receipt of funds or Property, which instructions, advices or applications purport to have been signed or endorsed by any:

(a) customer of the Insured, or

(b) shareholder or subscriber to shares, whether certificated or uncertificated, of any Investment Company, or

(c) financial or banking institution or stockbroker,

but which instructions, advices or applications either bear the forged signature or endorsement or have been altered without the knowledge and consent of such customer, shareholder or subscriber to shares, or financial or banking institution or stockbroker; or

- (3) withdrawal orders or receipts for the withdrawal of funds or Property, or receipts or certificates of deposit for Property and bearing the name of the Insured as issuer, or of another Investment Company for which the Insured acts as agent, excluding, however, any loss covered under Insuring Agreement (F) hereof whether or not coverage for Insuring Agreement (F) is provided for in the Declarations of this bond.

Any check or draft (a) made payable to a fictitious payee and endorsed in the name of such fictitious payee or (b) procured in a transaction with the maker or drawer thereof or with one acting as an agent of such maker or drawer or anyone impersonating another and made or drawn payable to the one so

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impersonated and endorsed by anyone other than the one impersonated, shall be deemed to be forged as to such endorsement.

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(F) SECURITIES

Loss sustained by the Insured, including loss sustained by reason of a violation of the constitution by-laws, rules or regulations of any Self Regulatory Organization of which the Insured is a member or which would have been imposed upon the Insured by the constitution, by-laws, rules or regulations of any Self Regulatory Organization if the Insured had been a member thereof,

(1)through the Insured's having, in good faith and in the course of business, whether for its own account or for the account of others, in any representative, fiduciary, agency or any other capacity, either gratuitously or otherwise, purchased or otherwise acquired, accepted or received, or sold or delivered, or given any value, extended any credit or assumed any liability, on the faith of, or otherwise acted upon, any securities, documents or other written instruments which prove to have been:

(a)counterfeited, or

(b)forged as to the signature of any maker, drawer, issuer, endorser, assignor, lessee, transfer agent or registrar, acceptor, surety or guarantor or as to the signature of any person signing in any other capacity, or

(c)raised or otherwise altered, or lost, or stolen, or

(2)through the Insured's having, in good faith and in the course of business, guaranteed in writing or witnessed any signatures whether for valuable consideration or not and whether or not such guaranteeing or witnessing is ultra vires the Insured, upon any transfers,

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assignments, bills of sale, powers of attorney, guarantees, endorsements or other obligations upon or in connection with any securities, documents or other written instruments and which pass or purport to pass title to such securities, documents or other written instruments; excluding losses caused by Forgery or alteration of, on or in those instruments covered under Insuring Agreement (E) hereof.

Securities, documents or other written instruments shall be deemed to mean original (including original counterparts) negotiable or non-negotiable agreements which in and of themselves represent an equitable interest, ownership, or debt, including an assignment thereof, which instruments are, in the ordinary course of business, transferable by delivery of such agreements with any necessary endorsement or assignment.

The word "counterfeited" as used in this Insuring Agreement shall be deemed to mean any security, document or other written instrument which is intended to deceive and to be taken for an original.

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(G) COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY

Loss through the receipt by the Insured, in good faith, of any counterfeited

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money orders or altered paper currencies or coin of the United States of America or Canada issued or purporting to have been issued by the United States of America or Canada or issued pursuant to a United States of America or Canada statute for use as currency.

### (H) STOP PAYMENT

Loss against any and all sums which the Insured shall become obligated to pay by reason of the liability imposed upon the Insured by law for damages:

For having either complied with or failed to comply with any written notice of any customer, shareholder or subscriber of the Insured or any Authorized Representative of such customer, shareholder or subscriber to stop payment of any check or draft made or drawn by such customer, shareholder or subscriber or any Authorized Representative of such customer, shareholder or subscriber, or

For having refused to pay any check or draft made or drawn by any customer, shareholder or subscriber of the Insured or any Authorized Representative of such customer, shareholder or subscriber.

### (I) UNCOLLECTIBLE ITEMS OF DEPOSIT

Loss resulting from payments of dividends or fund shares, or withdrawals permitted from any customer's, shareholder's, or subscriber's account based upon Uncollectible Items of Deposit of a customer, shareholder or subscriber credited by the Insured or the Insured's agent to such customer's, shareholder's or subscriber's Mutual Fund Account; or loss resulting from an Item of Deposit processed through an Automated Clearing House which is reversed by the customer, shareholder or subscriber and deemed uncollectible by the Insured.

Loss includes dividends and interest accrued not to exceed 15% of the Uncollectible Items which are deposited.

This Insuring Agreement applies to all Mutual Funds with "exchange privileges" if all Fund(s) in the exchange program are insured by the Underwriter for Uncollectible Items of Deposit. Regardless of the number of transactions between Fund(s), the minimum number of days of deposit within the Fund(s) before withdrawal as declared in the Fund(s) prospectus shall begin from the date a deposit was first credited to any Insured Fund(s).

## GENERAL AGREEMENTS

### A. ADDITIONAL OFFICES OR EMPLOYEES CONSOLIDATION OR MERGER - NOTICE

(1) If the Insured shall, while this bond is in force, establish any additional office or offices, such offices shall be automatically covered hereunder from the dates of their establishment, respectively. No notice to the Underwriter of an increase during any premium period in the number of offices or in the number of Employees at any of the offices covered hereunder need be given and no additional premium need be paid for the remainder of such premium period.

(2) If an Investment Company, named as Insured herein, shall, while this bond is in force, merge or consolidate with, or purchase the assets of another institution, coverage for such acquisition shall apply automatically

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from the date of acquisition. The Insured shall notify the Underwriter of such acquisition within 60 days of said date, and an additional premium shall be computed only if such acquisition involves additional offices or employees.

B. WARRANTY

No statement made by or on behalf of the Insured, whether contained in the application or otherwise, shall be deemed to be a warranty of anything except that it is true to the best of the knowledge and belief of the person making the statement.

C. COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES

(Applicable to all Insuring Agreements or Coverages now or hereafter forming part of this bond)

The Underwriter will indemnify the Insured against court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred and paid by the Insured in defense, whether or not successful, whether or not fully litigated on the merits and whether or not settled, of any suit or legal proceeding brought against the Insured to enforce the Insured's liability or alleged liability on account of any loss, claim or damage which, if established against the Insured, would constitute a loss sustained by the Insured covered under the terms of this bond provided, however, that with respect to Insuring Agreement (A) this indemnity shall apply only in the event that:

- (1) an Employee admits to being guilty of any dishonest or fraudulent act(s), including Larceny or Embezzlement; or
- (2) an Employee is adjudicated to be guilty of any dishonest or fraudulent act(s), including Larceny or Embezzlement;
- (3) in the absence of (1) or (2) above an arbitration panel agrees, after a review of an agreed statement of facts, that an Employee would be found guilty of dishonesty if such Employee were prosecuted.

The Insured shall promptly give notice to the Underwriter of any such suit or legal proceedings and at the request of the Underwriter shall furnish it with copies of all pleadings and other papers therein. At the Underwriter's election the Insured shall permit the Underwriter to conduct the defense of such suit or legal proceeding, in the Insured's name, through attorneys of the Underwriter's selection. In such event, the Insured shall give all reasonable information and assistance which the Underwriter shall deem necessary to the proper defense of such suit or legal proceeding.

If the amount of the Insured's liability or alleged liability is greater than the amount recoverable under this bond, or if a Deductible Amount is applicable, or both, the liability of the Underwriter under this General Agreement is limited to the proportion of court costs and attorneys' fees incurred and paid by the Insured or by the Underwriter that the amount recoverable under this bond bears to the total of such amount plus the amount which is not so recoverable. Such indemnity shall be in addition to the Limit of Liability for the applicable Insuring Agreement or Coverage.

D. FORMER EMPLOYEE

Acts of an Employee, as defined in this bond, are covered under Insuring Agreement (A) only while the Employee is in the Insured's employ. Should loss involving a former Employee of the Insured be discovered subsequent to the termination of employment, coverage would still apply under Insuring Agreement (A) if the direct proximate cause of the loss occurred while the former Employee performed duties within the scope of his/her employment.

THE FOREGOING INSURING AGREEMENTS AND GENERAL  
AGREEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING

CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

The following terms, as used in this bond have the respective meanings stated in this Section:

(a) "Employee" means:

(1) any of the Insured's officers, partners, or and employees, and

(2) any of the officers or employees of any predecessor of the Insured whose principal assets are acquired by the Insured by consolidation or merger with, or purchase of assets or capital stock of, such predecessor,

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(3) attorneys retained by the Insured to perform legal services for the Insured and the employees of such attorneys while such attorneys or employees of such attorneys are performing such services for the Insured, and

(4) guest students pursuing their studies or duties in any of the Insured's offices, and

(5) directors or trustees of the Insured, the investment advisor, underwriter (distributor), transfer agent, or shareholder accounting record keeper, or administrator authorized by written agreement to keep financial and/or other required records, but only while performing acts coming within the scope of the usual duties of an officer or employee or while acting as a member of any committee duly elected or appointed to examine or audit or have custody of or access to the Property of the Insured, and

(6) any individual or individuals assigned to perform the usual duties of an employee within the premises of the Insured, by contract, or by any agency furnishing temporary personnel on a contingent or part-time basis, and

(7) each natural person, partnership or corporation authorized by written agreement with the Insured to perform services as electronic data processor of checks or other accounting records of the Insured, but excluding any such processor who acts as transfer agent or in any other agency capacity in issuing checks, drafts or securities for the Insured, unless included under sub-section (9) hereof, and

(8) those persons so designated in Section 15, Central Handling of Securities, and

(9) any officer, partner, or Employee of:

(a) an investment advisor,

(b) an underwriter (distributor),

(c) a transfer agent or shareholder accounting record-keeper, or

(d) an administrator authorized by written agreement to keep financial and/or other required records,

for an Investment Company named as Insured while performing acts coming within the scope of the usual duties of an officer or Employee of any investment Company named as Insured herein, or while acting as a member of any committee duly elected or appointed to examine or audit or have custody of or access to the Property of any such Investment Company, provided that only Employees or partners of a transfer agent, shareholder accounting record-keeper or administrator which is an affiliated person, as defined in the Investment

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Company Act of 1940, of an Investment Company named as Insured or is an affiliated person of the advisor, underwriter or administrator of such Investment Company, and which is not a bank, shall be included within the definition of Employee.

Each employer of temporary personnel or processors as set forth in sub-sections (6) and (7) of Section 1(a) and their partners, officers and employees shall collectively be deemed to be one person for all the purposes of this bond, excepting, however, the last paragraph of Section 13.

Brokers, or other agents under contract or representatives of the same general character shall not be considered Employees.

(b) "Property" means money (i.e. currency, coin, bank notes, Federal Reserve notes), postage and revenue stamps, U.S. Savings Stamps, bullion, precious metals of all kinds and in any form and articles made therefrom, jewelry, watches, necklaces, bracelets, gems, precious and semi-precious stones, bonds, securities, evidences of debts, debentures, scrip, certificates, interim receipts, warrants, rights, puts, calls, straddles, spreads, transfers, coupons, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances, notes, checks, withdrawal orders, money orders, warehouse receipts, bills of lading, conditional sales contracts, abstracts of title, insurance policies, deeds, mortgages under real estate and/or chattels and upon interests therein, and assignments of such policies, mortgages and instruments, and other valuable papers, including books of account and other records used by the Insured in the conduct of its business, and all other instruments similar to or in the nature of the foregoing including Electronic Representations of such instruments enumerated above (but excluding all data processing records) in which the Insured has an interest or in which the Insured acquired or should have acquired an interest by reason of a predecessor's declared financial condition at the time of the Insured's consolidation or merger with, or purchase of the principal assets of, such predecessor or which are held by the Insured for any purpose or in any capacity and whether so held gratuitously or not and whether or not the Insured is liable therefor.

(c) "Forgery" means the signing of the name of another with intent to deceive; it does not

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include the signing of one's own name with or without authority, in any capacity, for any purpose.

(d) "Larceny and Embezzlement" as it applies to any named Insured means those acts as set forth in Section 37 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

(e) "Items of Deposit" means any one or more checks and drafts. Items of Deposit shall not be deemed uncollectible until the Insured's collection procedures have failed.

### SECTION 2. EXCLUSIONS THIS BOND, DOES NOT COVER:

(a) loss effected directly or indirectly by means of forgery or alteration of, on or in any instrument, except when covered by Insuring Agreement (A), (E), (F) or (G).

(b) loss due to riot or civil commotion outside the United States of America and Canada; or loss due to military, naval or usurped power, war or insurrection unless such loss occurs in transit in the circumstances recited in Insuring Agreement (D), and unless, when such transit was initiated, there was no knowledge of such riot, civil commotion, military, naval or usurped power,

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war or insurrection on the part of any person acting for the Insured in initiating such transit.

- (c) loss, in time of peace or war, directly or indirectly caused by or resulting from the effects of nuclear fission or fusion or radioactivity; provided, however, that this paragraph shall not apply to loss resulting from industrial uses of nuclear energy.
- (d) loss resulting from any wrongful act or acts of any person who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Insured or a member of any equivalent body by whatsoever name known unless such person is also an Employee or an elected official, partial owner or partner of the Insured in some other capacity, nor, in any event, loss resulting from the act or acts of any person while acting in the capacity of a member of such Board or equivalent body.
- (e) loss resulting from the complete or partial non-payment of, or default upon, any loan or transaction in the nature of, or amounting to, a loan made by or obtained from the Insured or any of its partners, directors or Employees, whether authorized or unauthorized and whether procured in good faith or through trick, artifice fraud or false pretenses, unless such loss is covered under Insuring Agreement (A), (E) or (F).
- (f) loss resulting from any violation by the Insured or by any Employee:
  - (1) of law regulating (a) the issuance, purchase or sale of securities, (b) securities transactions upon Security Exchanges or over the counter market, (c) Investment Companies, or (d) Investment Advisors, or
  - (2) of any rule or regulation made pursuant to any such law.unless such loss, in the absence of such laws, rules or regulations, would be covered under Insuring Agreements (A) or (E).
- (g) loss of Property or loss of privileges through the misplacement or loss of Property as set forth in Insuring Agreement (C) or (D) while the Property is in the custody of any armored motor vehicle company, unless such loss shall be in excess of the amount recovered or received by the Insured under (a) the Insured's contract with said armored motor vehicle company, (b) insurance carried by said armored motor vehicle company for the benefit of users of its service, and (c) all other insurance and indemnity in force in whatsoever form carried by or for the benefit of users of said armored motor vehicle company's service, and then this bond shall cover only such excess.
- (h) potential income, including but not limited to interest and dividends, not realized by the Insured because of a loss covered under this bond, except as included under Insuring Agreement (I).
- (i) all damages of any type for which the Insured is legally liable, except direct compensatory damages arising from a loss covered under this bond.
- (j) loss through the surrender of Property away from an office of the Insured as a result of a threat:
  - (1) to do bodily harm to any person, except loss of Property in transit in the custody of any person acting as messenger provided that when such transit was initiated there was no knowledge by the Insured of any such threat, or
  - (2) to do damage to the premises or Property of the Insured, except when covered under Insuring Agreement (A).



(k) all costs, fees and other expenses incurred by the Insured in establishing the existence of or amount of loss covered under this bond unless such indemnity is provided for under Insuring Agreement (B).

(l) loss resulting from payments made or withdrawals from the account of a customer of the Insured, shareholder or subscriber to shares involving funds erroneously credited to such account, unless such payments are made to or withdrawn by such depositors or representative of such person, who is within the premises of the drawee bank of the Insured or within the office of the Insured at the time of such payment or withdrawal or unless such payment is covered under Insuring Agreement (A).

(m) any loss resulting from Uncollectible Items of Deposit which are drawn from a financial institution outside the fifty states of the United States of America, District of Columbia, and territories and possessions of the United States of America, and Canada.

### SECTION 3. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

This bond does not afford coverage in favor of any Employers of temporary personnel or of processors as set forth in sub-sections (6) and (7) of Section 1(a) of this bond, as aforesaid, and upon payment to the Insured by the Underwriter on account of any loss through dishonest or fraudulent act(s) including Larceny or Embezzlement committed by any of the partners, officers or employees of such Employers, whether acting alone or in collusion with others, an assignment of such of the Insured's rights and causes of action as it may have against such Employers by reason of such acts so committed shall, to the extent of such payment, be given by the Insured to the Underwriter, and the Insured shall execute all papers necessary to secure to the Underwriter the rights herein provided for.

### SECTION 4. LOSS -NOTICE -PROOF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

This bond is for the use and benefit only of the Insured named in the Declarations and the Underwriter shall not be liable hereunder for loss sustained by anyone other than the Insured unless the Insured, in its sole discretion and at its option, shall include such loss in the Insured's proof of loss. At the earliest practicable moment after discovery of any loss hereunder the Insured shall give the Underwriter written notice thereof and shall also within six months after such discovery furnish to the Underwriter affirmative proof of loss with full particulars. If claim is made under this bond for loss of securities or shares, the Underwriter shall not be liable unless each of such securities or shares is identified in such proof of loss by a certificate or bond number or, where such securities or shares are uncertificated, by such identification means as agreed to by the Underwriter. The Underwriter shall have thirty days after notice and proof of loss within which to investigate the claim, but where the loss is clear and undisputed, settlement shall be made within forty-eight hours; and this shall apply notwithstanding the loss is made up wholly or in part of securities of which duplicates may be obtained. Legal proceedings for recovery of any loss hereunder shall not be brought prior to the expiration of sixty days after such proof of loss is filed with the Underwriter nor after the expiration of twenty-four months from the discovery of such loss, except that any action or proceedings to recover hereunder on account of any judgment against the Insured in any suit mentioned in General Agreement C or to recover attorneys' fees paid in any such suit, shall be begun within twenty-four months from the date upon which the judgment in such suit shall become final. If any limitation embodied in this bond is prohibited by any law controlling the construction hereof, such limitation shall be deemed to be amended so as to be equal to the minimum period of limitation permitted by such law.

Discovery occurs when the Insured:

(a) becomes aware of facts, or

(b) receives written notice of an actual or potential claim by a third party which alleges that the Insured is liable under circumstances,

which would cause a reasonable person to assume that a loss covered by the bond has been or will be incurred even though the exact amount or details of loss may not be then known.

#### SECTION 5. VALUATION OF PROPERTY

The value of any Property, except books of accounts or other records used by the Insured in the conduct of its business, for the loss of which a claim shall be made hereunder, shall be determined by the average market value of such Property on the business day next preceding the discovery of such loss; provided, however, that the value of any Property replaced by the Insured prior to the payment of claim therefor shall be the actual market value at the time of replacement; and further provided that in case of a loss or misplacement of interim certificates, warrants, rights, or other securities, the production of which is necessary to the exercise of subscription, conversion, redemption or deposit privileges, the value thereof shall be the market value of such privileges

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immediately preceding the expiration thereof if said loss or misplacement is not discovered until after their expiration. If no market price is quoted for such Property or for such privileges, the value shall be fixed by agreement between the parties or by arbitration.

In case of any loss or damage to Property consisting of books of accounts or other records used by the Insured in the conduct of its business, the Underwriter shall be liable under this bond only if such books or records are actually reproduced and then for not more than the cost of blank books, blank pages or other materials plus the cost of labor for the actual transcription or copying of data which shall have been furnished by the Insured in order to reproduce such books and other records.

#### SECTION 6. VALUATION OF PREMISES AND FURNISHINGS

In case of damage to any office of the Insured, or loss of or damage to the furnishings, fixtures, stationery, supplies, equipment, safes or vaults therein, the Underwriter shall not be liable for more than the actual cash value thereof, or for more than the actual cost of their replacement or repair. The Underwriter may, at its election, pay such actual cash value or make such replacement or repair. If the underwriter and the Insured cannot agree upon such cash value or such cost of replacement or repair, such shall be determined by arbitration.

#### SECTION 7. LOST SECURITIES

If the Insured shall sustain a loss of securities the total value of which is in excess of the limit stated in Item 3 of the Declarations of this bond, the liability of the Underwriter shall be limited to payment for, or duplication of, securities having value equal to the limit stated in Item 3 of the Declarations of this bond.

If the Underwriter shall make payment to the Insured for any loss of securities,

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the Insured shall thereupon assign to the Underwriter all of the Insured's rights, title and interest in and to said securities.

With respect to securities the value of which do not exceed the Deductible Amount (at the time of the discovery of the loss) and for which the Underwriter may at its sole discretion and option and at the request of the Insured issue a Lost Instrument Bond or Bonds to effect replacement thereof, the Insured will pay the usual premium charged therefor and will indemnify the Underwriter against all loss or expense that the Underwriter may sustain because of the issuance of such Lost Instrument Bond or Bonds.

With respect to securities the value of which exceeds the Deductible Amount (at the time of discovery of the loss) and for which the Underwriter may issue or arrange for the issuance of a Lost Instrument Bond or Bonds to effect replacement thereof, the Insured agrees that it will pay as premium therefor a proportion of the usual premium charged therefor, said proportion being equal to the percentage that the Deductible Amount bears to the value of the securities upon discovery of the loss, and that it will indemnify the issuer of said Lost Instrument Bond or Bonds against all loss and expense that is not recoverable from the Underwriter under the terms and conditions of this Investment Company Blanket Bond subject to the Limit of Liability hereunder.

### SECTION 8. SALVAGE

in case of recovery, whether made by the Insured or by the Underwriter, on account of any loss in excess of the Limit of Liability hereunder plus the Deductible Amount applicable to such loss, from any source other than suretyship, insurance, reinsurance, security or indemnity taken by or for the benefit of the Underwriter, the net amount of such recovery, less the actual costs and expenses of making same, shall be applied to reimburse the Insured in full for the excess portion of such loss, and the remainder, if any, shall be paid first in reimbursement of the Underwriter and thereafter in reimbursement of the Insured for that part of such loss within the Deductible Amount. The Insured shall execute all necessary papers to secure to the Underwriter the rights provided for herein.

### SECTION 9. NON-REDUCTION AND NONACCUMULATION OF LIABILITY AND TOTAL LIABILITY

At all times prior to termination hereof, this bond shall continue in force for the limit stated in the applicable sections of Item 3 of the Declarations of this bond notwithstanding any previous loss for which the Underwriter may have paid or be liable to pay hereunder; PROVIDED, however, that regardless of the number of years this bond shall continue in force and the number or premiums which shall be payable or paid, the liability of the Underwriter under this bond with respect to all loss resulting from:

(a) any one act of burglary, robbery or holdup, or attempt thereat, in which no Partner or Employee is concerned or implicated shall be deemed to be one loss, or

(b) any one unintentional or negligent act on the part of any other person resulting in damage to or destruction or misplacement of Property, shall be deemed to be one loss, or

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(c) all wrongful acts, other than those specified in (a) above, of any one person shall be deemed to be one loss, or

(d) all wrongful acts, other than those specified in (a) above, of one or

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more persons (which dishonest act(s) or act(s) of Larceny or Embezzlement include, but are not limited to, the failure of an Employee to report such acts of others) whose dishonest act or acts intentionally or unintentionally, knowingly or unknowingly, directly or indirectly, aid or aids in any way, or permits the continuation of, the dishonest act or acts of any other person or persons shall be deemed to be one loss with the act or acts of the persons aided, or

(e) any one casualty or event other than those specified in (a), (b), (c) or (d) preceding, shall be deemed to be one loss, and

shall be limited to the applicable Limit of Liability stated in Item 3 of the Declarations of this bond irrespective of the total amount of such loss or losses and shall not be cumulative in amounts from year to year or from period to period.

Sub-section (c) is not applicable to any situation to which the language of sub-section (d) applies.

### SECTION 10. LIMIT OF LIABILITY

With respect to any loss set forth in the PROVIDED clause of Section 9 of this bond which is recoverable or recovered in whole or in part under any other bonds or policies issued by the Underwriter to the Insured or to any predecessor in interest of the Insured and terminated or cancelled or allowed to expire and in which the period of discovery has not expired at the time any such loss thereunder is discovered, the total liability of the Underwriter under this bond and under other bonds or policies shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the amount carried hereunder on such loss or the amount available to the Insured under such other bonds or policies, as limited by the terms and conditions thereof, for any such loss if the latter amount be the larger.

### SECTION 11. OTHER INSURANCE

If the Insured shall hold, as indemnity against any loss covered hereunder, any valid and enforceable insurance or suretyship, the Underwriter shall be liable hereunder only for such amount of such loss which is in excess of the amount of such other insurance or suretyship, not exceeding, however, the Limit of Liability of this bond applicable to such loss.

### SECTION 12. DEDUCTIBLE

The Underwriter shall not be liable under any of the Insuring Agreements of this bond on account of loss as specified, respectively, in sub-sections (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Section 9, NON-REDUCTION AND NON-ACCUMULATION OF LIABILITY AND TOTAL LIABILITY, unless the amount of such loss, after deducting the net amount of all reimbursement and/or recovery obtained or made by the Insured, other than from any bond or policy of insurance issued by an insurance company and covering such loss, or by the Underwriter on account thereof prior to payment by the Underwriter of such loss, shall exceed the Deductible Amount set forth in Item 3 of the Declarations hereof (herein called Deductible Amount), and then for such excess only, but in no event for more than the applicable Limit of Liability stated in Item 3 of the Declarations.

The Insured will bear, in addition to the Deductible Amount, premiums on Lost Instrument Bonds as set forth in Section 7.

There shall be no deductible applicable to any loss under Insuring Agreement A sustained by any Investment Company named as Insured herein.

### SECTION 13. TERMINATION

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The Underwriter may terminate this bond as an entirety by furnishing written notice specifying the termination date, which cannot be prior to 60 days after the receipt of such written notice by each Investment Company named as Insured and the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. The Insured may terminate this bond as an entirety by furnishing written notice to the Underwriter. When the Insured cancels, the Insured shall furnish written notice to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., prior to 60 days before the effective date of the termination. The Underwriter shall notify all other Investment Companies named as Insured of the receipt of such termination notice and the termination cannot be effective prior to 60 days after receipt of written notice by all other Investment Companies. Premiums are earned until the termination date as set forth herein.

This Bond will terminate as to any one Insured immediately upon taking over of such Insured by a receiver or other liquidator or by State or Federal officials, or immediately upon the filing of a petition under any State or Federal statute relative to bankruptcy or reorganization of the Insured, or assignment for the benefit of creditors of the Insured, or immediately upon such Insured ceasing to exist, whether through merger into another entity, or by disposition of all of its assets.

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The Underwriter shall refund the unearned premium computed at short rates in accordance with the standard short rate cancellation tables if terminated by the Insured or pro rata if terminated for any other reason.

This Bond shall terminate:

(a) as to any Employee as soon as any partner, officer or supervisory Employee of the Insured, who is not in collusion with such Employee, shall learn of any dishonest or fraudulent act(s), including Larceny or Embezzlement on the part of such Employee without prejudice to the loss of any Property then in transit in the custody of such Employee (see Section 16(d)), or

(b) as to any Employee 60 days after receipt by each Insured and by the Securities and Exchange Commission of a written notice from the Underwriter of its desire to terminate this bond as to such Employee, or

(c) as to any person, who is a partner, officer or employee of any Electronic Data Processor covered under this bond, from and after the time that the Insured or any partner or officer thereof not in collusion with such person shall have knowledge or information that such person has committed any dishonest or fraudulent act(s), including Larceny or Embezzlement in the service of the Insured or otherwise, whether such act be committed before or after the time this bond is effective.

### SECTION 14. RIGHTS AFTER TERMINATION OR CANCELLATION

At any time prior to the termination or cancellation of this bond as an entirety, whether by the Insured or the Underwrite, the Insured may give the Underwriter notice that it desires under this bond an additional period of 12 months within which to discover loss sustained by the Insured prior to the effective date of such termination or cancellation and shall pay an additional premium therefor.

Upon receipt of such notice from the Insured, the Underwriter shall give its written consent thereto; provided, however, that such additional period of time shall terminate immediately:

(a) on the effective date of any other insurance obtained by the Insured, its successor in business or any other party, replacing in whole or in part the insurance afforded by this bond, whether or not such other insurance provides coverage for loss sustained prior to its effective date, or

(b) upon takeover of the Insured's business by any State or Federal official or agency, or by any receiver or liquidator, acting or appointed for this purpose without the necessity of the Underwriter giving notice of such termination. In the event that such additional period of time is terminated, as provided above, the Underwriter shall refund any unearned premium.

The right to purchase such additional period for the discovery of loss may not be exercised by any State or Federal official or agency, or by a receiver or liquidator, acting or appointed to take over the Insured's business for the operation or for the liquidation thereof or for any purpose.

#### SECTION 15. CENTRAL HANDLING OF SECURITIES

Securities included in the system for the central handling of securities established and maintained by Depository Trust Company, Midwest Depository Trust Company, Pacific Securities Depository Trust Company, and Philadelphia Depository Trust Company, hereinafter called Corporations, to the extent of the Insured's interest therein as effected by the making of appropriate entries on the books and records of such Corporations shall be deemed to be Property.

The words "Employee" and "Employees" shall be deemed to include the officers, partners, clerks and other employees of the New York Stock Exchange, Boston Stock Exchange, Midwest Stock Exchange, Pacific Stock Exchange and Philadelphia Stock Exchange, hereinafter called Exchanges, and of the above named Corporations, and of any nominee in whose name is registered any security included within the systems for the central handling of securities established and maintained by such Corporations, and any employee or any recognized service company, while such officers, partners, clerks and other employees and employees of service companies perform services for such Corporations in the operation of such systems. For the purpose of the above definition a recognized service company shall be any company providing clerks or other personnel to the said Exchanges or Corporations on a contract basis.

The Underwriter shall not be liable on account of any loss(es) in connection with the central handling of securities within the systems established and maintained by such Corporations, unless such loss(es) shall be in excess of the amount(s) recoverable or recovered under any bond or policy of insurance indemnifying such Corporations against such loss(es), and then the Underwriter shall be liable hereunder

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only for the Insured's share of such excess loss(es), but in no event for more than the Limit of Liability applicable hereunder.

For the purpose of determining the Insured's share of excess loss(es) it shall be deemed that the Insured has an interest in any certificate representing any security included within such systems equivalent to the interest the Insured then has in all certificates representing the same security included within such systems and that such Corporations shall use their best judgment in apportioning the amount(s) recoverable or recovered under any bond or policy of insurance indemnifying such Corporations against such loss(es) in connection with the central handling of securities within such systems among all those having an interest as recorded by appropriate entries in the books and records of such

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Corporations in Property involved in such loss(es) on the basis that each such interest shall share in the amount(s) so recoverable or recovered in the ratio that the value of each such interest bears to the total value all such interests and that the Insured's share of such excess loss(es) shall be the amount of the Insured's interest in such Property in excess of the amount(s) so apportioned to the Insured by such Corporations.

This bond does not afford coverage in favor of such Corporations or Exchanges or any nominee in whose name is registered any security included within the systems for the central handling of securities established and maintained by such Corporations, and upon payment to the Insured by the Underwriter on account of any loss(es) within the systems, an assignment of such of the Insured's rights and causes of action as it may have against such Corporations or Exchanges shall to the extent of such payment, be given by the Insured to the Underwriter, and the Insured shall execute all papers necessary to secure the Underwriter the rights provided for herein.

### SECTION 16. ADDITIONAL COMPANIES INCLUDED AS INSURED

If more than one corporation, co-partnership or person or any combination of them be included as the Insured herein:

(a) the total liability of the Underwriter hereunder for loss or losses sustained by any one or more or all of them shall not exceed the limit for which the Underwriter would be liable hereunder if all such loss were sustained by any one of them;

(b) the one first named herein shall be deemed authorized to make, adjust and receive and enforce payment of all claims hereunder and shall be deemed to be the agent of the others for such purposes and for the giving or receiving of any notice required or permitted to be given by the terms hereof, provided that the Underwriter shall furnish each named Investment Company with a copy of the bond and with any amendment thereto, together with a copy of each formal filing of the settlement of each such claim prior to the execution of such settlement;

(c) the Underwriter shall not be responsible for the proper application of any payment made hereunder to said first named Insured;

(d) knowledge possessed or discovery made by any partner, officer of supervisory Employee of any Insured shall for the purposes of Section 4 and Section 13 of this bond constitute knowledge or discovery by all the Insured; and

(e) if the first named Insured ceases for any reason to be covered under this bond, then the Insured next named shall thereafter be considered as the first, named Insured for the purposes of this bond.

### SECTION 17. NOTICE AND CHANGE OF CONTROL

Upon the Insured obtaining knowledge of a transfer of its outstanding voting securities which results in a change in control (as set forth in Section 2(a) (9) of the Investment Company Act of 1940) of the Insured, the Insured shall within thirty (30) days of such knowledge give written notice to the Underwriter setting forth:

(a) the names of the transferors and transferees (or the names of the beneficial owners if the voting securities are requested in another name), and

(b) the total number of voting securities owned by the transferors and the transferees (or the beneficial owners), both immediately before and after the

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transfer, and

(c) the total number of outstanding voting securities.

As used in this section, control means the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of the Insured.

Failing to give the required notice shall result in termination of coverage of this bond, effective upon the date of stock transfer for any loss in which any transferee is concerned or implicated.

Such notice is not required to be given in the case of an Insured which is an Investment Company.

SECTION 18. CHANGE OR MODIFICATION

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This bond or any instrument amending or effecting same may not be changed or modified orally. No changes in or modification thereof shall be effective unless made by written endorsement issued to form a part hereof over the signature of the Underwriter's Authorized Representative. When a bond covers only one Investment Company no change or modification which would adversely affect the rights of the Investment Company shall be effective prior to 60 days after written notification has been furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., by the Insured or by the Underwriter. If more than one Investment Company is named as the Insured herein, the Underwriter shall give written notice to each Investment Company and to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., not less than 60 days prior to the effective date of any change or modification which would adversely affect the rights of such Investment Company.

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ENDORSEMENT OR RIDER NO.

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

The following spaces preceded by an (\*) need not be completed if this endorsement or rider and the Bond or Policy have the same inception date.

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469PB0607	09/13/05	12:01 A.M. STANDARD TIME AS SPECIFIED IN THE BOND OR POLICY 07/15/05

\* ISSUED TO JOHN HANCOCK CAPITAL SERIES, INC.

Named Insured Endorsement

It is agreed that:

1. From and after the time this rider becomes effective the Insured under the attached bond are:



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2. The first named Insured shall act for itself and for each and all of the Insured for all the purposes of the attached bond.
3. Knowledge possessed or discovery made by any Insured or by any partner or officer thereof shall for all the purposes of the attached bond constitute knowledge or discovery by all the Insured.
4. If, prior to the termination of the attached bond in its entirety, the attached bond is terminated as to any Insured, there shall be no liability for any loss sustained by such Insured unless discovered before the time such termination as to such Insured becomes effective.
5. The liability of the Underwriter for loss or losses sustained by any or all of the Insured shall not exceed the amount for which the Underwriter would be liable had all such loss or losses been sustained by any one of the Insured. Payment by the Underwriter to the first named Insured of loss sustained by any Insured shall fully release the Underwriter on account of such loss.
6. If the first named Insured ceases for any reason to be covered under the attached bond, then the Insured next named shall thereafter be considered as the first named Insured for all the purposes of the attached bond.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive, or extend any of the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of the above mentioned Bond or Policy, other than as above stated.

By

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Authorized Representative

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Computer Systems

It is agreed that:

1. The attached bond is amended by adding an additional Insuring Agreement as follows:

INSURING AGREEMENT K COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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Loss resulting directly from a fraudulent

(1) entry of data into, or

(2) change of data elements or program within a Computer System listed in the SCHEDULE below, provided the fraudulent entry or change causes

(a) Property to be transferred, paid or delivered,

(b) an account of the Insured, or of its customer, to be added, deleted, debited or credited, or

(c) an unauthorized account or a fictitious account to be debited or credited, and provided further, the fraudulent entry or change is made or caused by an individual acting with the manifest intent to

(i) cause the Insured to sustain a loss, and

(ii) obtain financial benefit for that individual or for other persons intended by that individual to receive financial benefit.

SCHEDULE

All systems utilized by the Insurer

2. As used in this Rider, Computer System means

(a) computers with related peripheral components, including storage components, wherever located,

(b) systems and applications software,

(c) terminal devices, and

(d) related communication networks

by which data are electronically collected, transmitted, processed, stored and retrieved.

3. In addition to the exclusions in the attached bond, the following exclusions are applicable to this Insuring Agreement:

(a) loss resulting directly or indirectly from the theft of confidential information, material or data; and

(b) loss resulting directly or indirectly from entries or changes made by an individual authorized to have access to a Computer System who acts in good faith on instructions, unless such instructions are given to that individual by a software contractor (or by a partner, officer or employee thereof) authorized by the Insured to design, develop, prepare, supply, service, write or implement programs for the Insured's Computer System.

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4. The following portions of the attached bond are not applicable to this Rider:

(a) the portion preceding the Insuring Agreements which reads "at any time but discovered during the Bond Period";

(b) Section 9 NONREDUCTION AND NON-ACCUMULATION OF LIABILITY of the Conditions and Limitations; and

(c) Section 10 LIMIT OF LIABILITY of the Conditions and Limitations.

5. The coverage afforded by this Rider applies only to loss discovered by the Insured during the period this Rider is in force.
6. All loss or series of losses involving the fraudulent activity of one individual, or involving fraudulent activity, in which one individual is implicated, whether or not that individual is specifically identified, shall be treated as one loss. A series of losses involving unidentified individuals but arising from the same method of operation may be deemed by the Underwriter to involve the same individual and in that event shall be treated as one loss.
7. The Limit of Liability for the coverage provided by this Rider shall be Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000), it being understood, however, that such liability shall be a part of and not in addition to the Limit of Liability stated in Item 3 of the Declarations of the attached bond or any amendment thereof.
8. The Underwriter shall be liable hereunder for the amount by which one loss exceeds the Deductible Amount applicable to the attached bond, but not in excess of the Limit of Liability stated above.
9. If any loss is covered under this Insuring Agreement and any other Insuring Agreement or Coverage, the maximum amount payable for such loss shall not exceed the largest amount available under any one Insuring Agreement or Coverage.
10. Coverage under this Rider shall terminate upon termination or cancellation of the bond to which this Rider is attached. Coverage under this Rider may also be terminated or canceled without canceling the bond as an entirety
  - (a) 60 days after receipt by the Insured of written notice from the Underwriter of its desire to terminate or cancel coverage under this Rider, or
  - (b) immediately upon receipt by the Underwriter of a written request from the Insured to terminate or cancel coverage under this Rider.

The Underwriter shall refund to the Insured the unearned premium for the coverage under this Rider. The refund shall be computed at short rates if this Rider be terminated or canceled or reduced by notice from, or at the instance of, the Insured.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive, or extend any of the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of the above mentioned Bond or Policy, other than as above stated.

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Unauthorized Signatures

It is agreed that:

1. The attached bond is amended by inserting an additional Insuring Agreement as follows:

INSURING AGREEMENT J UNAUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

(A) Loss resulting directly from the Insured having accepted, paid or cashed any check or withdrawal order, draft, made or drawn on a customer's account which bears the signature or endorsement of one other than a person whose name and signature is on the application on file with the Insured as a signatory on such account.

(B) It shall be a condition precedent to the Insured's right of recovery under this Rider that the Insured shall have on file signatures of all persons who are authorized signatories on such account.

2. The total liability of the Underwriter under Insuring Agreement J is limited to the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000 ), it being understood, however, that such liability shall be part of and not in addition to the Limit of Liability stated in Item 3 of the Declarations of the attached bond or amendment thereof.
3. With respect to coverage afforded under this Rider, the Deductible Amount shall be Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000 ).

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive, or extend any of the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of the above mentioned Bond or Policy, other than as above stated.

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Telefacsimile Transactions

It is agreed that:

1. The attached Bond is amended by adding an additional Insuring Agreement as follows:

INSURING AGREEMENT N TELEFACSIMILE TRANSACTIONS

Loss caused by a Telefacsimile Transaction, where the request for such Telefacsimile Transaction is unauthorized or fraudulent and is made with the manifest intent to deceive; provided, that the entity which receives such request generally maintains and follows during the Bond Period all Designated Fax Procedures with respect to Telefacsimile Transactions. The isolated failure of such entity to maintain and follow a particular Designated Fax Procedure in a particular instance will not preclude coverage under this Insuring Agreement, subject to the exclusions herein and in the Bond.

2. Definitions. The following terms used in this Insuring Agreement shall have the following meanings:

- a. "Telefacsimile System" means a system of transmitting and reproducing fixed graphic material (as, for example, printing) by means of signals transmitted over telephone lines.

- b. "Telefacsimile Transaction" means any Fax Redemption, Fax Election, Fax Exchange, or Fax Purchase.

- c. "Fax Redemption" means any redemption of shares issued by an Investment Company which is requested through a Telefacsimile System.

- d. "Fax Election" means any election concerning dividend options available to Fund shareholders which is requested through a Telefacsimile System.

- e. "Fax Exchange" means any exchange of shares in a registered account of one Fund into shares in an identically registered account of another Fund in the same complex pursuant to exchange privileges of the two Funds, which exchange is requested through a Telefacsimile System.

- f. "Fax Purchase" means any purchase of shares issued by through a Telefacsimile System. an Investment Company which is requested

- g. "Designated Fax Procedures" means the following procedures:

- (1) Retention: All Telefacsimile Transaction requests shall be retained for at least six (6) months. Requests shall be capable of being retrieved and produced in legible form within a reasonable time after retrieval is requested.

- (2) Identity Test: The identity of the sender in any request for a Telefacsimile Transaction shall be tested before executing that

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Telefacsimile Transaction, either by requiring the sender to include on the face of the request a unique identification number or to include key specific account information. Requests of Dealers must be on company letterhead and be signed by an authorized representative. Transactions by occasional users are to be verified by telephone confirmation.

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(3) Contents: A Telefacsimile Transaction shall not be executed unless the request for such Telefacsimile Transaction is dated and purports to have been signed by (a) any shareholder or subscriber to shares issued by a Fund, or (b) any financial or banking institution or stockbroker.

(4) Written Confirmation: A written confirmation of each Telefacsimile Transaction shall be sent to the shareholder(s) to whose account such Telefacsimile Transaction relates, at the record address, by the end of the Insured's next regular processing cycle, but no later than five (5) business days following such Telefacsimile Transaction.

i. "Designated" means or refers to a written designation signed by a shareholder of record of a Fund, either in such shareholder's initial application for the purchase of Fund shares, with or without a Signature Guarantee, or in another document with a Signature Guarantee.

j. "Signature Guarantee" means a written guarantee of a signature, which guarantee is made by an Eligible Guarantor Institution as defined in Rule 17Ad-15(a)(2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

3. Exclusions. It is further understood and agreed that this Insuring Agreement shall not cover:

a. Any loss covered under Insuring Agreement A, "Fidelity," of this Bond; and

b. Any loss resulting from:

(1) Any Fax Redemption, where the proceeds of such redemption were requested to be paid or made payable to other than (a) the shareholder of record, or (b) a person Designated in the initial application or in writing at least one (1) day prior to such redemption to receive redemption proceeds, or (c) a bank account Designated in the initial application or in writing at least one (1) day prior to such redemption to receive redemption proceeds; or

(2) Any Fax Redemption of Fund shares which had been improperly credited to a shareholder's account, where such shareholder (a) did not cause, directly or indirectly, such shares to be credited to such account, and (b) directly or indirectly received any proceeds or other benefit from such redemption; or

(3) Any Fax Redemption from any account, where the proceeds of such redemption were requested to be sent to any address other than the record address or another address for such account which was designated (a) over the telephone or by telefacsimile at least fifteen (15) days prior to such redemption, or (b) in the initial application or in writing at least one (1) day prior to such redemption; or

(4) The intentional failure to adhere to one or more Designated Fax Procedures; or

(5) The failure to pay for shares attempted to be purchased.

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4. The Single Loss Limit of Liability under Insuring Agreement N is limited to the sum of Twenty Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000 ) it being understood, however, that such liability shall be part of and not in addition to the Limit of Liability stated in Item 3 of the Declarations of the attached Bond or amendments thereof.

5. With respect to coverage afforded under this Rider the applicable Single loss Deductible Amount is Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000 ).

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Voice Initiated Transactions

It is agreed that:

1. The attached bond is amended by inserting an additional Insuring Agreement as follows:

INSURING AGREEMENT L - VOICE-INITIATED TRANSACTIONS

Loss caused by a Voice-initiated Transaction, where the request for such Voice-initiated Transaction is unauthorized or fraudulent and is made with the manifest intent to deceive; provided, that the entity which receives such request generally maintains and follows during the Bond Period all Designated Procedures with respect to Voice-initiated Redemptions and the Designated Procedures described in paragraph 2f (1) and (3) of this Rider with respect to all other Voice-initiated Transactions. The isolated failure of such entity to maintain and follow a particular Designated Procedure in a particular instance will not preclude coverage under this Insuring Agreement, subject to the specific exclusions herein and in the Bond.

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2. Definitions. The following terms used in this Insuring Agreement shall have the following meanings:
- a. "Voice-initiated Transaction" means any Voice-initiated Redemption, Voice-initiated Election, Voice-initiated Exchange, or Voice-initiated Purchase.
  - b. "Voice-initiated Redemption" means any redemption of shares issued by an Investment Company which is requested by voice over the telephone.
  - c. "Voice-initiated Election" means any election concerning dividend options available to Fund shareholders which is requested by voice over the telephone.
  - d. "Voice-initiated Exchange" means any exchange of shares in a registered account of one Fund into shares in an identically registered account of another Fund in the same complex pursuant to exchange privileges of the two Funds, which exchange is requested by voice over the telephone.
  - e. "Voice-initiated Purchase" means any purchase of shares issued by an Investment Company which is requested by voice over the telephone.
  - f. "Designated Procedures" means the following procedures:
    - (1) Recordings: All Voice-initiated Transaction requests shall be recorded, and the recordings shall be retained for at least six (6) months. Information contained on the recordings shall be capable of being retrieved and produced within a reasonable time after retrieval of specific information is requested, at a success rate of no less than 85%.
    - (2) Identity Test: The identity of the caller in any request for a Voice-initiated Redemption shall be tested before executing that Voice-initiated Redemption, either by requesting the caller to state a unique identification number or to furnish key specific account information.
    - (3) Written Confirmation: A written confirmation of each Voice-initiated Transaction and of each change of the record address of a Fund shareholder requested by voice over the telephone shall be mailed to the shareholder(s) to whose account such Voice-initiated Transaction or change of address relates, at the original record address (and, in the case of such change of address, at the changed record address) by the end of the Insured's next regular processing cycle, but no later than five (5) business days following such Voice-initiated Transaction or change of address.
  - g. "Investment Company" or "Fund" means an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
  - h. "Officially Designated" means or refers to a written designation signed by a shareholder of record of a Fund, either in such shareholder's initial application for the purchase of Fund shares, with or without a Signature Guarantee, or in another document with a Signature Guarantee.
  - i. "Signature Guarantee" means a written guarantee of a signature, which guarantee is made by a financial or banking institution whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by a broker which is a member of any national securities exchange registered under the



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Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

3. Exclusions. It is further understood and agreed that this Insuring Agreement shall not cover:

a. Any loss covered under Insuring Agreement A, "Fidelity, " of this Bond; and

b. Any loss resulting from:

(1) Any Voice-initiated Redemption, where the proceeds of such redemption were requested to be paid or made payable to other than (a) the shareholder of record, or (b) a person Officially Designated to receive redemption proceeds, or (c) a bank account Officially Designated to receive redemption proceeds; or

(2) Any Voice-initiated Redemption of Fund shares which had been improperly credited to a shareholder's account, where such shareholder (a) did not cause, directly or indirectly, such shares to be credited to such account, and (b) directly or indirectly received any proceeds or other benefit from such redemption; or

(3) Any Voice-initiated Redemption from any account, where the proceeds of such redemption were requested to be sent (a) to any address other than the record address for such account, or (b) to a record address for such account which was either (i) designated over the telephone fewer than thirty (30) days prior to such redemption, or (ii) designated in writing less than on (1) day prior to such redemption; or

(4) The intentional failure to adhere to one or more Designated Procedures; or

(5) The failure to pay for shares attempted to be purchased; or

(6) Any Voice-initiated Transaction requested by voice over the telephone and received by an automated system which receives and converts such request to executable instructions.

4. The total liability of the Underwriter under Insuring Agreement L is limited to the sum of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000 ), it being understood, however, that such liability shall be part of and not in addition to the Limit of Liability stated in Item 3 of the Declarations of the attached bond or amendment thereof.

5. With respect to coverage afforded under this Rider the applicable Deductible Amount is Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000 ).

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive, or extend any of the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of the above mentioned Bond or Policy, other than as above stated.

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Amend Definition of Employee  
(Exclude EDP Coverage for Computer Software or Programs)

It is agreed that:

1. Sub-section 7 of Section 1(a) in the Definition of Employee, is deleted and replaced by the following:

(7) "each natural person, partnership or corporation authorized by written agreement with the Insured to perform services as electronic data processor of checks or other accounting records of the Insured (does not include the creating, preparing, modifying or maintaining the Insured's computer software or programs), but excluding any such processor who acts as transfer agent or in any other agency capacity in issuing checks, drafts or securities for the Insured, unless included under sub-section (9) hereof, and"

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Definition of Investment Company

It is agreed that:

1. Section 1, Definitions, under General Agreements is amended to include the following paragraph:

(f) Investment Company means an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and as listed under the names of Insureds on the Declarations.

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Amend Section 13. - Termination as to any Employee

It is agreed that:

1. Sub-sections (b) of Section 13. TERMINATION under CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS, is deleted in its entirety, and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

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Upon the detection by any Insured that such Employee has committed any dishonest or fraudulent act(s) or theft, the Insured shall immediately remove such Employee from a position that may enable such Employee to cause the Insured to suffer a loss by any subsequent dishonest or fraudulent act(s) or theft. The Insured, within forty-eight (48) hours of such detection, shall notify the Underwriter with full and complete particulars of the detected dishonest or fraudulent act(s) or theft, or

For purposes of this section, detection occurs when any partner, officer, or supervisory Employee of any Insured, who is not in collusion with such (detected) Employee, becomes aware that the (detected) Employee has committed any dishonest or fraudulent act(s) or theft.

This Bond shall terminate as to any Employee by written notice to each Insured and to the Securities and Exchange Commission from the Underwriter of not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of termination specified in such notice.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive, or extend any of the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of the above mentioned Bond or Policy, other than as above stated.

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Automated Phone Systems

1. The attached Bond is amended by adding an additional Insuring Agreement as follows:

INSURING AGREEMENT M - AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEMS ("APS")

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Loss caused by an APS Transaction, where the request for such APS Transaction is unauthorized or fraudulent and is made with the manifest intent to deceive; provided, that the entity which receives such request generally maintains and follows during the Bond Period all APS Designated Procedures with respect to APS Transactions. The isolated failure of such entity to maintain and follow a particular APS Designated Procedure in a particular instance will not preclude coverage under this Insuring Agreement, subject to the exclusions herein and in the Bond.

2. Definitions. The following terms used in this Insuring Agreement shall have the following meanings:

- a. "Automated Phone Systems" or "APS" means an automated system which receives and converts to executable instructions (1) transmissions by voice over the telephone, or (2) transmissions over the telephone through use of a touch-tone keypad or other tone system; and always excluding transmissions from a Computer System or part thereof.
- b. "APS Transaction" means any APS Redemption, APS Election, APS Exchange, or PAS Purchase.
- c. "APS Redemption" means any redemption of shares issued by an Investment Company which is requested through an Automated Phone System.
- d. "APS Election" means any election concerning dividend options available to Fund shareholders which is requested through an Automated Phone System.
- e. "APS Exchange" means any exchange of shares in a registered account of one Fund into shares in an identically registered account of another Fund in the same complex pursuant to exchange privileges of the two Funds, which exchange is requested through an Automated Phone System.
- f. "APS Purchase" means any purchase of shares issued by an Investment Company which is requested through an Automated Phone System.
- g. "APS Designated Procedures" means the following procedures:
  - (1)Logging: All APS Transaction requests shall be logged or otherwise recorded, so as to preserve all of the information necessary to effect the requested APS Transaction transmitted in the course of such a request, and the records shall be retained for at least six months. Information contained in the records shall be capable of being retrieved and produced within a reasonable time after retrieval of specific information is requested, at a success rate of no less than 85 percent.
  - (2)Identity Test: The identity of the caller in any request for an APS Transaction shall be tested before executing that APS Transaction, by requiring the entry by the caller of an identification number consisting of at least four characters.
  - (3)Contemporaneous Confirmation: All information in each request for an APS Transaction which is necessary to effect such APS Transaction shall be contemporaneously repeated to the caller, and no such APS Transaction shall be executed unless the caller has confirmed the accuracy of such information.

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- (4)Written Confirmation: A written confirmation of each APS Transaction shall be sent to the shareholder(s) to whose account such APS

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Transaction relates, at the record address, by the end of the Insured's next regular processing cycle, but not later than five (5) business days following such APS Transaction.

(5) Access to APS Equipment: Physical access to APS equipment shall be limited to duly authorized personnel.

- h. "Investment Company" or "Fund" means a investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
  - i. "Officially Designated" means or refers to a written designation signed by a shareholder of record of a Fund, either in such shareholder's initial application for the purchase of Fund shares, with or without a Signature Guarantee, or in another document with a Signature Guarantee.
  - j. "Signature Guarantee" means a written guarantee of a signature, which guarantee is made by a financial or banking institution whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by a broker which is a member of any national securities exchange registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
3. Exclusion: It is further understood and agreed that this Insuring Agreement shall not cover:
- a. Any loss covered under Insuring Agreement A, "Fidelity", of this Bond: and
  - b. Any loss resulting from:
    - (1) Any APS Redemption, where the proceeds of such redemption were requested to be paid or made payable to other than (a) the shareholder of record, or (b) a person officially Designated to receive redemption proceeds, or (c) a bank account Officially Designated to receive redemption proceeds; or
    - (2) Any APS Redemption of Fund shares which had been improperly credited to a shareholder's account, where such shareholder (a) did not cause, directly or indirectly, such shares to be credited to such account, and (b) directly or indirectly received any proceeds or other benefit from such redemption; or
    - (3) Any APS Redemption from any account, where the proceeds of such redemption were requested to be sent (a) to any address other than the record address for such account, or (b) to a record address for such account which was either (i) designated over the telephone fewer than thirty (30) days prior to such redemption, or (ii) designated in writing less than one (1) day prior to such redemption; or
    - (4) The failure to pay for shares attempted to be purchased, or
    - (5) The intentional failure to adhere to one or more APS Designated Procedures.
4. The total liability of the Underwriter under Insuring Agreement M is limited to the sum of TwentyFive Million Dollars (\$25,000,000 ), it being understood, however, that such liability shall be part of and not in addition to the Limit of Liability stated in Item 3 of the Declarations of the attached bond or amendments thereof.
5. With respect to coverage afforded under this Rider, the applicable Deductible Amount is Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000 ).

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Amend Definition of Employee (Include Contractors)

It is agreed that:

1. Section 1(a) EMPLOYEES, under Definitions -CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS, is amended to include the following sub-section;

[X] A person provided by an employment contractor to perform duties for the Insured under the Insured's supervision at any of the Insured's offices or premises covered hereunder.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive, or extend any of the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of the above mentioned Bond or Policy, other than as above stated.

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ENDORSEMENT OR RIDER NO.  
THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

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469PB0607	09/13/05	07/15/05

\* ISSUED TO  
JOHN HANCOCK CAPITAL SERIES, INC.

Add Exclusions (n) & (o)

It is agreed that:

1. Section 2, Exclusions, under General Agreements, is amended to include the following sub-sections:

(n) loss from the use of credit, debit, charge, access, convenience, identification, cash management or other cards, whether such cards were issued or purport to have been issued by the Insured or by anyone else, unless such loss is otherwise covered under Insuring Agreement A.

(o) the underwriter shall not be liable under the attached bond for loss due to liability imposed upon the Insured as a result of the unlawful disclosure of non-public material information by the Insured or any Employee, or as a result of any Employee acting upon such information, whether authorized or unauthorized.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive, or extend any of the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of the above mentioned Bond or Policy, other than as above stated.

By

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Joint Loss Payee

It is agreed that:

1. At the written request of the named Insured, any payment in satisfaction of loss covered by said Bond involving money or other Property in which the has an interest shall be paid by an instrument issued to that entity and the Named Insured as Joint Loss-Payees, subject to the following conditions and limitations:
  - a. The attached Bond is for the sole use and benefit of the Named Insured as expressed herein. The entity named above shall not be considered as an Insured under the Bond, nor shall it otherwise have any rights or benefits under said Bond.
  - b. Notwithstanding any payment made under the terms of this Rider or the execution of more than one of such similar rider, the amount paid for any one loss occurrence or otherwise in accordance with the terms of this Bond shall not exceed the limits of liability as set forth in Item 3 of the Declarations Page.
2. Should this Bond be canceled, reduced, non-renewed or restrictively modified by the Underwriter or at the request of the Insured, the Underwriter will give sixty (60) days written advance notice by certified mail, return receipt requested to the entity named above, but failure to do so shall not impair or delay the effectiveness of any such cancellation, reduction, non-renewal or restrictive modification, nor shall the Underwriter be held liable in any way.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive, or extend any of the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of the above mentioned Bond or Policy, other than as above stated.

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AUTOMATIC COVERAGE FOR NEW INVESTMENT COMPANIES/INCREASE IN LIMITS  
MEL2684 - Ed. 3/05 - For use with ICB005 - Ed. 7/04

It is agreed that:

1. General Agreement A., Additional Offices or Employees -Consolidation or Merger -Notice, is amended to include the following paragraph:

(3)If the Insured shall, while this bond is in force, establish any new Investment Companies other than by consolidation or merger with, or purchase or acquisition of assets or liabilities of, another institution, such Investment Companies shall automatically be covered hereunder from the date of such establishment without the payment of additional premium for the remainder of such premium period.

2. Section 10., Limit of Liability, is amended to include the following paragraph:

If the Insured shall, while this bond is in force, require an increase in limits to comply with SEC Reg. 17g-1, due to an increase in asset size of current Investment Companies insured under the bond or the addition of new Investment Companies, such increase in limits shall automatically be covered hereunder from the date of such increase without the payment of additional premium for the remainder of the premium period.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive, or extend any of the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of the above mentioned Bond or Policy, other than as above stated.

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Authorized Representative

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SPECIFIED IN THE BOND OR POLICY  
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JOHN HANCOCK CAPITAL SERIES, INC.  
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AMEND DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEE  
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It is agreed that:

1. The following is added to Definition (a), Employee, of Section 1. -  
DEFINITIONS, of the CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS:  
to include employees of Affiliated Sub-Adviser Independence Advisors, LLC  
only while acting on behalf of Investment Company

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive, or extend any of  
the terms, conditions, provisions, agreements or limitations of the above  
mentioned Bond or Policy, other than as above stated.

By

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INSURED  
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ICI MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

P.O. Box 730  
Burlington, Vermont 05402-0730

INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND  
(EXCESS)

ICI MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY  
 P.O. Box 730  
 Burlington, Vermont 05402-0730

DECLARATIONS

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 Item 1. Name of Insured (the "Insured") Bond Number  
 John Hancock Capital Series 87142105B  
 Principal Address: 601 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210-2805

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 Item 2. Bond Period: from 12:01 a.m. on July 15, 2005 to 12:01 a.m. on July 15, 2006, or until the termination of this Bond, standard time at the Principal Address as to each of said

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 Item 3. Limit of Liability--

	LIMIT OF LIABILITY	DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT
Insuring Agreement A--FIDELITY	\$20,000,000	\$25,000
Insuring Agreement C--PREMISES	\$20,000,000	\$25,000
Insuring Agreement D--TRANSIT	\$20,000,000	\$25,000
Insuring Agreement E--FORGERY OR ALTERATION	\$20,000,000	\$25,000
Insuring Agreement F--SECURITIES	\$20,000,000	\$25,000
Insuring Agreement G--COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY	\$20,000,000	\$25,000
Insuring Agreement K--COMPUTER SYSTEMS	\$20,000,000	\$25,000
Insuring Agreement L--VOICE-INITIATED TRANSACTIONS	\$20,000,000	\$25,000
Insuring Agreement M--AUTOMATIC PHONE SYSTEMS	\$20,000,000	\$25,000

(1) Plus the applicable deductible of the Primary Bond

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 Item 4. PRIMARY BOND--St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company Blanket Bond No. 469PB0607

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 Item 5. The liability of ICI Mutual Insurance Company (the "Underwriter") is subject to the attached hereto:

Riders: 1

and of all Riders applicable to this Bond issued during the Bond Period.

By: /S/ Maggie Sullivan  
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 Authorized Representative

ICI Mutual Insurance Company ("Underwriter"), in consideration of the required premium, and in reliance on the application and all other information furnished to the Underwriter by the Insured, and subject to and in accordance with the Declarations, General Agreements, Provisions, Conditions and Limitations of this bond, agrees to indemnify the Insured for loss, discovered during the Bond

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Period, which would otherwise have been paid under the Primary Bond but for the fact that the loss exceeds the limit of liability of such Primary Bond. Coverage under this bond shall follow the terms and conditions of the Primary Bond, except with respect to:

- a. Any coverage exceptions specified by riders attached to this bond;
- b. The deductible amounts and limits of liability as stated in ITEM 3. of the Declarations and;
- c. The General Agreements, Provisions, Conditions and Limitations set forth herein.

### GENERAL AGREEMENTS

#### A. CHANGE OR MODIFICATION OF PRIMARY BOND

If after the inception date of this bond the Primary Bond is changed or modified, written notice of any such change or modification shall be given to the Underwriter as soon as practicable, not to exceed thirty (30) days after such change or modification, together with such information as the Underwriter may request. There shall be no coverage under this bond for any loss arising from or in any way related to such change or modification until such time as the Underwriter is advised of and specifically agrees by written endorsement to provide coverage for such change or modification.

#### B. LOSS--NOTICE--PROOF--LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

This Bond is for the use and benefit only of the Insured and the Underwriter shall not be liable hereunder for loss sustained by anyone other than the Insured (except that if the Insured includes such other loss in the Insured's proof of loss, the Underwriter shall consider its liability therefor.) As soon as practicable and not more than sixty (60) days after discovery of any loss covered hereunder, the Insured shall give the Underwriter written notice thereof and, as soon as practicable and within one year after such discovery, shall also furnish to the Underwriter affirmative proof of loss with full particulars. The Underwriter may extend the sixty day notice period or the one year proof of loss period if the Insured requests an extension and shows good cause therefor.

The Underwriter shall not be liable hereunder for loss of Securities unless each of the Securities is identified in such proof of loss by a certificate or bond number or by such identification means as the Underwriter may require. The Underwriter shall have a reasonable period after receipt of a proper affirmative proof of loss within which to investigate the claim, but where the loss is of Securities and is clear and undisputed, settlement shall be made within forty-eight (48) hours even if the loss involves Securities of which duplicates may be obtained.

The Insured shall not bring legal proceedings against the Underwriter to recover any loss hereunder prior to sixty (60) days after filing such proof of loss or subsequent to twenty-four (24) months after the discovery of such loss or, in the case of a legal proceeding to recover hereunder on account of any judgment against the Insured in or settlement of any suit or to recover court costs or attorneys' fees paid in any such suit, twenty-four (24) months after the date of the final judgment in or settlement of such suit. If any limitation in this bond is prohibited by any applicable law, such limitation shall be deemed to be amended to be equal to the minimum period of limitation permitted by such law.

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Notice hereunder shall be given to Manager, Professional Liability Claims, ICI Mutual Insurance Company, P.O. Box 730, Burlington, Vermont 05402-0730.

### PROVISIONS, CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

#### SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

- a. Deductible Amount means the amount stated in ITEM 3. of the Declarations, applicable to each Single Loss. In no event shall this Deductible Amount be reduced for any reason, including but not limited to, the non-existence, invalidity, insufficiency or uncollectibility of any Underlying Bond(s), including the insolvency or dissolution of any Insurer providing coverage under any Underlying Bond(s).
- b. Primary Bond means the bond scheduled in ITEM 5. of the Declarations or any bond that may replace or substitute for such bond.
- c. Single Loss means:
  - (1) all loss resulting from any one actual or attempted theft committed by one person, or
  - (2) all loss caused by any one act (other than a theft or a dishonest or fraudulent act) committed by one person, or
  - (3) all loss caused by dishonest or fraudulent acts committed by one person, or
  - (4) all expenses incurred with respect to any one audit or examination, or
  - (5) all loss caused by any one occurrence or event other than those specified in subsections (1) through (4) above.
- d. Underlying Bond means the Primary Bond and all other insurance coverage referred to in ITEM 4. Of the Declarations.

#### SECTION 2. SINGLE LOSS LIMIT OF LIABILITY

The Underwriter's liability for each Single Loss shall not exceed the Limit of Liability as stated in ITEM 3. of the Declarations.

#### SECTION 3. DISCOVERY

For all purposes under this bond, a loss is discovered, and discovery of a loss occurs, when the Insured

- (1) becomes aware of facts, or
- (2) receives notice of an actual or potential claim by a third party which alleges that the Insured is liable under circumstances, which would cause a reasonable person to assume that loss covered by this bond has been or is likely to be incurred even though the exact amount or details of loss may not be known.

#### SECTION 4. ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS

Upon payment to the Insured hereunder for any loss, the Underwriter shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the Insured's rights and claims in connection with such loss; provided, however, that the Underwriter shall not be subrogated to any such rights or claims one named Insured under this bond may have against another named Insured under this bond. At the request of the Underwriter, the Insured shall execute all assignments or other documents and take such action as the Underwriter may deem necessary or

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desirable to secure and perfect such rights and claims, including the execution of documents necessary to enable the Underwriter to bring suit in the name of the Insured.

Assignment of any rights or claims under this bond shall not bind the Underwriter without the Underwriter's written consent.

### SECTION 5. COOPERATION OF INSURED

At the Underwriter's request and at reasonable times and places designated by the Underwriter the Insured shall:

- a. submit to examination by the Underwriter and subscribe to the same under oath, and
- b. produce for the Underwriter's examination all pertinent records, and
- c. cooperate with the Underwriter in all matters pertaining to the loss.

The Insured shall execute all papers and render assistance to secure for the Underwriter the rights and causes of action provided for under this bond. The Insured shall do nothing after loss to prejudice such rights or causes of action.

### SECTION 6. TERMINATION

The Underwriter may terminate this bond as to any Insured or all Insureds only by written notice to such Insured or Insureds and, if this bond is terminated as to any investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to each such investment company terminated thereby and to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., in all cases not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of termination specified in such notice.

The Insured may terminate this bond only by written notice to the Underwriter not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of the termination specified in such notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when the Insured terminates this bond as to any investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, the effective date of termination shall be not less than sixty (60) days from the date the Underwriter provides written

notice of the termination to each such investment company terminated thereby and to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C.

This bond will terminate as to any Insured entity that is not an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 immediately and without notice upon (1) the takeover of such Insured's business by any State or Federal official or agency, or by any receiver or liquidator, or (2) the filing of a petition under any State or Federal statute relative to bankruptcy or reorganization of the Insured, or assignment for the benefit of creditors of the Insured.

Premiums are earned until the effective date of termination. The Underwriter shall refund the unearned premium computed at short rates in accordance with the Underwriter's standard short rate cancellation tables if this bond is terminated by the Insured or pro rata if this bond is terminated by the Underwriter.

Upon the detection by any Insured that an employee (as defined in the Primary Bond) has committed any dishonest or fraudulent act(s) or theft, the Insured

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shall immediately remove such employee from a position that may enable such employee to cause the Insured to suffer a loss by any subsequent dishonest or fraudulent act(s) or theft. The Insured, within two (2) business days of such detection, shall notify the Underwriter with full and complete particulars of the detected dishonest or fraudulent act(s) or theft.

For purposes of this section, detection occurs when any partner, officer, or supervisory employee of any Insured, who is not in collusion with such employee, becomes aware that the employee has committed any dishonest or fraudulent act(s) or theft.

This bond shall terminate as to any employee (as defined in the Primary Bond) by written notice from the Underwriter to each Insured and, if such employee is an employee of an Insured investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to the Securities and Exchange Commission, in all cases not less than sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of termination specified in such notice.

### SECTION 7. CONFORMITY

If any limitation within this bond is prohibited by any law controlling this bond's construction, such limitation shall be deemed to be amended so as to equal the minimum period of limitation provided by such law.

### SECTION 8. CHANGE OR MODIFICATION

This bond may only be modified by written Rider forming a part hereof over the signature of the Underwriter's authorized representative. Any Rider which modifies the coverage provided by Insuring Agreement A, Fidelity (or the equivalent insuring agreement) of the Primary Bond in a manner which adversely affects the rights of an Insured investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 shall not become effective until at least sixty (60) days after the Underwriter has given written notice thereof to the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., and to each Insured investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 affected thereby.

### SECTION 9. DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT; LIMIT OF LIABILITY

The Underwriter shall not be liable under any Insuring Agreement unless the amount of the loss covered thereunder, after deducting the net amount of all reimbursement and/or recovery received by the Insured with respect to such loss (other than from the Primary Bond or from any other bond, suretyship or insurance policy), shall exceed the applicable Deductible Amount; in such case the Underwriter shall be liable only for such excess, subject to the applicable Limit of Liability and other agreements, provisions, conditions and limitations of this bond.

The maximum liability of the Underwriter for any Single Loss covered by any Insuring Agreement under this bond shall be the Limit of Liability applicable to such Insuring Agreement, subject to the applicable Deductible Amount and the other agreements, provisions, conditions and limitations of this bond.

ICI MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

INVESTMENT COMPANY BLANKET BOND



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(EXCESS BOND)

RIDER NO. 1

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INSURED                                                    BOND NUMBER
John Hancock Capital Series                               87142105B
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EFFECTIVE DATE          BOND PERIOD          AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
July 15, 2005           July 15, 2005 to July 15, 2006  /S/ Maggie Sullivan
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Most property and casualty insurers, including ICI Mutual Insurance Company ("ICI Mutual"), are subject to the requirements of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 (the "Act"). The Act establishes a Federal insurance backstop under which ICI Mutual and these other insurers will be partially reimbursed for future "insured losses" resulting from certified "acts of terrorism." (Each of these bolded terms is defined by the Act.) The Act also places certain disclosure and other obligations on ICI Mutual and these other insurers.

Pursuant to the Act, any future losses to ICI Mutual caused by certified "acts of terrorism" will be partially reimbursed by the United States government under a formula established by the Act. Under this formula, the United States government will reimburse ICI Mutual for 90% of ICI Mutual's "insured losses" in excess of a statutorily established deductible until total insured losses of all participating insurers reach \$100 billion. If total "insured losses" of all property and casualty insurers reach \$100 billion during any applicable period, the Act provides that the insurers will not be liable under their policies for their portions of such losses that exceed such amount. Amounts otherwise payable under this bond may be reduced as a result.

Coverage under this bond remains subject to all applicable terms, conditions and limitations of the bond (including exclusions) that are permissible under the Act. The portion of the premium that is attributable to any coverage potentially available under the bond for "acts of terrorism" is one percent (1%).

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONAL BOND  
Standard Form No. 25, Revised to October, 1987

Bond No. 8152 00 12 H

CHUBB INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA  
(Herein called Underwriter)

DECLARATIONS

ITEM 1. Name of Insured (herein called Insured):  
Manulife Financial Corporation  
(As Per Rider Attached)

Principal Address:  
200 Bloor Street East,  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4W IE5

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Item 2. Bond Period: from 12:01 a.m. on March 31, 2005 to 12:01 a.m. on March 31, 2006 stan  
(MONTH, DAY, YEAR) (MONTH, D

Item 3. The Aggregate Liability of the Underwriter during the Bond Period shall be \$50,000,

Item 4. Subject to Sections 4 and 11 hereof,  
The Single Loss Limit of Liability is \$25,000,000.US  
And the Single Loss Deductible is \$ 5,000,000.US

Provided, however, that if any amounts are inserted below opposite specified Insuri  
Coverage, those amounts shall be controlling. Any amount set forth below shall be p  
in addition to amounts set forth above. (If an Insuring Agreement or Coverage is to  
insert "Not Covered.")

Amount applicable to:

	Single Loss Limit of Liability
Insuring Agreement (D) - Forgery or Alteration	\$25,000,000. US
Insuring Agreement (E) - Securities	\$25,000,000. US
Optional Insuring Agreements and Coverages:	
Insuring Agreement (F) - Counterfeit Currency	\$25,000,000. US
Insuring Agreement (G) - Redemption of Canada Savings Bonds	\$25,000,000. US
Insuring Agreement (H) - Fraudulent Mortgages	\$25,000,000. US
Insuring Agreement (I) - Unauthorized Signatures	\$100,000. US
Insuring Agreement (J) - Telephone Toll Call Fraud	\$100,000. US
Trading Loss Coverage	\$25,000,000. US
Agent Insuring Agreement	\$10,000,000. US
Fidelity Claims Expense	\$100,000. US
Stop Payment Order Liability	\$100,000. US
Audit Expense	\$100,000. US

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If "Not Covered" is inserted above opposite any specified Insuring Agreement or Cov  
Insuring Agreement or Coverage and any other reference thereto in this bond shall b  
deleted therefrom.

Item 5. The liability of the Underwriter is subject to the terms of the following riders at  
Rider No's. 1 - 32

Item 6. Insured's Offices Covered - All offices in the United States of America and Canada  
offices listed below: All offices anywhere in the world

Item 7. The Insured by the acceptance of this bond gives notice to the Underwriter terminat  
prior bond(s) or policy(ies) No.(s). 81520012G  
Such termination or cancellation to be effective as of the time this bond becomes e

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CHUBB INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA has caused this policy to  
be signed by its authorized officer, but this policy shall not be valid unless

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signed by a duly authorized Representative of the Company.

/s/ Ellen J. Moore

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President

CHAIRMAN

Toronto, Ontario June 9, 2005

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Issued at Date

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CHUBB INSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

ONE FINANCIAL PLACE, 1 ADELAIDE ST. E., TORONTO, ONT. M5C 2V9 Telephone (416) 863  
Facsimile (416) 863

THIS CERTIFIES THAT pending issuance of a Bond in the form described below, the Chubb Insurance Company Of Canada, hereinafter called the Company, is binding coverage described as follows:

- 1. Named of Insured: Manulife Financial Corporation And Manulife Securities International Limited  
Address: 200 Bloor Street East  
Toronto, Ontario M4W1E5
- 2. Producer: March Canada Limited  
Attn: Michael Shore  
Address: 161 Bay Street, #1400  
Toronto, ON M5J 2S4
- 3. Bond Number: 81520012
- 4. Bond Type/Form No.: Financial Institution Bond Form 25 (Rev. 10-87)  
Form TSB 5174a
- 5. Bond Period: From: 12:01 a.m. on 03/31/2005  
To: 12:01 a.m. on 03/31/2006
- 6. Term of Binder: From: 12:01 a.m. on March 31, 2005  
To: 12:01 a.m. on Upon Issuance of the Policy
- 7. Aggregate Limit of Liability: \$US \$50,000,000
- 8. Single Loss Limit of Liability and Deductible Amounts: US \$25,000,000

Insuring Agreement                      Single Loss Limit of Liability      Deductible Amount

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A. Fidelity	\$ US 25,000,000	\$ US 5,000,000
B. On Premises	\$ US 25,000,000	\$ US 5,000,000
C. In Transit	\$ US 25,000,000	\$ US 5,000,000
D. Forgery or Alteration	\$ US 25,000,000	\$ US 5,000,000
E. Securities	\$ US 25,000,000	\$ US 5,000,000

9. Endorsement(s) effective at inception: As Per the Expiry FIB with the Exception of the Following:
1. Language for Expiring Endt. #12-ERISA still being determined;
  2. Expiring Endt. #10-Third Party Administrator is effective for 90 days. Prior to June 30/2005 we agree to reevaluate where Manulife is in the process of tying it's TPA's to contractual agreements.
- 10.Premium: \$US 600,000 (1 Year Prepaid Premium)
- 11.Commission Payable: 12.5%

This Binder includes coverage for the Expiring ECCP coverage as per the 2004/2005 policy term. The ECCP coverage has a separate limit of US \$25/\$50M aggregate.

The above Binder is expressly contingent upon receipt, review and acceptance of the subjectivity's listed below. The Company must receive all of the items identified below on or before the Binder Expiration Date shown above. If all of these items are not received and approved by the Company on or before this date, this Binder will automatically expire without further action or notice.

Fully completed and signed FIB and ECCP Applications (must be dated in March/2005 and received within 30 days of binding).

The foregoing Binder for coverage is subject to modification or withdrawal by the Company if, before the proposed inception date, any new, corrected or updated information becomes known which relates to any proposed Insured's claims history or risk exposure or which could otherwise change the underwriting evaluation of any proposed Insured and the Company, in its sole discretion, determines that the terms of this Binder are no longer appropriate.

It is expressly stipulated that except as otherwise provided herein, the coverage provided by this Binder is subject to all of the terms and conditions of the quotation letter of February 28/2005 and attachments thereto issued by the Company. A copy of this quotation letter, without the reference attachments, is attached to this Binder.

This Binder may be canceled at any time by the entity referred to in item 1 by giving written notice of cancellation to the Company. This Binder may be canceled at any time by the Company upon ten (10) days written notice of cancellation to the entity referred to in item 1 or its agent.

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This Binder shall terminate automatically upon the expiration date shown above, or upon issuance of the Bond, whichever occurs first. A short rate premium charge will be made for this Binder unless the Bond is issued by the Company and accepted by the entity referred to above. The Company reserves the right to modify the policies, terms and conditions upon underwriting review of any information received.

This binder does not apply to the extent that trade or economic sanctions or other laws or regulations prohibit us from offering or providing insurance. To the extent any such prohibitions apply, the binder is void ab initio.

By: Carol McLellan

Date: 03/30/2005

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Authorized Representative

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Attachment