

FORT

ENGINEERING

Terms & Conditions

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 **Definitions.** In these Conditions, the following definitions apply:

Business Day: a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) when banks in London are open for business.

Conditions: the terms and conditions set out in this document as amended from time to time in accordance with clause 13.7.

Contract: the contract between the Supplier and the Customer for the sale and purchase of the Goods in accordance with these Conditions.

Customer: the person or firm who purchases the Goods from the Supplier and who is in contract with the Supplier.

Force Majeure Event: has the meaning given in clause 10.

Goods: the goods (or any part of them) to be supplied by the Supplier to the Customer as set out in the Sales Order Acknowledgement.

Intellectual Property Rights: all patents, rights to inventions, utility models, copyright and related rights, trademarks, service marks, trade, business and domain names, rights in trade dress or get-up, rights in goodwill or to sue for passing off, unfair competition rights, rights in designs, rights in computer software, database right, topography rights, moral rights, rights in confidential information (including know-how and trade secrets) and any other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including all applications for and renewals or extensions of such rights, and all similar or equivalent rights or forms of protection in any part of the world.

Order: the Customer's order for the Goods, as set out either in the Customer's written acceptance of the Supplier's quotation or verbal acceptance of the Supplier's quotation given to the Supplier.

Sales Order Form: written acceptance by the Supplier of the Customer's Order on the Supplier's Sales Order form.

Specification: any specification for the Goods, including any related plans and drawings, that is agreed in writing by the Customer and the Supplier.

Supplier: FORT Engineering Limited (registered in England and Wales with company number 09295637).

Supplier Materials: all materials, equipment, documents and other property of the Supplier.

1.2 **Construction.** In these Conditions, the following rules apply:

(a) A **person** includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality).

(b) A reference to a party includes its personal representatives, successors or permitted assigns.

(c) A reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to such statute or provision as amended or re-enacted. A reference to a statute or statutory provision includes any subordinate legislation made under that statute or statutory provision, as amended or re-enacted.

(d) Any phrase introduced by the terms **including, include, in particular** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.

(e) A reference to **writing or written** includes e-mails.

2. BASIS OF CONTRACT

2.1 These Conditions apply to the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms that the Customer seeks to impose or incorporate, or which are implied by trade, custom, practice or course of dealing.

2.2 The Order constitutes an offer by the Customer to purchase the Goods in accordance with these Conditions. The Customer is responsible for ensuring that the terms of the Sales Order Acknowledgement and any applicable Specification are complete and accurate.

2.3 The Order shall only be deemed to be accepted when the Supplier issues the Sales Order Acknowledgement to the Customer, at which point the Contract shall come into existence.

2.4 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. The Customer acknowledges that it has not relied on any statement, promise or representation made or given by or on behalf of the Supplier which is not set out in the Contract.

2.5 Any samples, drawings, descriptive matter, survey, advice,

representation, forecast, schedule or advertising produced by the Supplier and any descriptions or illustrations contained in the Supplier's website or brochures are produced for the sole purpose of giving an approximate idea of the Goods described in them. They shall not form part of the Contract or have any contractual force.

2.6 A quotation for the Goods given by the Supplier shall not constitute an offer. A quotation shall only be valid for a period of twenty-eight (28) calendar days from its date of issue.

3. GOODS

3.1 The Goods are described in the Supplier's brochures or website as modified by the Sales Order Acknowledgement.

3.2 To the extent that the Goods are to be manufactured in accordance with a Specification supplied by the Customer including but not limited to designs, drawings, specifications or samples provided by the Customer to the Supplier, the Customer shall indemnify the Supplier against all liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses (including any direct, indirect or consequential losses, loss of profit, loss of reputation and all interest, penalties and legal and other professional costs and expenses) suffered or incurred by the Supplier in connection with any claim including but not limited to claims made against the Supplier for actual or alleged infringement of a third party's intellectual property rights arising out of or in connection with the Supplier's use of the Specification. This clause 3.2 shall survive termination of the Contract.

3.3 The Supplier reserves the right to amend, alter, modify or improve the design or the Specification if required by any applicable statutory or regulatory requirements or to meet current production requirements.

4. DELIVERY AND UNLOADING

4.1 The Supplier shall ensure that each delivery of the Goods is accompanied by a delivery note which shows the date of the Order, all relevant Supplier reference numbers, the type and quantity of the Goods (including the code number of the Goods, where applicable), any relevant instructions (if any); and

4.2 The Supplier shall deliver the Goods to the location set out in the Sales Order Acknowledgement or such other location as the parties may agree (**Delivery Location**) at any time after the Supplier notifies the Customer that the Goods are ready.

4.3 Delivery of the Goods shall be completed on the Goods' arrival at the Delivery Location.

4.4 Any dates quoted for delivery are approximate only, and the time of delivery is not of the essence. The Supplier shall not be liable for any delay in delivery of the Goods.

4.5 The Supplier shall have no liability for any failure to deliver the Goods.

4.6 If the Customer fails to accept delivery of the Goods within three Business Days of the Supplier notifying the Customer that the Goods are ready, then, except where such failure or delay is caused by a Force Majeure Event or the Supplier's failure to comply with its obligations under the Contract:

(a) delivery of the Goods shall be deemed to have been completed at 9.00 am on the third Business Day after the day on which the Supplier notified the Customer that the Goods were ready; and

(b) the Supplier shall store the Goods until delivery takes place, and charge the Customer for all related costs and expenses (including but not limited to insurance).

4.7 If 5 Business Days after the day on which the Supplier notified the Customer that the Goods were ready for delivery the Customer has not accepted delivery of them, the Supplier may charge the Customer £8 per day for storage.

4.8 The Supplier may deliver the Goods by instalments. Any delay in delivery or defect in an instalment shall not entitle the Customer to cancel any other instalment.

4.9 The Customer is solely responsible for unloading the Goods at the Delivery Location. All Goods will be unloaded immediately on arrival at the Delivery Location, otherwise waiting time will be charged. Any damage caused on unloading is the sole responsibility of the Customer.

5. QUALITY

5.1 The Supplier warrants that on delivery, and for a period of 12 months from the date of delivery (**warranty period**), the Goods shall:

(a) subject to clause 3.3, conform with the Specification;

(b) be free from material defects in design, material and workmanship; and

(c) be of satisfactory quality (within the meaning of the Sale of Goods Act 1979)

5.2 Subject to clause 5.3, if:

(a) the Customer gives notice in writing to the Supplier during the warranty period and within 7 days of discovery that some or all of the Goods do not comply with the warranty set out in clause 5.1. Such notice must give full details of the issues the Customer has with the goods;

(b) the notice has to be given in writing.

(c) the Supplier is given a reasonable opportunity of examining such

Goods; and

(d) the Customer (if asked to do so by the Supplier) returns such Goods to the Supplier's place of business at the Customer's cost, the Supplier shall, at its option, repair or replace the defective Goods within a reasonable time.

(e) the Supplier shipping repaired part(s) or replacement at the Customer's cost.

(f) the Supplier shall not in any event be liable for the cost of labour expended by others on any non-conforming component or for any special, indirect or consequential damages to anyone by reason of the fact that such components shall have been non-conforming.

5.3 The Supplier shall not be liable for Goods' failure to comply with the warranty set out in clause 5.1 in any of the following events:

(a) the Customer makes any further use of such Goods after giving notice in accordance with clause 5.2;

(b) the defect arises because the Customer or any users of the Goods failed to follow the Supplier's oral or written instructions as to the storage, installation, use and maintenance of the Goods or (if there are none) good trade practice regarding the same;

(c) the defect arises as a result of the Supplier following any drawing, design or Specification supplied by the Customer;

(d) the Customer alters or repairs such Goods without the written consent of the Supplier;

(e) the defect arises as a result of carelessness, improper treatment, fair wear and tear, wilful damage, negligence, or abnormal storage or working conditions; or

(f) the Goods differ from the Specification as a result of changes made to ensure they comply with applicable statutory or regulatory requirements.

(g) The Customer has not paid the Supplier in accordance with clauses 8.6 and 8.7.

5.4 Except as provided in this clause 5, the Supplier shall have no liability to the Customer in respect of the Goods' failure to comply with the warranty set out in clause 5.1.

5.5 The terms implied by sections 13 to 15 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 are, to the fullest extent permitted by law, excluded from the Contract.

5.6 These Conditions shall apply to any repaired or replacement Goods supplied by the Supplier.

5.7 The Supplier shall not be liable in respect of any defect which may occur in any previously existing system to which the Goods may be connected unless and to the extent that such defect is directly caused by a defect in the Goods for which the Supplier would be liable under this clause.

5.8 The Supplier will charge for any visits to site caused by the Customer or any user's failure to properly maintain the Goods or use the Goods in accordance with normal practice.

6. TITLE AND RISK

6.1 The risk in the Goods shall pass to the Customer on completion of delivery as defined in clause 4.3.

6.2 Title to the Goods shall not pass to the Customer until the Supplier has received payment in full (in cash or cleared funds) for:

(a) the Goods; and

(b) any other goods or services that the Supplier has supplied to the Customer in respect of which payment has become due.

6.3 Until title to the Goods has passed to the Customer, the Customer shall:

(a) hold the Goods on a fiduciary basis as the Supplier's bailee;

(b) store the Goods separately from all other goods held by the Customer so that they remain readily identifiable as the Supplier's property;

(c) not remove, deface or obscure any identifying mark or packaging on or relating to the Goods;

(d) maintain the Goods in satisfactory condition and keep them insured against all risks for their full price from the date of delivery;

(e) notify the Supplier immediately if it becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 9.2; and

(f) give the Supplier such information relating to the Goods as the Supplier may require from time to time, but the Customer may resell or use the Goods in the ordinary course of its business.

6.4 If before title to the Goods passes to the Customer the Customer becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 9.2, or the Supplier reasonably believes that any such event is about to happen and notifies the Customer accordingly, then, provided that the Goods have not been resold, or irrevocably incorporated into another product, and without limiting any other right or remedy the Supplier may have, the Supplier may at any time require the Customer to deliver up the Goods and, if the Customer fails to do so promptly, enter any premises of the Customer or of any third party where the Goods are stored in order to recover them. Without further

notice to the Customer, the Supplier may then resell all or any of the Goods using such terms and conditions as the Supplier may in its discretion determine.

7. INSTALLATION SERVICES

7.1 If and to the extent that the services consist of or include Installation Services, the Customer acknowledges and agrees that:

7.1.1 it must prepare the Premises in the manner described and using the materials recommended (verbally or in writing) at its own cost before the Supplier commence the Installation Services and that on the event of the Customer failing to prepare the Premises or to use the recommended materials, the Supplier shall have no liability to the Customer for any loss, damage, cost, expense, claim, demand or proceedings arising out of or connected to such failure;

7.1.2 in the event that the Customer cancel's the Installation Services less than 24 hours before the start date or the Supplier arrive at the Premises on the start date for the Installation Services agreed with the Customer and due to the act or omission of the Customer the Supplier are prevented from commencing the Installation Services the Customer:

a) shall be responsible for reimbursing the Supplier upon request all of the Suppliers' wasted costs reasonably incurred in attending at the Premises; and

b) shall be responsible for arranging a new start date for the Installation Services with the Supplier; and

c) agrees that the Supplier shall have no liability of whatever nature arising from or connected to any subsequent failure to complete the Installation Services in accordance with the original programme agreed between the parties;

7.1.3 apart from damage, which is caused by the Supplier negligence, the Supplier will not be liable to make good any damage to the Premises or any third-party equipment resulting from the Installation Services and for the avoidance of doubt, the Supplier shall in no circumstances have any liability for damage caused to concealed services, floor coverings or other décor within the Premises;

7.1.4 the operation of the Security System may be interrupted or prevented during the carrying out of the Installation Services;

7.1.5 where applicable the Customer should advise their insurers of the existing system being non-functional whilst works are undertaken and make alternative security arrangements for the duration of the works;

7.1.6 the Supplier will not be responsible for any conduit or containment unless specifically documented in the order form, including redecoration or making good/civil works;

8. PRICE AND PAYMENT

8.1 The price of the Goods shall be the price set out in the Sales Order Form.

8.2 The Supplier may, by giving notice to the Customer at any time before delivery, increase the price of the Goods to reflect any increase in the cost of the Goods that is due to:

(a) any factor beyond the Supplier's control (including but not limited to foreign exchange fluctuations, increases in taxes and duties, and increases in labour, materials, other manufacturing or delivery costs);

(b) any request by the Customer to change the delivery date(s), quantities or types of Goods ordered, or the Specification; or

(c) any delay caused by any instructions of the Customer or failure of the Customer to give the Supplier adequate or accurate information or instructions. Such costs include but are not limited to storage costs.

8.3 The price of the Goods is exclusive of the costs and charges of packaging, transport and unloading of the Goods.

8.4 The price of the Goods is exclusive of amounts in respect of value added tax (VAT). The Customer shall, on receipt of a valid VAT invoice from the Supplier, pay to the Supplier such additional amounts in respect of VAT as are chargeable on the supply of the Goods.

8.5 The Supplier may invoice the Customer for the Goods on or at any time before the completion of delivery.

8.6 The Customer shall pay the invoice in full and in cleared funds in the currency stated on the invoice before delivery takes place. If no currency is specified, the default currency is pounds sterling. Payment shall be made to the bank account nominated in writing by the Supplier. Time of payment is of the essence.

8.7 If the Customer fails to make any payment due to the Supplier by the due date for payment (**due date**), then the Customer shall pay interest on

the overdue amount at the rate of four percent above the IWOCA base rate from time to time. Such interest shall accrue on a daily basis from the due date until the date of actual payment of the overdue amount, whether before or after judgment. The Customer shall pay the interest together with the overdue amount.

8.8 The Customer shall pay all amounts due under the Contract in full without any deduction or withholding except as required by law and the Customer shall not be entitled to assert any set-off or counterclaim against the Supplier in order to justify withholding payment of any such amount in whole or in part. The Supplier may at any time, without limiting any other rights or remedies it may have, set off any amount owing to it by the Customer against any amount payable by the Supplier to the Customer.

8.9 The customer agrees to indemnify the supplier in respect of any fees, costs, disbursements or expenses incurred (including court fees and the cost of legal representation) arising from overdue payment by the customer or any other breach by the customer of these terms and conditions.

9. CUSTOMER'S INSOLVENCY OR INCAPACITY

9.1 If the Customer becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 9.2, or the Supplier reasonably believes that the Customer is about to become subject to any of them and notifies the Customer accordingly, then, without limiting any other right or remedy available to the Supplier, the Supplier may cancel or suspend all further deliveries under the Contract or under any other contract between the Customer and the Supplier without incurring any liability to the Customer, and all outstanding sums in respect of Goods delivered to the Customer shall become immediately due. In respect of Goods ordered, but not yet delivered, whether in manufacture or not, the Customer shall pay the Supplier for all amounts (including but not limited to labour, plant, materials, overheads, charges, expenses and loss of profit) reasonably incurred by the Supplier in fulfilling the Order. Such amounts shall become immediately due.

9.2 For the purposes of clause 9.1, the relevant events are:

- (a) the Customer suspends, or threatens to suspend, payment of its debts, or is unable to pay its debts as they fall due or admits inability to pay its debts, or (being a company) is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or (being an individual) is deemed either unable to pay its debts or as having no reasonable prospect of so doing, in either case, within the meaning of section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or (being a partnership) has any partner to whom any of the foregoing apply;
- (b) the Customer commences negotiations with all or any class of its creditors with a view to rescheduling any of its debts, or makes a proposal for or enters into any compromise or arrangement with its creditors other than (where the Customer is a company) where these events take place for the sole purpose of a scheme for a solvent amalgamation of the Customer with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of the Customer;
- (c) (being a company) a petition is filed, a notice is given, a resolution is passed, or an order is made, for or in connection with the winding up of the Customer, other than for the sole purpose of a scheme for a solvent amalgamation of the Customer with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of the Customer;
- (d) (being an individual) the Customer is the subject of a bankruptcy petition or order;
- (e) a creditor or encumbrancer of the Customer attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution, sequestration or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of its assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within 14 days;
- (f) (being a company) an application is made to court, or an order is made, for the appointment of an administrator or if a notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given or if an administrator is appointed over the Customer;
- (g) (being a company) a floating charge holder over the Customer's assets has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an administrative receiver;
- (h) a person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver over the Customer's assets or a receiver is appointed over the Customer's assets;
- (i) any event occurs, or proceeding is taken, with respect to the Customer in any jurisdiction to which it is subject that has an effect equivalent or similar to any of the events mentioned in clause 9.2(a) to clause 9.2(h) (inclusive);
- (j) the Customer suspends, threatens to suspend, ceases or threatens to cease to carry on all or substantially the whole of its business;
- (k) the Customer's financial position deteriorates to such an extent that in the Supplier's opinion the Customer's capability to adequately fulfil its obligations under the Contract has been placed in jeopardy;
- (l) (being an individual) the Customer dies or, by reason of illness or incapacity (whether mental or physical), is incapable of managing his or her own affairs or becomes a patient under any mental health legislation; and
- (m) the Customer becomes insolvent within the meaning of section 113 of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 or any amendment thereof.

9.3 Termination of the Contract, however arising, shall not affect any of the parties' rights and remedies that have accrued as at termination. Clauses which expressly or by implication survive termination of the Contract shall continue in full force and effect.

9.4 If relevant event 9.2(a) occurs, then no further deliveries will be made until payment is made in full, including interest in accordance with clause 8.7.

10. Limitation of liability – THE CUSTOMER'S ATTENTION IS PARTICULARLY DRAWN TO THIS CLAUSE

10.1 Nothing in these Conditions shall limit or exclude the Supplier's liability for:

- (a) death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or the negligence of its employees, agents or subcontractors (as applicable);
- (b) any matter in respect of which it would be unlawful for the Supplier to exclude or restrict liability.

10.2 Subject to clause 10.1:

- (a) the Supplier shall under no circumstances whatever be liable to the Customer, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, or otherwise, for any loss of profit, or any indirect or consequential loss arising under or in connection with the Contract;

10.3 Except as set out in these Conditions, all warranties, conditions and other terms implied by statute or common law are, to the fullest extent permitted by law, excluded from the Contract.

10.4 This clause 10 shall survive termination of the Contract.

11. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations under the Contract to the extent that such failure or delay is caused by a Force Majeure Event. A **Force Majeure Event** means any event beyond a party's reasonable control, which by its nature could not have been foreseen, or, if it could have been foreseen, was unavoidable, including strikes, lock-outs or other industrial disputes (whether involving its own workforce or a third party's), failure of energy sources or transport network, acts of God, war, terrorism, riot, civil commotion, interference by civil or military authorities, national or international calamity, armed conflict, malicious damage, breakdown of plant or machinery, nuclear, chemical or biological contamination, sonic boom, explosions, collapse of building structures, fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, loss at sea, epidemics or similar events, natural disasters or extreme adverse weather conditions, or default of suppliers or subcontractors.

12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

12.1 All Intellectual Property Rights in or arising out of or in connection with the Goods shall be owned by the Supplier.

12.2 The Customer acknowledges that, in respect of any third party Intellectual Property Rights in the Goods, the Customer's use of any such Intellectual Property Rights is conditional on the Supplier obtaining a written licence from the relevant licensor on such terms as will entitle the Supplier to license such rights to the Customer.

12.3 All Supplier Materials are the exclusive property of the Supplier.

13. CONFIDENTIALITY

A party (Receiving Party) shall keep in strict confidence all technical or commercial know-how, specifications, inventions, processes or initiatives which are of a confidential nature and have been disclosed to the Receiving Party by the other party (Disclosing Party), its employees, agents or subcontractors, and any other confidential information concerning the Disclosing Party's business or its products or its services which the Receiving Party may obtain. The Receiving Party shall restrict disclosure of such confidential information to such of its employees, agents or subcontractors as need to know it for the purpose of discharging the Receiving Party's obligations under the Contract, and shall ensure that such employees, agents or subcontractors are subject to obligations of confidentiality corresponding to those which bind the Receiving Party. This clause 13 shall survive termination of the Contract.

14. GENERAL

14.1 Assignment and subcontracting.

- (a) The Supplier may at any time assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with all or any of its rights or obligations under the Contract.
- (b) The Customer may not assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with all or any of its rights or obligations under the Contract without the prior written consent of the Supplier.

14.2 Cancellation. Under no circumstances may the Customer amend or cancel an Order by written or verbal notice to the Supplier. If the Customer purports to amend or cancel an Order and the Supplier agrees to accept the amendment or cancellation, the Customer shall pay the Supplier for all amounts (including but not limited to labour, plant, materials, overheads, charges, expenses and loss of profit) reasonably incurred by the Supplier in fulfilling the Order up until the date of receipt of the amendment or cancellation. The Customer shall pay such amendment or cancellation fees within 5 business days of the date of invoice.

14.3 Notices.

(a) Any notice or other communication given to a party under or in connection with the Contract shall be in writing, addressed to that party at its registered office (if it is a company) or its principal place of business (in any other case) or such other address as that party may have specified to the other party in writing in accordance with this clause, and shall be delivered personally, sent by pre-paid first class post, recorded delivery, commercial courier, fax or e-mail to the email address stated on the Sales Order Form.

(b) A notice or other communication shall be deemed to have been received: if delivered personally, when left at the address referred to in clause 14.3(a); if sent by pre-paid first class post or recorded delivery, at 9.00 am on the second Business Day after posting; if delivered by commercial courier, on the date and at the time that the courier's delivery receipt is signed; or, if sent by e-mail, one Business Day after transmission.

(c) The provisions of this clause shall not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action.

14.4 Severance.

(a) If any court or competent authority finds that any provision of the Contract (or part of any provision) is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that provision or part-provision shall, to the extent required, be deemed to be deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of the Contract shall not be affected.

(b) If any invalid, unenforceable or illegal provision of the Contract would be valid, enforceable and legal if some part of it were deleted, the provision shall apply with the minimum modification necessary to make it legal, valid and enforceable.

14.5 Waiver. A waiver of any right or remedy under the Contract is only effective if given in writing and shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default. No failure or delay by a party to exercise any right or remedy provided under the Contract or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

14.6 Third party rights. A person who is not a party to the Contract shall not have any rights under or in connection with it.

14.7 Variation. Except as set out in these Conditions, any variation to the Contract, including the introduction of any additional terms and conditions, shall only be binding when agreed in writing and signed by the Supplier.

14.8 Governing law and jurisdiction. The Contract, and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims), shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law, and the parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.