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DIRECTOR

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Fran S. Marsala
Endurance Specialty Limited
4 Manhattanville Road
Purchase, NY 10577

Dear Ms. Marsala:

The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services recently received an application on behalf of Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd. requesting approval as a single assuming reinsurer maintaining a trust fund under Section 1103(2)(a)(i) of the Michigan Insurance Code ("the Code"). Section 1103 of the Code specifies the conditions, which must be met for a ceding insurer to be allowed credit for reinsurance. In determining if a ceding insurer is allowed credit for reinsurance, the statute provides that credit may be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer, which maintains a trust meeting certain conditions as specified in the statute.

The company filed information indicating that as of September 30, 2015, it met Michigan's requirements. As a result of our review of the information submitted, nothing came to our attention which would prohibit a ceding company from taking credit for reinsurance assumed by Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd., not to exceed the amount reported by Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd. It is the responsibility of the ceding insurer to confirm that Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd. continues to meet the requirements of the statute if the ceding insurer wishes to take credit in future periods for reinsurance ceded to Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd.

In order to continue its status as a single assuming reinsurer maintaining a trust fund under Section 1103(2)(a)(i) of the Code, the company must maintain compliance with all applicable statutes. Additionally, Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd. is required to report to the Director information substantially the same as that required to be reported by an authorized insurer pursuant to Section 438.

The information, which you provided will be kept on file at the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jennifer Schulze at (517) 284-8770.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Weaver
Senior Deputy Director
Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services