

SCR Digest 3

It is the practice of the SCR committee to issue from time to time a Digest of its decisions and views that are relevant to SCR's. This is the third.

1. The Committee at its meeting of the 6th March 2009, felt the qualifications of an SCR should be clarified and agreed to the following.

“The role of a Special Casualty Representative, (SCR), requires a wide knowledge and understanding of the business and practicalities of marine salvage. Any person seeking appointment as an SCR must therefore have experience of marine salvage operations. The position of the SCR in any Lloyd's Form service involves acting in the best interests of the casualty. The SCR should therefore be independent and not beholden to any of the contracting parties. The position requires such person to be trusted and to act with tact and integrity. No SCR should abuse his appointment to the Panel of SCR's by accepting employment which conflicts with his role as a potential SCR.

An SCR should not be in the full time employment of a Salvage Company, P&I Club, or Property Insurer, nor should an SCR act as an exclusive consultant for a Salvage Company, P&I Club or Property Insurer.

At the beginning of each calendar year all SCR's should confirm in writing to the Salvage Arbitration Branch of Lloyd's that they are not in the full time employment of any company or organisation that could become a party to a Lloyd's Form Salvage Agreement or the insurers of such parties.”

It follows from the above that an SCR's should resign from the panel if he accepts full time employment with a salvage company, P & I Club, or Property Insurer. A resignation does not prevent a subsequent application to rejoin the panel if circumstances change. Resignations for this or any other reason, should be in writing and addressed to the Chairman or the Secretary of the Committee who will ensure the list of panel members is corrected and that all other members of the committee are advised.

An SCR once appointed, will remain on the panel of SCR's until he either resigns or the committee as a whole decides he should be removed. In the latter event he will be notified in writing by either the Chairman or the Secretary of the committee.

2. Reasonable physical fitness is important if an SCR is to properly fulfil his role and some appointments can be strenuous. SCR's are requested to advise the Secretary if they feel physically unable, even temporarily, to undertake an appointment.

3. The schedule of equipment in Appendix A of SCOPIC is being reviewed with a view to simplifying or making it more user friendly. Any SCR with any particular comment on this is asked to advise John Noble who is to chair a subcommittee set up for this purpose. Other members are Richard Gregory and David Sterling for the International Group, and Gordon Amos and another to be nominated for the ISU.

4. The Secretary has asked all SCR's to complete a form setting out individual qualification and experience for inclusion on the Lloyd web site. So far there has been a very limited response. A copy of the form is attached and all are asked to complete and forward it to the Secretary as soon as possible. The purpose is to assist parties in selecting an appropriate SCR from the panel which will be beneficial to the SCR's, particularly if the system is extended to cover all salvage cases (see 5 below).

5. Finally SCR's should be aware that Lloyds have now agreed to extend the system of appointing the equivalent of an SCR's to all LOF cases. They will be known as a RISC (Respondents Independent Salvage Consultant) and are likely to be drawn from the same panel currently used for SCR's. The rules of engagement are likely to be much the same as for SCR's. Final detail has yet to be worked out and will probably take a few months. All will be advised at the appropriate time.

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Chairman of the SCR Committee

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