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**AIG UK cover highlights the reputational risks inherent in corporate manslaughter litigation**

Recent legal developments regarding workplace fatalities have led AIG UK to announce a new corporate manslaughter entity cover for its private company D&O clients.

The well-documented changes to the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 include the introduction of a new offence where companies can be prosecuted if there has been a gross failing in health and safety management throughout the organisation, with fatal consequences.

This significant change has prompted AIG UK to extend availability of cover of its PrivateEdge D&O product for privately-held companies with immediate effect. Cover now provides full policy limit defence costs and cover for loss in the event of a corporate manslaughter action. In addition, the policy includes sublimited cover for any public relations (PR) costs that a company incurs when protecting its reputation during such a prosecution.

Andre Basile, AIG UK's Head of Commercial Institutions, says: "Directors and officers should seriously consider the reputational, as well as the financial, risks associated with this new legislation. We recognise the considerable power of public opinion in corporate manslaughter matters, which is why we are now offering clients PR protection the moment a referral has been made to the Crown Prosecution Service."

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