

Part A-To Be Completed By All Customers

Trading Name	
Registered Name	
Registered Office Address	
Post Code	
Invoice Address (if different from above)	
Post Code	
Date of Incorporation	
Credit Required £	
Company Registration No.	
VAT Registration No.	
Is a Unique Purchase Order Number required for each order?	Yes / No
Website:	
No of employees	
How did you hear about us?	
Buyers Contact Name	
Tel No	
Fax No	
Email Address	
Accounts Contact Name	
Tel No	
Fax No	
Email Address	
Email Addresses to send the following documents to	
Invoices	
Statements	
Order Acknowledgements	



Part B- To Be Completed By All Customers

Names and addresses of 2 Trade References

Company Name			
Address			
Contact Name		Email Address	
Tel No		Fax No	
Approximate average Monthly Spend with this Supplier:			

Company Name			
Address			
Contact Name		Email Address	
Tel No		Fax No	
Approximate average Monthly Spend with this Supplier:			

Your Bank Details:

Bank Name																											
Address																											
A/C Name																											
A/C Sort Code																Account Number											



Part C Declaration

Please read the attached Terms and Conditions and complete all sections of the application before signing the section below.

I/We make this application to open a credit account with Abbots UK Ltd. I/We understand the credit terms and that payment is due promptly at the end of the month following the date of invoice if granted credit. I/We agree to pay in accordance with these terms and that credit facilities may be suspended without prior notice if payment is not made by the due date. I / We understand that recovery costs and interest may be charged on overdue monies. I/We acknowledge and accept Abbots UK Ltd Terms & Conditions of Sale and that no other Terms & Conditions will supersede Abbots UK Ltd Terms & Conditions. Abbots UK Ltd may change their Terms & Conditions from time to time and they will be published on our website at www.abbots-uk.com. For further copies please contact Abbots UK Ltd at the above address.

For Limited Companies: if incorporated for less than 3 years, must be signed by a current Company Director listed at Companies House.

Abbots UK Ltd, will make a search with a Credit Reference Agency, which will keep a record of that search and will share that information with other businesses. In some instances, we may also make a search on the personal credit file of principal directors. Should it become necessary to review an account, then again, a credit reference may be sought, and a record kept. We will monitor and record information relating to your trade performance and such records will be made available to Credit Reference Agencies who will share that information with other businesses when assessing applications for credit and fraud prevention. You have rights under the Data Protection Act including the right to apply for a copy of your personal information and to correct any inaccuracies.

Please return completed account application form to accounts@abbots-uk.com together with a copy of your company's headed paper

Signed (Authorised Signatory)		Position	
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Date	
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Abbots (UK) Ltd

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

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 14.6.

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

Customer: the person or company who purchases the Goods and/or Services from the Supplier.

Deliverables: the deliverables set out in the Order.

Force Majeure Event: has the meaning given in clause 12.

Goods: the goods (or any part of them) set out in the Order.

Intellectual Property Rights: all patents, rights to inventions, utility models, copyright and related rights, trade marks, 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 sketches, rights in original works (including the rights of copyright therein) 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 and/or Services, as set out in the Customer's purchase order and as confirmed by the Supplier via email, website or telephone.

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

Services: the services, including the Deliverables, supplied by the Supplier to the Customer as set out in the Specification.

Supplier: Abbots (UK) Ltd (registered in England and Wales with company number 05028102).

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 and/or Services in accordance with these Conditions. The Customer is responsible for ensuring that the terms of the Order and any applicable Specification submitted by the Customer are complete and accurate.

- 2.3 The Order shall only be deemed to be accepted when the Supplier issues a written acceptance of the Order, 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, or advertising produced by the Supplier and any descriptions or illustrations contained in the Supplier's catalogues brochures or website are produced for the sole purpose of giving an approximate idea of the Goods and/or Services 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 time as indicated on the quotation from its date of issue.

3. GOODS

- 3.1 The Goods are described in the Supplier's catalogue website or quotation.
- 3.2 To the extent that the Goods are to be manufactured or processed in accordance with a Specification supplied by the Customer, 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 reasonable professional costs and expenses) suffered or incurred by the Supplier in connection with any claim 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 All Specifications, descriptions, drawings and particulars of weight and dimensions submitted with the Supplier's quotation (the Quotation Particulars) are approximate only and such material as is contained in the Supplier's catalogues website and other advertising matter is intended merely to illustrate the Goods described therein and will not form part of the Contract. The Supplier reserves the right to make such reasonable changes as it considers to be necessary in the Quotation Particulars either before or during the course of the Contract provided that the Supplier shall not thereby render the Goods unsuitable for the purpose for which they are intended.
- 3.4 The Supplier reserves the right to amend the Specification if required by any applicable statutory or regulatory requirements.

4. DELIVERY

- 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 Customer and Supplier reference numbers, the type and quantity of the Goods.
- 4.2 The Supplier shall deliver the Goods to the location set out in the Order or such other location as the parties may agree (**Delivery Location**).
- 4.3 Where the Goods are not delivered by the Supplier, the Customer shall collect the Goods from the Supplier's premises at 5 Spring Park, Spring Way, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 7ER or such other location as may be advised by the Supplier prior to delivery (Delivery Location) within 3 Business Days of the Supplier notifying the Customer that the Goods are ready.
- 4.4 Delivery of the Goods shall be completed on the unloading of the Goods at the Delivery Location.
- 4.5 **Any dates quoted for delivery are approximate only, and the time of delivery is not of the essence.**
- 4.6 The Supplier shall not be liable for any delay in delivery of the Goods that is caused by a Force Majeure Event or the Customer's failure to provide the Supplier with adequate delivery instructions or any other instructions that are relevant to the supply of the Goods.
- 4.7 Where delivery is requested by a Buyer as time-specific (**Time-specific Delivery**), the Supplier shall make an allowance of up to and including the period of one hour additional delivery time (**Time-specific Delivery Allowance**) in respect of the Time-specific Delivery. The Supplier shall be entitled to charge a fee of £50 per hour for any time over and above the Time-specific Delivery Allowance.
- 4.8 If the Supplier fails to deliver the Goods, its liability shall be limited to the costs and expenses incurred by the Customer in obtaining replacement goods of similar description and quality in the cheapest market available, less the price of the Goods. The Supplier shall have no liability for any failure to deliver the Goods to the extent that such failure is caused by a Force Majeure Event or the Customer's failure to provide the Supplier with adequate delivery instructions or any other instructions that are relevant to the supply of the Goods.
- 4.9 If the Customer fails to take and/or accept delivery of the Goods within 3 (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 insurance).
- 4.10 If 10 (ten) Business Days after the day on which the Supplier notified the Customer that the Goods were ready for delivery the Customer has not taken or accepted delivery of them, the Supplier may resell or otherwise dispose of part or all of the Goods and, after deducting reasonable storage and selling costs, account to the Customer for any excess over the price of the Goods or charge the Customer for any shortfall below the price of the Goods.
- 4.11 The Customer shall not be entitled to reject the Goods if the Supplier delivers up to and including 5% (five percent) more or less than the quantity of Goods ordered, but a pro rata adjustment shall be made to the Order invoice on receipt of notice from the Customer that the wrong quantity of Goods was delivered.
- 4.12 The Supplier may deliver the Goods by instalments, which shall be invoiced and paid for separately. Each instalment shall constitute a separate Contract. Any delay in delivery or defect in an instalment shall not entitle the Customer to cancel any other instalment.

5. QUALITY

- 5.1 The Supplier warrants that on delivery, and for a period of 12 (twelve) months from the date of delivery (**warranty period**), the Goods shall:
- (a) conform with their description and any applicable 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 within a reasonable time of discovery that some or all of the Goods do not comply with the warranty set out in clause 5.1;
 - (b) the Supplier is given a reasonable opportunity of examining such Goods; and
 - (c) the Customer (if asked to do so by the Supplier) returns such Goods to the Supplier's place of business at the Supplier's cost, the Supplier shall, at its option, repair or replace the defective Goods, or refund the price of the defective Goods in full.
- 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 failed to follow the Supplier's oral or written instructions as to the storage, commissioning, 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 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.
- 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.

6. SUPPLY OF SERVICES

- 6.1 The Supplier shall provide the Services to the Customer in accordance with the Specification in all material respects
- 6.2 The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to meet any performance dates for the Services as agreed in advance in writing between the Customer and the Supplier, but any such dates shall be estimates only and time shall not be of the essence for the performance of the Services.

6.3 The Supplier shall have the right to make any changes to the Services which are necessary to comply with any applicable law or safety requirement, or which do not materially affect the nature or quality of the Services, and the Supplier shall notify the Customer in any such event.

6.4 The Supplier warrants to the Customer that the Services will be provided using reasonable care and skill.

7. CUSTOMER'S OBLIGATIONS

7.1 The Customer shall

- (a) ensure that the terms of the Order and (if submitted by the Customer) the Specification are complete and accurate;
- (b) approve plans or drawings produced by the Supplier provided the said plans and drawings are consistent with the Order and/or the Specification in all material respects;
- (c) co-operate with the Supplier in all matters relating to the Services;
- (d) provide the Supplier, its employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors, with access to the Customer's premises, office accommodation and other facilities as reasonably required by the Supplier to provide the Services;
- (e) provide the Supplier with such information and materials as the Supplier may reasonably require to supply the Services, and ensure that such information is accurate in all material respects;
- (f) obtain and maintain all necessary licences, permissions and consents which may be required for the Services before the date on which the Services are to start;
- (g) keep and maintain all materials, equipment, documents and other property of the Supplier (**Supplier Materials**) at the Customer's premises in safe custody at its own risk, maintain the Supplier Materials in good condition until returned to the Supplier, and not dispose of or use the Supplier Materials other than in accordance with the Supplier's written instructions or authorisation.

7.2 If the Supplier's performance of any of its obligations in respect of the Services is prevented or delayed by any act or omission by the Customer or failure by the Customer to perform any relevant obligation (**Customer Default**):

- (a) the Supplier shall without limiting its other rights or remedies have the right to suspend performance of the Services until the Customer remedies the Customer Default, and to rely on the Customer Default to relieve it from the performance of any of its obligations to the extent the Customer Default prevents or delays the Supplier's performance of any of its obligations;
- (b) the Supplier shall not be liable for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by the Customer arising directly or indirectly from the Supplier's failure or delay to perform any of its obligations as set out in this clause 7.2; and
- (c) the Customer shall reimburse the Supplier on written demand for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by the Supplier arising directly or indirectly from the Customer Default.

8. TITLE AND RISK

8.1 The risk in the Goods shall pass to the Customer on completion of delivery.

8.2 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.

8.3 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 10.2; 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.

8.4 If before title to the Goods passes to the Customer the Customer becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 10.2, 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.

9. PRICE AND PAYMENT

9.1 The price of the Goods shall be the price set out in the Order, or, or, if no price is quoted, the price set out in the Supplier's published price list in force as at the date of delivery.

9.2 The Supplier may, by giving notice to the Customer at any time up to 5 (five) Business Days 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 foreign exchange fluctuations, increases in taxes and duties, and increases in labour, materials and other manufacturing 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.

9.3 The price of the Goods is exclusive of the costs and charges of packaging, insurance and transport of the Goods, which may be invoiced to the Customer at the Supplier's discretion.

9.4 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.

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

9.6 The Customer shall pay the invoice in full and in cleared funds by the end of the month following the month the invoice was dated, unless otherwise agreed by the Supplier in advance and confirmed in writing. Payment shall be made to the bank account nominated in writing by the Supplier, or by BACS or credit card payment or by cheque made payable to Abbots (UK) Limited. Time of payment is of the essence.

9.7 The charges for Services shall be on a time and materials basis and the Supplier shall be entitled to charge the Customer for any expenses reasonably incurred by the individuals whom the Supplier engages in connection with the Services including, but not limited to, travelling expenses, hotel costs, subsistence and any associated expenses, and for the cost of services provided by third parties and required by the Supplier for the performance of the Services, and for the cost of any materials.

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

- (a) any factor beyond the control of the Supplier (including foreign exchange fluctuations, increases in taxes and duties, and increases in labour, materials and other manufacturing costs);
- (b) any request by the Customer to change the delivery date(s), quantities or types of Goods ordered, or the Goods Specification; or
- (c) any delay caused by any instructions of the Customer in respect of the Goods or failure of the Customer to give the Supplier adequate or accurate information or instructions in respect of the Goods.

9.9 If the Customer fails to make any payment due to the Supplier under the Contract by the due date for payment (**due date**), then without limiting any other right or remedy available to the Supplier:

- (a) the Customer shall pay interest on the overdue amount at the rate of 8% (eight percent) per annum above the Bank of England's 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, and to recover from the Customer any costs incurred in connection with the recovery of the overdue sums whether before or after judgment. The Customer shall pay the interest and any costs together with the overdue amount;
- (b) the Supplier may cancel the contract or suspend any further deliveries to the Customer;

- (c) the Supplier may appropriate any payment made by the Customer to such of the Goods or Services (or the goods or services supplied under any other contract between the Supplier and the Customer) as the Supplier may think fit (notwithstanding any purported appropriation by the Customer); and
- (d) the Supplier may require the immediate payment of all sums payable to the Supplier (whether or not then due) under any contract(s) between the Supplier and the Customer.

9.10 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 credit, 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.

10. CUSTOMER'S INSOLVENCY OR INCAPACITY

10.1 If the Customer becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 10.2, 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.

10.2 For the purposes of clause 10.1, 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 (fourteen) 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 10.2(a) to clause 10.2(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; and
- (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.

10.3 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.

11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

11.1 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) fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation;
- (c) breach of the terms implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979;
- (d) defective products under the Consumer Protection Act 1987; or
- (e) any matter in respect of which it would be unlawful for the Supplier to exclude or restrict liability.

11.2 Subject to clause 11.1:

- (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; and
- (b) the Supplier's total liability to the Customer in respect of all other losses arising under or in connection with the Contract, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, or otherwise, shall in no circumstances exceed 100% (one hundred percent) of the price of the Goods or Services.

12. 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, pandemics or similar events, natural disasters or extreme adverse weather conditions, or default of suppliers or subcontractors.

13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

13.1 All Intellectual Property Rights in or arising out of or in connection with the Goods and/or Services shall be owned by the Supplier except in such circumstances where the Specification is supplied by the Customer and the Goods are manufactured or processed in accordance with such Specification.

13.2 The Customer shall not disclose to any third party or use any such Intellectual Property Rights referred to in clause 12.1 and shall ensure (where relevant) that your employees, agents or sub-contractors keep the same confidential except to the extent that they are or become public knowledge through no fault of the Customer, or as required for the purpose of the Contract.

13.3 The Customer agrees, at their cost, to do all acts and execute all documents which are necessary or desirable to give effect to clause 12.1 and/or to assist the Supplier in the application, registration, renewal and/or protection of any such Intellectual Property Rights.

13.4 The Customer acknowledges that, in respect of any third party Intellectual Property Rights in the Goods and/or Services, 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 and the Customer agrees to assist the Supplier in the application, registration, renewal and/or protection of any such licence.

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 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, or e-mail.
- (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 14.2(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.

14.3 Severance.

- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.

14.4 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.

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

14.6 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 a director for and on behalf of the Supplier.

14.7 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.