

AARSLEFF GROUND ENGINEERING - CONDITIONS OF PURCHASE AND HIRE

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 In these Conditions

"BUYER" means the Company on the front page of the Order.

"CONDITIONS" means the standard terms and conditions of purchase or hire set out in this document and (unless the context otherwise requires) includes any special terms and conditions agreed in Writing between the Buyer and the Seller.

"CONTRACT" means the contract for the sale and purchase or hire of the Goods.

"DELIVERY ADDRESS" means the address stated on the Order.

"GOODS" means the goods (including any instalment of the goods or any part of them) described in the Order.

"HIRE PERIOD" means the hire period set out in the Order.

"ORDER" means the Buyer's purchase order to which these Conditions are annexed.

"PRICE" means the price or rental cost of the Goods.

"SELLER" means the person so described in the Order.

"SPECIFICATION" includes any plans drawings data or other information relating to the Goods. "WRITING" includes e-mail, facsimile transmission, and comparable means of communication.

1.2 Any reference to these Conditions to a statute or a provision of a statute shall be construed as a reference to that statute or provision as amended re-enacted or extended at the relevant time.

1.3 The headings in these Conditions are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation.

1.4 Where the Contract is for the hire of Goods, the Conditions shall apply (mutatis mutandis) to the hire of the Goods (unless the context requires otherwise).

2. APPLICATION OF TERMS

2.1 Subject to any variation under condition 2.4, these Conditions are the only conditions upon which the Buyer is prepared to deal with the Seller, and they shall govern the Contract to the entire exclusion of all other terms or conditions.

2.2 The Seller's quotation for Goods constitutes an offer by the Seller to supply Goods on these Conditions. No offer placed by the Seller shall be accepted by the Buyer other than by the Buyer issuing an Order or written acceptance of the quotation, at which point a contract for the supply and purchase or hire of Goods on these Conditions will be established.

2.3 No terms or conditions endorsed upon, delivered with, or contained in the Seller's quotation, acknowledgement or acceptance of order, specification or similar document shall form part of the Contract and the Seller waives any right which it otherwise might have to rely on such terms and conditions.

2.4 These Conditions apply to all the Buyer's purchases or hire of Goods and any variation to these Conditions shall have no effect unless expressly agreed in writing and signed by an authorised representative of the Buyer.

3. SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 The quantity, quality and description of the Goods shall subject as provided in these Conditions be as specified in the Order and/or in any applicable Specification supplied by the Buyer to the Seller or agreed in Writing by the Buyer.

3.2 Any Specification supplied by the Buyer to the Seller, or specifically produced by the Seller for the Buyer in connection with the Contract together with the copyright design rights or any other intellectual property rights in the Specification shall be the exclusive property of the Buyer. The Seller shall not disclose to any third party or use any such Specification except to the extent that it is or becomes public knowledge through no fault of the Seller or as required for the purpose of the Contract.

3.3 The Seller shall not unreasonably refuse any request by the Buyer to inspect and test the Goods during manufacture processing or storage at the premises of the Seller or any third party prior to despatch and the Seller shall provide the Buyer with all the facilities reasonably required for inspection and testing. Notwithstanding any such inspection or testing, the Seller shall remain fully responsible for the Goods and any such inspection or testing shall not diminish or otherwise affect the Seller's obligations under the Contract.

3.4 If as a result of inspection or testing the Buyer is not satisfied that the Goods will comply in all respects with the Contract and the Buyer so informs the Seller within 7 days of inspection or testing the Seller shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure compliance.

3.5 The Goods shall be marked in accordance with the Buyer's instructions and any applicable regulations or requirements of the carrier and properly packed and secured so as to reach their destination in an undamaged condition in the ordinary course.

4. PRICE OF THE GOODS

4.1 The Price of the Goods shall be as stated in the Order and unless otherwise so stated shall be: 4.1.1 exclusive of any applicable value added tax (which will be payable by the Buyer subject to receipt of a VAT invoice); and

4.1.2 inclusive of all charges for packaging, packing, shipping, carriage, insurance and delivery and collection of the Goods to and from the Delivery Address and any duties imposts or levies other than value added tax.

4.2 No increase in the Price may be made (whether on account of increased material, labour or transport costs, fluctuation in rates of exchange or otherwise) without the prior consent of the Buyer in Writing.

4.3 The Buyer shall be entitled to any discount for prompt payment, bulk purchase or volume of purchase customarily granted by the Seller whether or not shown on its own terms and conditions of sale together with any such rebate, discount or allowance that may be agreed as between the Buyer and the Seller.

5. TERMS OF PAYMENT

5.1 The Seller shall be entitled to invoice the Buyer on or at any time after delivery of the Goods and each invoice shall quote the number of the Order. Invoices for the hire of Goods shall be submitted monthly during the Hire Period by the Seller.

5.2 Unless otherwise stated in the Order or subsequently agreed to the contrary the Buyer shall pay the Price of the Goods a minimum of 30 days after the end of the month of receipt by the Buyer of a proper invoice or if later after acceptance of the Goods in question by the Buyer, but time for payment shall not be of the essence of the Contract.

5.3 The Buyer shall be entitled to set off against the Price any sums owed to the Buyer by the Seller.

6. DELIVERY

6.1 The Goods shall be delivered by the Seller to the Delivery Address on the date or within the period stated in the Order and in either case during the Buyer's usual business hours. The Seller shall off-load the Goods unless otherwise stipulated by the Buyer in the Order. Deliveries shall only be accepted by an authorised representative of the Buyer.

6.2 Where the date of delivery of the Goods is to be specified after the placing of the Order the Seller shall give the Buyer reasonable notice of the specified date.

6.3 The time of the delivery of the Goods is of the essence of the Contract.

6.4 A packing note quoting the number of the Order must accompany each delivery or consignment of the Goods and must be displayed prominently.

6.5 If the Goods are to be delivered by instalments the Contract will be treated as a single contract and not severable.

6.6 The Buyer shall be entitled to reject any Goods delivered which are not in accordance with the Contract and shall not be deemed to have accepted any Goods until the Buyer has had reasonable time to inspect them following delivery or if later within a reasonable time after any latent defect in the Goods has become apparent.

6.7 The Seller shall supply the Buyer in good time with any instructions or other information required to enable the Buyer to accept delivery of the Goods.

6.8 The Buyer shall not be obliged to return to the Seller any packaging or packing materials for the Goods whether or not any Goods are accepted by the Buyer.

6.9 If the Goods are not delivered on the due date, then, without prejudice to any other remedy it may have the Buyer reserves the right to:

6.9.1 cancel the Contract in whole or in part without liability to the Seller.

6.9.2 refuse to accept any subsequent delivery of the Goods which the Seller attempts to make; 6.9.3 recover from the Seller any expenditure reasonably incurred by the Buyer in obtaining Goods in substitution from another supplier; and

6.9.4 claim damages for any additional costs, loss or expenses incurred by the Buyer including all direct, indirect or consequential liabilities (all three of which terms include, without limitation, loss of profit, loss of business, depletion of goodwill and like loss), which are in any way attributable to the Seller's failure the Goods (or part thereof) on the due date.

6.10 The Seller shall be responsible for the collection of the Goods at the end of the Hire Period at the Delivery Address. The Seller shall up-load the Goods unless otherwise stipulated by the Buyer in the Order.

7. RISK AND PROPERTY

7.1 Risk of damage to or loss of the Goods shall pass to the Buyer upon delivery to the Buyer in accordance with the Contract.

7.2 Save in respect of the hire of the Goods where property will not pass, the property in the Goods shall pass to the Buyer upon delivery unless payment for the Goods is made prior to delivery when it shall pass to the Buyer once payment has been made and the Goods have been appropriated to the Contract.

7.3 Materials, equipment, tools, dies, moulds, rigs, copyright, design rights or any other forms of intellectual property rights in all drawings, specifications and data supplied by the Buyer to the Seller or not so supplied but used by the Seller specifically in the manufacture of the Goods shall at all times be and remain the exclusive property of the Buyer but shall be held by the Seller in safe custody at its own risk and

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maintained and kept in good condition by the Seller until returned to the Buyer and shall not be disposed of other than in accordance with the Buyer's instructions, nor shall such items be used otherwise than as authorised by the Buyer in writing.

8. WARRANTIES AND LIABILITIES

8.1 The Seller warrants to the Buyer that the Goods:

8.1.1 will be of best quality and fit for any purpose held out by the Seller or made known to the Seller in Writing at the time the Order is placed.

8.1.2 will be free from defects in design material and workmanship.

8.1.3 will correspond with any relevant Specification or sample; and

8.1.4 shall comply with all applicable statutory requirements, regulations or other legal requirements and generally recognised industry standards (including British and internationally recognised standards) regulations concerning the manufacture packaging delivery and sale or hire of the Goods.

8.2 Without prejudice to any other right or remedy which the Buyer may have, if any Goods are not supplied in accordance with, or the Seller fails to comply with, any of the terms of the Contract the Buyer shall be entitled to avail itself of any one or more of the following remedies at its discretion, whether or not any part of the Goods have been accepted by the Buyer:

8.2.1 to rescind the Order.

8.2.2 to reject the Goods (in whole or in part) and return them to the Seller at the risk and cost of the Seller on the basis that a full refund for the Goods so returned shall be paid forthwith by the Seller.

8.2.3 at the Buyer's option to give the Seller the opportunity at the Seller's expense either to remedy any defect in the Goods or to supply replacement Goods to ensure that the terms of the Contract are fulfilled.

8.2.4 to refuse to accept any further deliveries of the Goods but without any liability to the Seller; and

8.2.5 to claim such damages as may have been sustained in consequence of the Seller's breach or breaches of the Contract.

8.3 The Seller shall keep the Buyer indemnified in full against all direct, indirect, or consequential liabilities (all three of which terms include, without limitation, loss of profit, loss of business, depletion of goodwill and like loss), loss, damages, injury, costs, and expenses (including legal and other professional fees and expenses) awarded against or incurred or paid by the Buyer as a result of or in connection with:

8.3.1 defective workmanship, quality or materials or breach of any warranty given by the Seller in relation to the Goods.

8.3.2 an infringement or alleged infringement of any intellectual property rights caused by the use, manufacture, or supply of the Goods; and

8.3.3 any claim made against the Buyer in respect of any liability, loss, damage, injury, cost, or expense sustained by the Buyer's employees or agents or by any customer or third party to the extent that such liability, loss, damage, injury, cost or expense was caused by, relates to or arises from the Goods as a consequence of a direct or indirect breach or negligent performance or failure or delay in performance of the terms of the Contract by the Seller.

8.4 The Seller shall forthwith after this Order has been entered into take out (unless he has already done so) professional indemnity / public liability / Product liability / Employers liability / Contractors All Risk insurance with a limit of indemnity of the type and in the amount not less than that stated in under the Main Contract and shall maintain such insurance with reputable insurers carrying on business in the United Kingdom until 12 years after the date of issue of the Practical Completion Statement or last Section Completion Statement (as applicable) under the Main Contract provided that such insurance is generally available in the market to Sellers of a similar size and standing at commercially reasonable rates and on commercially reasonable terms. For the avoidance of doubt payment of any increased or additional premiums required by insurers by reason of the Sellers own claims record or other acts, omissions, matters or things peculiar to him, will be deemed to be within the Sellers obligations.

8.4.1 Whenever the Buyer reasonably requests, the Seller shall send the Buyer evidence that the Sellers insurance is in force, including, if required by the Buyer, an original letter from the Sellers insurers or brokers confirming:

1. the Sellers then current insurance; and

2. that the premiums for that insurance have been paid in full at the date of that letter.

8.5 Where the Buyer has entered into a contract for the provision by the Buyer to its customer of goods and/or services including the Goods ("Main Contract") or the Buyer requires to hire the Goods in order to perform the Main Contract, and the Contract is a sub-contract of that Main Contract, the Seller shall be deemed to have full knowledge of the provisions of the Main Contract between the Buyer and its customer (other than details which the Buyer considers to be commercially sensitive), and the Buyer shall, if so requested by the Seller, provide the Seller with a copy of the Main Contract (less such details). The Seller hereby acknowledges that any breach by it of the Contract may result in the Buyer committing breaches of and becoming liable in damages under the Main Contract and may occasion further loss or expense to the Buyer.

8.6 Neither the Seller nor the Buyer shall be liable to the other or be deemed to be in breach of the Contract by reason of any delay in performing or any failure to perform any of its obligations in relation to the Goods if the delay or failure was beyond that party's reasonable control. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the following shall be regarded as causes beyond either party's reasonable control:

8.6.1 Act of God explosion flood tempest fire pandemic or accident.

8.6.2 war or threat of war sabotage insurrection civil disturbance or requisition.

8.6.3 acts restrictions regulations bye-laws prohibitions or measures of any kind on the part of any governmental or parliamentary or local authority;

8.6.4 import or export regulations or embargoes;

8.6.5 strikes lockouts or other industrial actions or trade disputes (whether involving employees of the Seller of the Buyer or of a third party);

8.6.6 difficulties in obtaining raw materials labour fuel parts or machinery.

8.6.7 power failure or breakdown in machinery.

8.7 A party claiming the benefit of Condition 8.5 shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after the occurrence of a force majeure event:

8.7.1 notify the other part of the nature and extent of the event; and

8.7.2 use all reasonable endeavours to remove any such causes and resume performance as soon as feasible.

8.8 ALL HIRED PLANT & EQUIPMENT shall be fitted with an approved vehicle tracking system as deemed by the Aarsleff Ground Engineering Purchasing Dept at the time of Purchase Order placement. Any such Plant /Equipment lost OR stolen which does not have a tracking device fitted when specifically requested will not be accepted as liability by Aarsleff Ground Engineering, but of that of the Supplier/Hire Company in question.

9. TERMINATION

9.1 The Buyer shall have the right at any time and for any reason to terminate the Contract in whole or in part by giving the Seller written notice whereupon all work on the Contract shall be discontinued and in respect of the purchase of Goods only, the Buyer shall pay to the Seller fair and reasonable compensation for work-in-progress at the time of termination, but such compensation shall not include loss of anticipated profits or any consequential loss.

9.2 The Buyer shall be entitled to terminate the Contract without liability to the Seller by giving notice to the Seller at any time if:

9.2.1 the Seller makes any voluntary arrangement with its creditors (within the meaning of the Insolvency Act 1988) or (being a company becomes subject to an administration order or goes into liquidation (otherwise than for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction); or

9.2.2 an encumbrancer takes possession, or a receiver is appointed of any of the property or assets of the Seller; or

9.2.3 the Seller ceases or threatens to cease to carry on business; or

9.2.4 the Buyer reasonably apprehends that any of the events mentioned above is about to occur in relation to the Seller and notifies the Seller accordingly.

9.2.5 the Seller commits a material breach of the Contract; or

9.2.6 an event of force majeure prevents the Seller from performing its obligations under the Contract for any continuous period of three months.

9.2.7 in respect of the hire of the Goods, the Goods are lost, stolen, destroyed, damaged or broken down.

9.3 On termination of the Contract for any reason, the Seller shall immediately deliver to the Buyer: 9.3.1 all materials, tools, dies, moulds, rigs, and other equipment belonging to the Buyer; and

9.3.2 all specifications, drawings and other documentation and information provided by the Buyer to the Seller for the purposes of the Contract.

9.4 The termination of the Contract, however arising, shall be without prejudice to the rights and duties of the Buyer accrued prior to termination. The Conditions which expressly or implied have effect after termination (including without, Condition 8) shall continue to be enforceable notwithstanding termination.

10. GENERAL

10.1 The Order is personal to the Seller and the Seller shall not assign or transfer or purport to assign or transfer to any other person any of its rights or sub-contract any of its obligations under the Contract.

10.2 Any notice required or permitted to be given by either party to the other under these Conditions shall be in Writing addressed to that other party at its registered office or principal place of business or such other address as may at the relevant time have been notified pursuant to this provision to the party giving the notice.

10.3 No waiver by the Buyer of any breach of the Contract by the Seller shall be considered as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.

10.4 If any provision of these Conditions is held by any competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part the validity of the other provisions of these Conditions and the remainder of the provision in question shall not be affected thereby.

10.5 Any dispute arising under or in connection with these Conditions or the sale or hire of Goods shall be referred to arbitration by a single arbitrator appointed by agreement or (in default) nominated on the application of either party by the President for the time being of The Law Society in accordance with the rules of The Law Society of England and Wales.

10.6 The Contract (including any contractual or non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by the laws of England.

10.7 The parties to the Contract do not intend that any term of the Contract shall be enforceable by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 by any person that is not a party to it.

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