

"Mind the Gap"

between the financial and insurance views



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# Complex values – shifting market for large infrastructure projects

## Factors influencing the market for large infrastructure projects

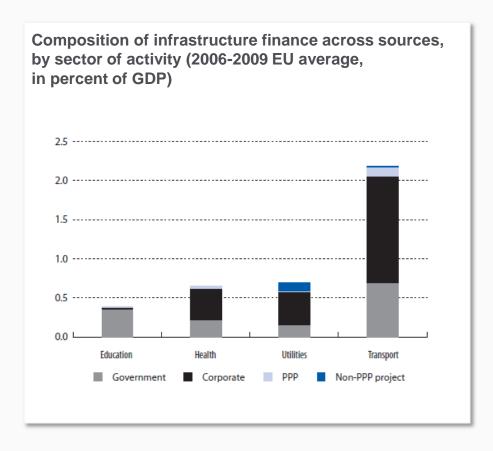
- Tightening public spending budget versus increasing demand for infrastructure, energy supply etc.
- Alternative funding: BOT/PPP/PFI
- About 80% of the projects funded by bank loans

### **Consequences for DSU**

- Increasing demand due to complex risk structure
- Steadily increasing DSU sums insured
- Unique risks, no standard solution available
- Financial figures only a prediction
- Lenders agreement different from insurance interest

## Complex values – shifting market for large infrastructure projects

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### Key drivers for purchasing DSU

- Shift from governmental funding to private financing schemes with different desire for securing the loans
- Collateralisation of loans often with project assets
- Loan repayment often funded solely from project earnings
- Higher turnover can also result in higher loss of profit
- Tight financial schedules with little or no buffer
- High complex project structure / leading edge technology
- Just in time supply chain no time buffer
- Lenders more insistent upon purchasing DSU

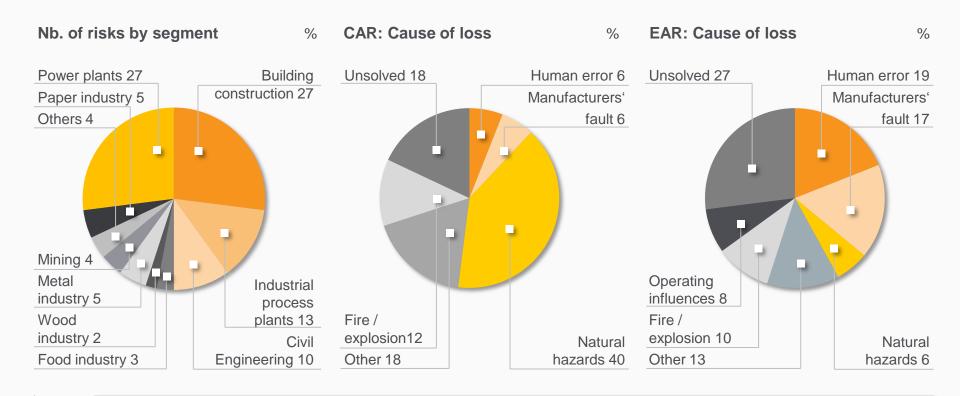
#### According to IMIA member statistics: all policies and losses up to 31st December 2008

Industry group	Number of risks	DSU sum insured	Number of claims	Loss amount 100% - ground up
Building construction	317	14,618,373,925	5	46,999,124
Industrial process plants	150	21,543,714,910	19	151,857,674
Civil engineering	119	9,633,554,742	14	53,799,694
Food industry	30	947,199,826	2	5,228,179
Wood industry	21	566,712,528	5	22,376,681
Metal industry	55	4,260,441,581	1	2,573,549
Mining	51	3,334,363,076	2	11,593,320
Other	48	2,314,149,428	2	6,010,540
Paper industry	62	2,310,888,421	2	10,250,734
Power plants	323	31,145,197,705	25	156,289,837
Totals	1,176	90,674,596,143	77	466,979,330

- The number of DSU covers doubled within the last 10 years (539 risks until 2000 to 1,176 risks cumulative by end 2008), also the sums insured rose significantly (average €61.8m in 2000 to an average of €77.1m in 2008).
- Generally, the frequency of DSU claims is increasing. About 6.5% of all DSU risks suffered a loss.
- The average DSU claim in 2008 was €6.1m and had almost doubled since 2000 (€3.4m)

## Changed DSU demands – cause of loss analysis over 28 years worldwide

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- Power plants and building construction risks with DSU cover represent more than 50% of all policies.
- While the cause of loss for CAR are often natural hazards (40%), the cause of loss for EAR is characterised by human error (19%) and manufacturers' faults (17%).

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## Expensive gap – different understandings of the insurance offering

Client	pers	pective

Increased demand

Lender vs.
Owner demand

Do clients know what they buy?

## Challenges within the product

Concession contracts

How good are the insurer's models?

Complex product

Clear policy language

Do buyer and seller use the same language?

Balance PD SI and DSU SI

Bespoke vs. standardised product

Insurable interest vs. entrepreneurial risk

### Insurer perspective

Do insurers know what they sell?

New business opportunity

How accurate can the DSU SI be predicted?

Mega Projects with DSU SI > USD 1.5 bn

Profitability

# Expensive gap – different understanding of the insurance offering

### **Client perspective**

**Insurer perspective** 

The client's wish...

There is a delay – please indemnify us!

No. Then we need an extension...

We have a PD loss – please indemnify us under the DSU section

Yes – please indemnify us!

Yes – but that shouldn't matter....

and what has been purchased...?

Is it caused by insured property damage?

... there is no automatic extension. Please provide additional information.

.... is the PD loss covered at all?

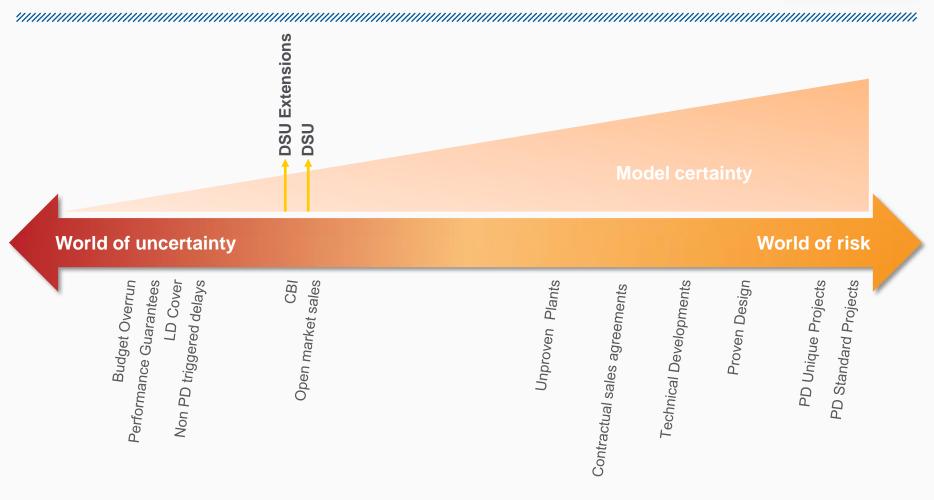
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Are other delays reducing the indemnifiable period?

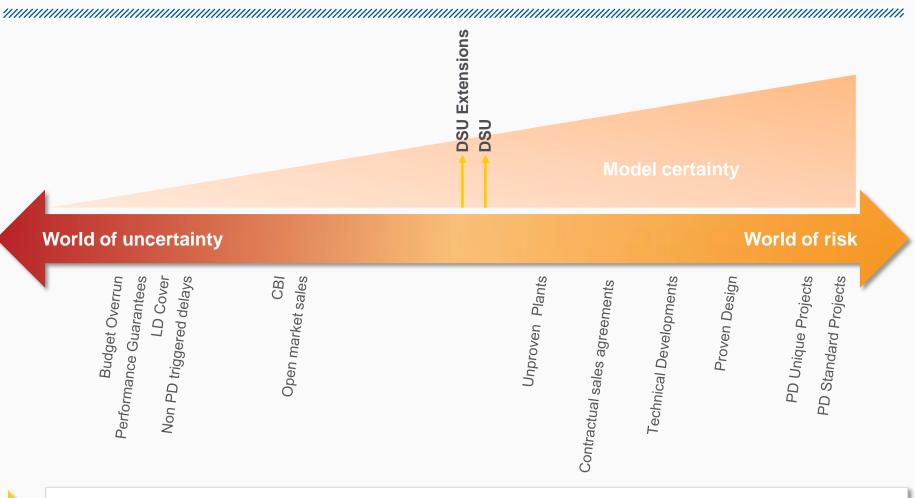
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By sharing information symmetrically greater transparency can be achieved resulting in improved insurability.

## More transparency – our target to overcome the present gap

If more elements exist in the world of risk, this will benefit:

- ✓ a professional approach to deal with the exposure
- √ adequacy of terms
- ✓ risk appetite of risk carriers for an individual risk
- ✓ availability for insurance solutions even after an adverse loss development

# What's next – work of the London Market Working Party

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- Is the intention of DSU amongst all parties understood?
- Do insurers have adequate transparency of the DSU sum insured?
- Possible and necessary steps forward



#### Who

- (Re)Insurers
- Brokers
- Forensic Accountant



### **Findings**

- Mismatch of expectations along the value chain
- Lack of transparency (pre- and post-underwriting)
- Lack of expertise



#### Results

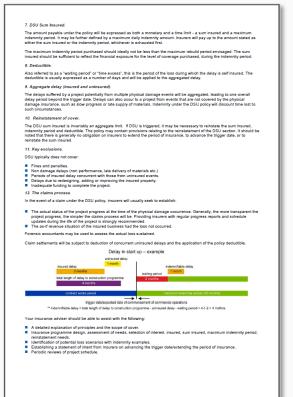
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- DSU worksheet, uniform split of value template
- Post underwriting progress monitoring
- Evaluation of extensions and reinstatements



Work to be continued by LEG

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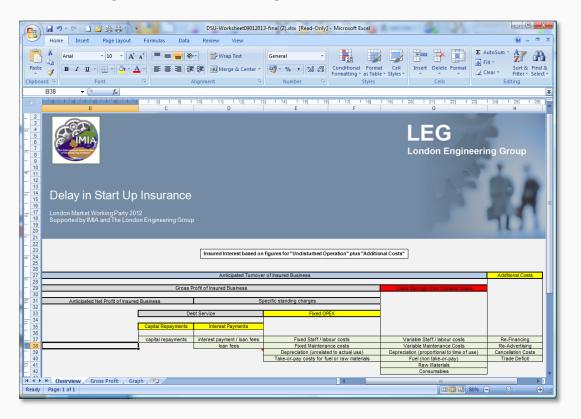






By explaining the intention of the cover, close the gap between differing expectations.

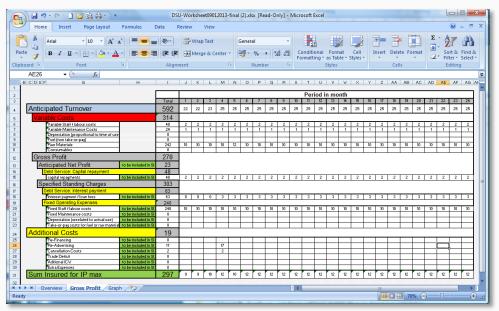
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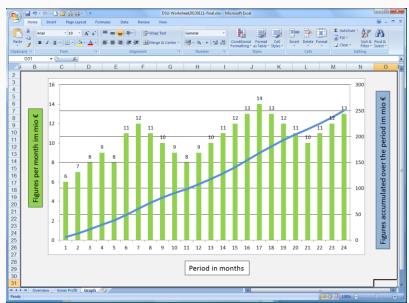




Obtain transparency of the sum insured and thereby close the gap of "what is intended to be insured"

## Pre inception - DSU worksheet, uniform split of value template







Provision of information prior to inception will promote improved transparency of the DSU sum insured value split

## Post Underwriting Recommendations

### **Active progress monitoring**

- Independent review of owner's and contractor's schedule on a regular basis and, thereby, a regular update on project progress and delays
- Timely provisional of information which is critical for claims above and below deductible
- Periodic review of sum insured



DSU claims are more efficiently handled due to high transparency in respect of project progress and delays. Policy extensions or reinstatements are easier to deal with for the same reason.

## What's in it for everyone – benefits for the insured, the insurer and the broker

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### **Pre-inception**



### Insured

- ✓ Clarity of cover
- ✓ Understand what you buy
- ✓ Adequate DSU SI

### Post-inception



✓ Improved ability to agree changes in the DSU cover

## ✓ Improved ability to respond to changes mid term, e.g. extend policy period, SI

- ✓ Closer client relationship
- Can respond to client needs

#### **Post-loss**



- Policy delivers as expected
- ✓ Faster and fairer adjustment

#### Insurer

- ✓ Increased model certainty
- ✓ Transparency
- ✓ Understand what you sell

- Reduce potential for dispute
- Transparency simplifies discussion over reinstatements

#### **Broker**

- ✓ Alignment of expectations
- ✓ Adequacy of product
- Promotion of coverage availability

✓ Happier clients

### For further information please see:

- The International Engineering Insurance Association at www.imia.com under "Key topics"
- London Engineering Group at <u>www.londonengineeringgroup.com</u> under "DSU toolbox"

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