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RE: CHANGES TO ELANY'S LIST OF E&S INSURERS

The following company has **voluntarily withdrawn** from the list of E&S Insurers:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Blackboard Specialty Insurance Company 120 Broadway, 17 th Floor New York, NY 10271	13551	May 4, 2020

Blackboard Specialty Insurance Company has voluntarily withdrawn its eligibility as an excess line insurer in New York effective May 4, 2020. ELANY will process endorsements on policies previously stamped. No new or renewal business will be processed with an effective date after May 5, 2020.

Unauthorized insurers on ELANY's List of E&S Insurers undergo a thorough financial analysis by ELANY. This analysis goes beyond verifying that the insurers meet the minimum standards of eligibility imposed by the Non-admitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010 ("NRRA"). In addition, ELANY gathers, reviews and/or verifies the following information, as referenced in Section 27.13 of Regulation 41:

- Annual financial statement;
- Report on examination;
- A certification from the insurer's domiciliary jurisdiction indicating which lines of business the insurer is authorized to write;
- Listed insurers substantially comply with the solvency requirements for NY authorized insurers;
- Listed insurers' surplus to policyholders is sufficient to support their writings, outstanding liabilities, financial needs and is at least \$47 million;
- Listed insurers' claims practices provide for fair and timely settlement with claimants; and
- Company management is trustworthy and competent

Excess line brokers are relieved from maintaining listed insurer financial records where such records are maintained by ELANY. While other insurers may meet the NRRA minimum requirements and are therefore eligible in New York, ELANY only lists insurers where sufficient information was provided to determine satisfactory financial stability, the proper mitigation of operating risk and ability to support current and future obligations.

Section 2118 of the Insurance Law and Regulation 41 provides that a licensed excess line broker is required to use due care in selecting an unauthorized insurer. For any unauthorized insurer not included on ELANY's List of E&S Insurers, the excess line broker themselves need to maintain all of the information referenced in Section 27.13 of Regulation 41.

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