

## **1 Definitions and interpretation**

1.1 In these Conditions the following definitions apply:

<b>Bribery Laws</b>	means the Bribery Act 2010 and associated guidance published by the Secretary of State for Justice under the Bribery Act 2010 and all other applicable UK legislation, statutory instruments and regulations in relation to bribery or corruption and any similar or equivalent legislation in any other relevant jurisdiction;
<b>Business Day</b>	means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or bank or public holiday;
<b>Conditions</b>	means the Supplier's terms and conditions of sale set out in this document;
<b>Confidential Information</b>	means any commercial, financial or technical information, information relating to the Equipment, plans, know-how or trade secrets which is obviously confidential or has been identified as such, or which is developed by a party in performing its obligations under, or otherwise pursuant to the Contract;
<b>Contract</b>	means the agreement between the Supplier and the Customer for the sale and purchase of Equipment incorporating these Conditions and the Order;
<b>Customer</b>	means the person who purchases the Equipment from the Supplier and whose details are set out in the Order;
<b>Equipment</b>	means the Equipment and related accessories, spare parts and documentation and other physical material set out in the Order or understood by the parties to be included in the Equipment and to be supplied by the Supplier to the Customer;
<b>Force Majeure</b>	means an event or sequence of events beyond a party's reasonable control (after exercise of reasonable care to put in place robust back-up and disaster recovery arrangements) preventing or delaying it from performing its obligations under the Contract including an act of God, fire, flood, lightning, earthquake or other natural disaster; war, riot or civil unrest; interruption or failure of supplies of power, fuel, water, transport, equipment or telecommunications service; or material required for performance of the Contract; strike, lockout or boycott or other industrial action including strikes or other industrial disputes involving the Supplier's or its suppliers workforce, but excluding the Customer's inability to pay or circumstances resulting in the Customer's inability to pay;
<b>Intellectual Property Rights</b>	means copyright, patents, know-how, trade secrets, trade marks, trade names, design rights, rights in get-up, rights in goodwill, rights in confidential information, rights to sue for passing off, domain names and all similar rights and, in each case: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) whether registered or not</li><li>(b) including any applications to protect or register such rights</li><li>(c) including all renewals and extensions of such rights or applications</li><li>(d) whether vested, contingent or future</li><li>(e) to which the relevant party is or may be entitled, and</li><li>(f) in whichever part of the world existing;</li></ul>
<b>Location</b>	means the address for delivery of the Equipment as set out in the Order;
<b>Modern Slavery Policy</b>	means the Supplier's anti-slavery and human trafficking policy in force and notified to the Customer from time to time;

<b>Order</b>	means an order for the Equipment from the Supplier placed by the Customer in substantially the same form set out in the Supplier's sales order form or via telephone between the Customer and Supplier;
<b>Price</b>	has the meaning given in clause 3.1;
<b>Specification</b>	means the description, any samples, or specification of the Equipment and their packaging set out or referred to in the Order;
<b>Supplier</b>	means Martin Pears Engineering Ltd, registered company number 06838482 whose registered office address is 3 St Marco Gardens, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 1NU; and
<b>VAT</b>	means value added tax under the Value Added Taxes Act 1994 or any other similar sale or fiscal tax applying to the sale of the Equipment.

1.2 In these Conditions, unless the context requires otherwise:

- 1.2.1 any clause, schedule or other headings in these Conditions is included for convenience only and shall have no effect on the interpretation of the Conditions;
- 1.2.2 a reference to a 'party' includes that party's personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns;
- 1.2.3 a reference to a 'person' includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (in each case whether or not having separate legal personality) and that person's personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns;
- 1.2.4 a reference to a 'company' includes any company, corporation or other body corporate, wherever and however incorporated or established;
- 1.2.5 a reference to a gender includes each other gender;
- 1.2.6 words in the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- 1.2.7 any words that follow 'include', 'includes', 'including', 'in particular' or any similar words and expressions shall be construed as illustrative only and shall not limit the sense of any word, phrase, term, definition or description preceding those words;
- 1.2.8 a reference to 'writing' or 'written' includes any method of reproducing words in a legible and non-transitory form including by email
- 1.2.9 a reference to legislation is a reference to that legislation as in force at the date of the Contract; and
- 1.2.10 a reference to legislation includes all subordinate legislation made as at the date of the Contract under that legislation.

**2 Application of these Conditions**

- 2.1 These Conditions apply to and form part of the Contract between the Supplier and the Customer. They supersede any previously issued terms and conditions of purchase or supply.
- 2.2 No terms or conditions endorsed on, delivered with, or contained in the Customer's purchase conditions, order, confirmation of order, specification or other document shall form part of the Contract except to the extent that the Supplier otherwise agrees in writing.
- 2.3 No variation of these Conditions or to an Order or to the Contract shall be binding unless expressly agreed in writing and executed by a duly authorised signatory on behalf of the Supplier.
- 2.4 Each Order by the Customer to the Supplier shall be an offer to purchase Equipment subject to these Conditions.

- 2.5 An Order may be withdrawn or amended by the Customer at any time before acceptance by the Supplier. If the Supplier is unable to accept an Order, it shall notify the Customer as soon as reasonably practicable.
- 2.6 The offer constituted by an Order shall remain in effect and capable of being accepted by the Supplier until withdrawn by the Customer giving notice to the Supplier after the expiry of 10 Business Days from the date on which the Customer submitted the Order.
- 2.7 The Supplier may accept or reject an Order at its discretion. An Order shall not be accepted, and no binding obligation to supply any Equipment shall arise, until the earlier of:
- 2.7.1 the Supplier's written acceptance of the Order; or
- 2.7.2 the Supplier dispatching the Equipment or notifying the Customer that they are available for collection (as the case may be).
- 2.8 Rejection by the Supplier of an Order, including any communication that may accompany such rejection, shall not constitute a counter-offer capable of acceptance by the Customer.
- 2.9 The Supplier may issue quotations to the Customer from time to time. Quotations are invitations to treat only. They are not an offer to supply Equipment and are incapable of being accepted by the Customer.
- 2.10 Marketing and other promotional material relating to the Equipment are illustrative only and do not form part of the Contract.

### **3 Price**

- 3.1 The price for the Equipment shall be as set out in the Order or, in default of such provision, shall be calculated in accordance with the Supplier's scale of charges in force from time to time (**Price**).
- 3.2 The Prices are exclusive of:
- 3.2.1 packaging, delivery, and insurance which shall be charged in addition at the Supplier's standard rates, and
- 3.2.2 VAT (or equivalent sales tax).
- 3.3 The Customer shall pay any applicable VAT to the Supplier on receipt of a valid VAT invoice.
- 3.4 The Supplier may increase the Prices at any time by giving the Customer not less than 15 Business Days' notice in writing provided that the increase does not exceed 5% of the Prices in effect immediately prior to the increase.
- 3.5 Notwithstanding clause 3.4, the Supplier may increase the Prices with immediate effect by written notice to the Customer where there is an increase in the direct cost to the Supplier of supplying the relevant Equipment which exceeds 5% and which is due to any factor beyond the control of the Supplier.

### **4 Payment**

- 4.1 The Supplier shall invoice the Customer for the Equipment at any time.
- 4.2 The Customer shall pay all invoices:
- 4.2.1 in full without deduction or set-off, in cleared funds within 14 days of the date of each invoice; and
- 4.2.2 to the bank account nominated by the Supplier.
- 4.3 Time of payment is of the essence. Where sums due under these Conditions are not paid in full by the due date:
- 4.3.1 the Supplier may, without limiting its other rights, charge interest on such sums at 5% a year above the base rate of Barclays Bank plc from time to time in force, and
- 4.3.2 interest shall accrue on a daily basis, and apply from the due date for payment until actual payment in full, whether before or after judgment.

## **5 Credit limit**

The Supplier may set and vary credit limits from time to time and withhold all further supplies if the Customer exceeds such credit limit.

## **6 Delivery**

- 6.1 An Order shall specify whether the Equipment are to be:
- 6.1.1 delivered by the Supplier, or by a carrier appointed by the Supplier, to the Location on the date(s) specified in the Order; or
  - 6.1.2 made available for collection by the Customer at the Supplier's, or carrier's, premises set out in the Order (as the case may be). The Customer shall collect the Equipment within the period specified in the Order.
- 6.2 The Equipment shall be deemed delivered:
- 6.2.1 if delivered by the Supplier under clause 6.1.1, on completion of unloading of the Equipment at the Location; or
  - 6.2.2 if delivered by a carrier under clause 6.1.1, on delivery of the Equipment by the Supplier to the carrier; or
  - 6.2.3 if collected by the Customer under clause 6.1.2, when the Supplier makes the Equipment available for collection at the Supplier's, or carrier's, premises (as the case may be).
- 6.3 The Equipment may be delivered by instalments. Any delay in delivery or defect in an instalment shall not entitle the Customer to cancel any other instalment.
- 6.4 The Customer shall not be entitled to reject any delivery of Equipment on the basis that an incorrect volume of Equipment has been supplied provided the volumes are within the tolerances (if any) set out in the Order
- 6.5 Delivery of the Equipment shall be accompanied by a delivery note stating:
- 6.5.1 the date of the Order;
  - 6.5.2 the product numbers, type and quantity of Equipment in the consignment; and
  - 6.5.3 any special handling instructions.
- 6.6 Time of delivery is not of the essence. The Supplier shall use its reasonable endeavours to meet delivery dates but such dates are approximate estimates only.
- 6.7 Unless the parties agree otherwise, any packaging material is to be promptly returned to the Supplier at the Customer's expense.
- 6.8 The Supplier shall not be liable for any delay in or failure of delivery caused by:
- 6.8.1 the Customer's failure to: (i) make the Location available, (ii) prepare the Location as required for delivery and installation of the Equipment or (iii) provide the Supplier with adequate instructions for delivery and installation;
  - 6.8.2 the Customer's failure to collect the Equipment from the Supplier's premises; or
  - 6.8.3 Force Majeure.
- 6.9 If the Customer fails to accept delivery of the Equipment the Supplier shall store and insure the Equipment pending delivery, and the Customer shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by the Supplier in doing so.
- 6.10 If 30 Business Days following the due date for delivery or collection of the Equipment, the Customer has not taken delivery of or collected them, the Supplier may resell or otherwise dispose of the Equipment. The Supplier shall:
- 6.10.1 deduct reasonable storage charges and costs of resale; and

6.10.2 account to the Customer for any excess of the resale price over, or invoice the Customer for any shortfall of the resale price below, the Price paid by the Customer for the Equipment.

## **7 Risk**

Risk in the Equipment shall pass to the Customer on Delivery.

## **8 Title**

8.1 Title to the Equipment shall pass to the Customer once the Supplier has received payment in full and cleared funds for the Equipment.

8.2 Until title to the Equipment has passed to the Customer, the Customer shall:

8.2.1 hold the Equipment as bailee for the Supplier;

8.2.2 store the Equipment separately from all other material in the Customer's possession;

8.2.3 take all reasonable care of the Equipment and keep them in the condition in which they were delivered;

8.2.4 insure the Equipment from the date of Delivery: (i) with a reputable insurer (ii) against all risks (iii) for an amount at least equal to their Price (iv) noting the Supplier's interest on the policy;

8.2.5 ensure that the Equipment are clearly identifiable as belonging to the Supplier;

8.2.6 not remove or alter any mark on or packaging of the Equipment;

8.2.7 inform the Supplier immediately if it becomes subject to any of the events or circumstances set out in clauses 17.1.1 to 17.1.4 or 17.2.1 to 17.2.11; and

8.2.8 on reasonable notice permit the Supplier to inspect the Equipment during the Customer's normal business hours and provide the Supplier with such information concerning the Equipment as the Supplier may request from time to time.

8.3 If, at any time before title to the Equipment has passed to the Customer, the Customer informs the Supplier, or the Supplier reasonably believes, that the Customer has or is likely to become subject to any of the events specified in clauses 17.1.1 to 17.1.4 or 17.2.1 to 17.2.11, the Supplier may:

8.3.1 require the Customer at the Customer's expense to re-deliver the Equipment to the Supplier; and

8.3.2 if the Customer fails to do so promptly, enter any premises where the Equipment are stored and repossess them.

## **9 Warranty**

9.1 Where the Equipment is new, the Supplier warrants that the Equipment shall, for a period of three months from Delivery (the **Warranty Period**):

9.1.1 conform in all material respects to the Order and Specification;

9.1.2 be free from material defects in design, material and workmanship.

9.2 The Customer warrants that it has provided the Supplier with all relevant, full and accurate information as to the Customer's business and needs.

9.3 The Supplier shall, at its option, repair, replace, or refund the Price of, any new Equipment that does not comply with clause 9.1, provided that the Customer:

9.3.1 serves a written notice on the Supplier:

(a) during the Warranty Period in the case of defects discoverable by a physical inspection; or

(b) in the case of latent defects, within one month from the date on which Customer became aware (or should reasonably have become aware) of the defect;

- 9.3.2 provides the Supplier with sufficient information as to the nature and extent of the defects and the uses to which the Equipment had been put prior to the defect arising;
  - 9.3.3 gives the Supplier a reasonable opportunity to examine the defective Equipment; and
  - 9.3.4 returns the defective Equipment to the Supplier at the Customer's expense.
- 9.4 The provisions of these Conditions, including the warranties set out in clause 9.1, shall apply to any Equipment that are repaired or replaced with effect from Delivery of the repaired or replaced Equipment.
- 9.5 The Supplier shall not be liable for any failure of the Equipment:
- 9.5.1 where such failure arises by reason of wear and tear, wilful damage, negligence, or could be expected to arise in the normal course of use of the Equipment;
  - 9.5.2 to the extent caused by the Customer's failure to comply with the Supplier's instructions in relation to the Equipment, including any instructions on installation, operation, storage or maintenance;
  - 9.5.3 to the extent caused by the Supplier following any specification or requirement of the Customer in relation to the Equipment;
  - 9.5.4 where the Customer modifies any Equipment without the Supplier's prior written consent or, having received such consent, not in accordance with the Supplier's instructions; or
  - 9.5.5 where the Customer uses any of the Equipment after notifying the Supplier that it does not comply with clause 9.1.
- 9.6 Equipment which is used is sold as seen and without warranty and the Customer acknowledges and agrees that the Customer has had the opportunity to inspect and test the Equipment and approved its fitness for purpose before purchase.
- 9.7 Except as set out in this clause 9:
- 9.7.1 the Supplier gives no warranties and makes no representations in relation to the Equipment; and
  - 9.7.2 shall have no liability for their failure to comply with the warranty in clause 9.1, and all warranties and conditions (including the conditions implied by ss 13–15 of the Sale of Equipment Act 1979), whether express or implied by statute, common law or otherwise are excluded to the extent permitted by law.

## **10 Anti-bribery**

- 10.1 For the purposes of this clause 10 the expressions '**adequate procedures**' and '**associated with**' shall be construed in accordance with the Bribery Act 2010 and legislation or guidance published under it.
- 10.2 Each party shall comply with applicable Bribery Laws including ensuring that it has in place adequate procedures to prevent bribery and use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that:
- 10.2.1 all of that party's personnel;
  - 10.2.2 all others associated with that party; and
  - 10.2.3 all of that party's subcontractors; involved in performing the Contract so comply.
- 10.3 Without limitation to clause 10.2, neither party shall make or receive any bribe (as defined in the Bribery Act 2010) or other improper payment or allow any such to be made or received on its behalf, either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere and shall implement and maintain adequate procedures to ensure that such bribes or payments are not made or received directly or indirectly on its behalf.
- 10.4 Each party shall immediately notify the other as soon as it becomes aware of a breach of any of the requirements in this clause 10.

## **11 Anti-slavery**

- 11.1 The Customer undertakes, warrants and represents that:
- 11.1.1 neither the Customer nor any of its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors has:
- (a) committed an offence under the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (a **MSA Offence**); or
  - (b) been notified that it is subject to an investigation relating to an alleged MSA Offence or prosecution under the Modern Slavery Act 2015; or
  - (c) is aware if any circumstances within its supply chain that could give rise to an investigation relating to an alleged MSA Offence or prosecution under the Modern Slavery Act 2015;
- 11.1.2 it shall comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and the Modern Slavery Policy; and
- 11.1.3 it shall notify the Supplier immediately in writing if it becomes aware or has reason to believe that it, or any of its officers, employees, agents or subcontractors have breached or potentially breached any of Customer's obligations under clause 11.1. Such notice to set out full details of the circumstances concerning the breach or potential breach of the Customer's obligations.
- 11.2 Any breach of clause 11.1 by the Customer shall be deemed a material breach of the Contract and shall entitle the Supplier to terminate the Contract with immediate effect.

## **12 Indemnity and insurance**

- 12.1 The Customer shall indemnify the Supplier from and against any losses, damages, liability, costs (including legal fees) and expenses which the Supplier may suffer or incur directly or indirectly from the Customer's breach of any of its obligations under the Contract.
- 12.2 The Customer shall have in place contracts of insurance with reputable insurers incorporated in the United Kingdom to cover its obligations under the Contract. On request, the Customer shall supply so far as is reasonable evidence of the maintenance of the insurance and all of its terms from time to time applicable.

## **13 Limitation of liability**

- 13.1 The extent of the parties' liability under or in connection with the Contract (regardless of whether such liability arises in tort, contract or in any other way and whether or not caused by negligence or misrepresentation) shall be as set out in this clause 13.
- 13.2 Subject to clauses 13.5 and 13.6, the Supplier's total liability shall not exceed the Price of the Equipment.
- 13.3 Subject to clauses 13.5 and 13.6, the Supplier shall not be liable for consequential, indirect or special losses.
- 13.4 Subject to clauses 13.5 and 13.6, the Supplier shall not be liable for any of the following (whether direct or indirect):
- 13.4.1 loss of income or profit;
  - 13.4.2 loss of data;
  - 13.4.3 loss of use;
  - 13.4.4 loss of production;
  - 13.4.5 loss of contract;
  - 13.4.6 loss of opportunity;
  - 13.4.7 loss of savings, discount or rebate (whether actual or anticipated);
  - 13.4.8 business interruption;
  - 13.4.9 wasted management or office time;
  - 13.4.10 consequential or indirect loss;

- 13.4.11 harm to reputation or loss of goodwill.
- 13.5 The limitations of liability set out in clauses 13.2 to 13.4 shall not apply in respect of any indemnities given by either party under the Contract.
- 13.6 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Contract, the liability of the parties shall not be limited in any way in respect of the following:
  - 13.6.1 death or personal injury caused by negligence;
  - 13.6.2 fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation;
  - 13.6.3 any other losses which cannot be excluded or limited by applicable law;
  - 13.6.4 any losses caused by wilful misconduct.

#### **14 Intellectual property**

- 14.1 The Supplier shall indemnify the Customer from and against any losses, damages, liability, costs and expenses (including reasonable professional fees) incurred by it as a result of any action, demand or claim that use or possession of the Equipment infringes the Intellectual Property Rights of any third party (**IPR Claim**), provided that the Supplier shall have no such liability if the Customer:
  - 14.1.1 does not notify the Supplier in writing setting out full details of any IPR Claim of which it has notice as soon as is reasonably possible;
  - 14.1.2 makes any admission of liability or agrees any settlement or compromise of the relevant IPR Claim without the prior written consent of the Supplier;
  - 14.1.3 does not let the Supplier at its request and own expense have the conduct of or settle all negotiations and litigation arising from the IPR Claim at its sole discretion;
  - 14.1.4 does not take all reasonable steps to minimise the losses that may be incurred by it or by any third party as a result of the IPR Claim;
  - 14.1.5 does not, at the Supplier's request, provide the Supplier with all reasonable assistance in relation to the IPR Claim (at the Customer's expense) including the provision of prompt access to any relevant premises, officers, employees, contractors or agents of the Customer.
- 14.2 If any IPR Claim is made or is reasonably likely to be made, the Supplier may at its option:
  - 14.2.1 procure for the Customer the right to continue using and possessing the relevant Equipment;  
or
  - 14.2.2 modify or replace the infringing part of the Equipment so as to avoid the infringement or alleged infringement, provided the Equipment remain in material conformance to their Specification.
- 14.3 The Supplier's obligations under clause 14.1 shall not apply to Equipment modified or used by the Customer other than in accordance with the Contract or the Supplier's instructions or any combination of the Equipment with any other product whether or not supplied by the Seller. The Customer shall indemnify the Supplier against all losses, damages, liability, costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees) incurred by the Supplier in connection with any claim arising from such modification or use.

#### **15 Confidentiality and announcements**

- 15.1 The Customer shall keep confidential all Confidential Information of the Supplier and shall only use the same as required to perform the Contract. The provisions of this clause shall not apply to:
  - 15.1.1 any information which was in the public domain at the date of the Contract;
  - 15.1.2 any information which comes into the public domain subsequently other than as a consequence of any breach of the Contract or any related agreement;
  - 15.1.3 any information which is independently developed by the Customer without using information supplied by the Supplier; or

- 15.1.4 any disclosure required by law or a regulatory authority or otherwise by the provisions of the Contract.
- 15.2 This clause 15 shall remain in force for a period of five years from the date of the Contract and, if longer, three years after termination of the Contract.
- 15.3 The Customer shall not make any public announcement or disclose any information regarding the Contract, except to the extent required by law or regulatory authority.

## **16 Force Majeure**

- 16.1 A party shall not be liable if delayed in or prevented from performing its obligations due to Force Majeure, provided that it:
  - 16.1.1 promptly notifies the other of the Force Majeure event and its expected duration; and
  - 16.1.2 uses best endeavours to minimise the effects of that event.
- 16.2 If, due to Force Majeure, a party:
  - 16.2.1 is or shall be unable to perform a material obligation; or
  - 16.2.2 is delayed in or prevented from performing its obligations for a continuous period exceeding 14 days or total of more than 30 days in any consecutive period of 60 days;  
the parties shall, within 30 days, renegotiate the Contract to achieve, as nearly as possible, the original commercial intent.

## **17 Termination**

- 17.1 The Supplier may terminate the Contract at any time by giving notice in writing to the Customer if:
  - 17.1.1 the Customer commits a material breach of the Contract and such breach is not remediable;
  - 17.1.2 the Customer commits a material breach of the Contract which is not remedied within 14 days of receiving written notice of such breach;
  - 17.1.3 the Customer has failed to pay any amount due under the Contract on the due date and such amount remains unpaid within 30 days after the Supplier has given notification that the payment is overdue; or
  - 17.1.4 any consent, licence or authorisation held by the Customer is revoked or modified such that the Customer is no longer able to comply with its obligations under the Contract or receive any benefit to which it is entitled.
- 17.2 The Supplier may terminate the Contract at any time by giving notice in writing to the Customer if the Customer:
  - 17.2.1 stops carrying on all or a significant part of its business, or indicates in any way that it intends to do so;
  - 17.2.2 is unable to pay its debts either within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or if the Supplier reasonably believes that to be the case;
  - 17.2.3 becomes the subject of a company voluntary arrangement under the Insolvency Act 1986;
  - 17.2.4 has a receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver appointed over all or any part of its undertaking, assets or income;
  - 17.2.5 has a resolution passed for its winding up;
  - 17.2.6 has a petition presented to any court for its winding up or an application is made for an administration order, or any winding-up or administration order is made against it;
  - 17.2.7 is subject to any procedure for the taking control of its Equipment that is not withdrawn or discharged within seven days of that procedure being commenced;
  - 17.2.8 has a freezing order made against it;

- 17.2.9 is subject to any recovery or attempted recovery of items supplied to it by a supplier retaining title to those items;
  - 17.2.10 is subject to any events or circumstances analogous to those in clauses 17.2.1 to 17.2.9 in any jurisdiction;
  - 17.2.11 takes any steps in anticipation of, or has no realistic prospect of avoiding, any of the events or procedures described in clauses 17.2.1 to 17.2.10 including giving notice for the convening of any meeting of creditors, issuing an application at court or filing any notice at court, receiving any demand for repayment of lending facilities, or passing any board resolution authorising any steps to be taken to enter into an insolvency process.
- 17.3 If the Customer becomes aware that any event has occurred, or circumstances exist, which may entitle the Supplier to terminate the Contract under this clause 17, it shall immediately notify the Supplier in writing.
- 17.4 Termination or expiry of the Contract shall not affect any accrued rights and liabilities of the Supplier at any time up to the date of termination.

## **18 Dispute resolution**

- 18.1 Any dispute arising between the parties out of or in connection with the Contract shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of this clause 18.
- 18.2 The dispute resolution process may be initiated at any time by either party serving a notice in writing on the Directors of the other party that a dispute has arisen. The notice shall include reasonable information as to the nature of the dispute.
- 18.3 The parties shall use all reasonable endeavours to reach a negotiated resolution through the following procedures:
- 18.3.1 Within 7 days of service of the notice, the contract managers of the parties shall meet to discuss the dispute and attempt to resolve it.
  - 18.3.2 If the dispute has not been resolved within 7 days of the first meeting of the contract managers] then the matter shall be referred to the chief executives (or persons of equivalent seniority). The chief executives (or equivalent) shall meet within 7 days to discuss the dispute and attempt to resolve it.
- 18.4 The specific format for the resolution of the dispute under clause 18.3.1 and, if necessary, clause 18.3.2 shall be left to the reasonable discretion of the parties, but may include the preparation and submission of statements of fact or of position.
- 18.5 If the dispute has not been resolved within 30 days of the first meeting of the chief executives] (or equivalent) under clause 18.3.2 then the matter may be referred to mediation in accordance with the London Court of International Arbitration Mediation Rules.
- 18.6 Until the parties have completed the steps referred to in clauses 18.3 and 18.5, and have failed to resolve the dispute, neither party shall commence formal legal proceedings or arbitration except that either party may at any time seek urgent interim relief from the courts or emergency arbitrator relief.

## **19 Notices**

- 19.1 Any notice given by a party under these Conditions shall:
- 19.1.1 be in writing and in English;
  - 19.1.2 be signed by, or on behalf of, the party giving it; and
  - 19.1.3 be sent to the relevant party at the address set out in the Contract
- 19.2 Notices may be given, and are deemed received:
- 19.2.1 by hand: on receipt of a signature at the time of delivery;
  - 19.2.2 by Royal Mail Recorded Signed For post: at 9.00 am on the second Business Day after posting;

- 19.2.3 by Royal Mail International Signed post: at 9.00 am on the fourth Business Day after posting; and
- 19.2.4 by fax: on receipt of a transmission report from the correct number confirming uninterrupted and error-free transmission.
- 19.3 Any change to the contact details of a party as set out in the Contract shall be notified to the other party in accordance with clause 19.1 and shall be effective:
- 19.3.1 on the date specified in the notice as being the date of such change; or
- 19.3.2 if no date is so specified, five Business Days after the notice is deemed to be received.
- 19.4 This clause 19 does not apply to notices given in legal proceedings or arbitration.
- 20 Cumulative remedies**
- The rights and remedies provided in the Contract for the Supplier only are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights and remedies provided by law.
- 21 Time**
- Unless stated otherwise, time is of the essence of any date or period specified in the Contract in relation to the Customer's obligations only.
- 22 Further assurance**
- The Customer shall at the request of the Supplier, and at the Customer's own cost, do all acts and execute all documents which are necessary to give full effect to the Contract.
- 23 Entire agreement**
- 23.1 The parties agree that the Contract and any documents entered into pursuant to it constitutes the entire agreement between them and supersedes all previous agreements, understandings and arrangements between them, whether in writing or oral in respect of its subject matter.
- 23.2 Each party acknowledges that it has not entered into the Contract or any documents entered into pursuant to it in reliance on, and shall have no remedies in respect of, any representation or warranty that is not expressly set out in the Contract or any documents entered into pursuant to it. No party shall have any claim for innocent or negligent misrepresentation on the basis of any statement in the Contract.
- 23.3 Nothing in these Conditions purports to limit or exclude any liability for fraud.
- 24 Variation**
- No variation of the Contract shall be valid or effective unless it is in writing, refers to the Contract and is duly signed or executed by, or on behalf of, the Supplier.
- 25 Assignment**
- 25.1 The Customer may not assign, subcontract or encumber any right or obligation under the Contract, in whole or in part, without the Supplier's prior written consent, which it may withhold or delay at its absolute discretion.
- 26 Set off**
- 26.1 The Supplier shall be entitled to set-off under the Contract any liability which it has or any sums which it owes to the Customer under the Contract or under any other contract which the Supplier has with the Customer.
- 26.2 The Customer shall pay all sums that it owes to the Supplier under the Contract without any set-off, counterclaim, deduction or withholding of any kind, save as may be required by law.
- 27 No partnership or agency**
- The parties are independent persons and are not partners, principal and agent or employer and employee and the Contract does not establish any joint venture, trust, fiduciary or other relationship between them, other than the contractual relationship expressly provided for in it. None of the

parties shall have, nor shall represent that they have, any authority to make any commitments on the other party's behalf.

## **28 Equitable relief**

The Customer recognises that any breach or threatened breach of the Contract may cause the Supplier irreparable harm for which damages may not be an adequate remedy. Accordingly, in addition to any other remedies and damages available to the Supplier, the Customer acknowledges and agrees that the Supplier is entitled to the remedies of specific performance, injunction and other equitable relief without proof of special damages.

## **29 Severance**

29.1 If any provision of the Contract (or part of any provision) is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable, the legality, validity and enforceability of any other provision of the Contract shall not be affected.

29.2 If any provision of the Contract (or part of any provision) is or becomes illegal, invalid or unenforceable but would be legal, valid and enforceable if some part of it was deleted or modified, the provision or part-provision in question shall apply with such deletions or modifications as may be necessary to make the provision legal, valid and enforceable. In the event of such deletion or modification, the parties shall negotiate in good faith in order to agree the terms of a mutually acceptable alternative provision.

## **30 Waiver**

30.1 No failure, delay or omission by the Supplier in exercising any right, power or remedy provided by law or under the Contract shall operate as a waiver of that right, power or remedy, nor shall it preclude or restrict any future exercise of that or any other right, power or remedy.

30.2 No single or partial exercise of any right, power or remedy provided by law or under the Contract by the Supplier shall prevent any future exercise of it or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy by the Supplier.

30.3 A waiver of any term, provision, condition or breach of the Contract by the Supplier shall only be effective if given in writing and signed by the Supplier, and then only in the instance and for the purpose for which it is given.

## **31 Compliance with law**

The Customer shall comply with all laws, enactments, regulations, regulatory policies, guidelines and industry codes applicable to it and shall maintain such authorisations and all other approvals, permits and authorities as are required from time to time to perform its obligations under or in connection with the Contract.

## **32 Conflicts within contract**

If there is a conflict between the terms contained in the Conditions and the terms of the Order, schedules, appendices or annexes to the Contract, the terms of the Conditions shall prevail.

## **33 Costs and expenses**

The Customer shall pay its own costs and expenses incurred in connection with the negotiation, preparation, signature and performance of the Contract (and any documents referred to in it).

## **34 Third party rights**

34.1 Except as expressly provided for in the above clauses **Error! Reference source not found.**, a person who is not a party to the Contract shall not have any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any of the provisions of the Contract.

## **35 Governing law**

The Contract and any dispute or claim arising out of, or in connection with, it, its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England and Wales.

**36 Jurisdiction**

The parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim arising out of, or in connection with, the Contract, its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

## THE SCHEDULE

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**Date:**

**Supplier:** Martin Pears Engineering Limited, registered company number 06838482, VAT number 889857722

Name:

Trading Address: Three Corners, Halwell, Totnes, Devon TQ9 7JE

Registered Address: 3 St Marco Gardens, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 1NU

Contact: [name]

**Customer**

Name: [insert full registered company name and trading name (if any) and registered number, place of registration]

Address: [registered office address]

Contact: [name]

**Location:**

[Order details here]

Ref.	Equipment	Description	Price
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**Delivery dates/periods:**

[Insert here]

The Customer has read and accepts the Order and Contract subject to the Conditions [above OR overleaf].

Signed by or on behalf of the Customer.....Date.....201[ ]

Name.....Position.....

Signed by or on behalf of the Supplier.....Date.....201[ ]

Name.....Position.....