



Terms & Conditions

CONDITIONS OF SALE FOR CONCRETE – MARK BATES & SONS LIMITED

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1. Interpretation

In these conditions:

“**Buyer**” means the person or company whose order for the Goods is accepted by the Seller;

“**Carrier**” means any person who in a contract of carriage undertakes to perform or procure the carriage of the Goods to the Buyer and any employee, agent or contractor of that person;

“**Conditions**” means the standard terms and conditions of sale 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 between the Seller and the Buyer for the sale and purchase of the Goods;

“**Goods**” means the goods (including any instalment delivery of the goods) which the Seller is to supply in accordance with these Conditions;

“**Seller**” means Mark Bates & Sons Limited.

“**Standard Conditions of Sale**” means the conditions of sale set out on the reverse of the delivery note supplied to the buyer on the delivery of the Goods;

2. Basis of the Sale

- 2.1 The seller shall sell and the Buyer shall purchase the Goods in accordance with these Conditions which shall govern the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms and conditions (including any terms and conditions which the Buyer purports to apply under any purchase order, confirmation of order or similar document).
- 2.2 Each order for Goods by the Buyer to the Seller shall be deemed to be an offer by the Buyer to purchase the Goods subject to these conditions, and, for the avoidance of doubt, any call-off order on a Contract which differs from the concrete proportions negotiated for that Contract shall, to the extent accepted by the Seller in accordance with Condition 3.1, be deemed to be part of the Contract and subject to these conditions.

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- 2.3 Any quotation is given on the basis that no Contract will come into existence until the Seller accepts the order in accordance with Condition 3.1. Any quotation is valid for a period of 30 days only from its date provided that the Seller has not previously withdrawn it.
- 2.4 The Seller's instruction leaflets, manuals, drawings, illustrations, specifications, quotations and price lists do not constitute offers by the Seller and the Seller reserves the right to withdraw the same at any time to acceptance of an order.
- 2.5 No terms or conditions endorsed upon, delivered with, or contained in the Buyer's purchase order, specification or similar document will form part of the Contract simply as a result of a reference to such document in the Contract.
- 2.6 No variation to these conditions shall be binding unless agreed in writing by an authorised employee of the Seller of grade of General Manager or Director
- 2.7 The Seller's employees or agents are not authorised to make any representations concerning the Goods unless confirmed in writing by a Director of the Seller or Senior Manager of the Seller who is authorised by a Director of the Seller. In entering into the Contract, the Buyer acknowledges that it does not rely on and waives any claim for breach of any such representations which are not so confirmed provided always that this Condition 2.7 does not seek to exclude liability for fraudulent misrepresentation by the Seller or its employees or agents.
- 2.8 Save where otherwise agreed in writing between the parties, any recommendation or suggestion relating to the use, storage or handling of the Goods made by the Seller either in sales and technical literature or in response to a specific enquiry or otherwise is given in good faith but it is for the Buyer to satisfy itself the suitability of the Goods for its own particular purposes. All drawings, descriptive matter, specifications and advertising issued by the Seller and any descriptions or illustrations contained on the Seller's catalogue or brochures are issued or publishes for the sole purpose of giving an approximate idea of the goods described in them. They will not form part of the Contract.
- 2.9 The Seller reserves the right to record all orders and enquiries received by telephone.
- 2.10 If any provision in the Standard Conditions of Sale Conflicts with any provision of these conditions these Conditions shall prevail as between the Seller and the Buyer.

3. Orders, Specification, Sampling & Testing

- 3.1 No order submitted by the Buyer shall be deemed to be accepted by the Seller until the earlier of and acknowledgement or of the order being despatched.
- 3.2 The buyer shall be responsible to the Seller for ensuring the accuracy of the terms of any order (including any applicable specification) submitted by the Buyer and for giving the Seller any necessary information relating to the goods within a sufficient time to enable the Seller to perform the Contract in accordance with its terms
- 3.3 The quantity, quality and description of and any specification for the goods shall be those set out in the Seller's quotation forming part of these conditions or the Buyer's order (if accepted by the Seller in accordance with these Conditions).
- 3.4 If the goods are to be manufactured or any process is to be applied to the goods by the Seller in accordance with a specification submitted by the Buyer, the Buyer shall indemnify the Seller against all loss in connection with any claim for infringement of any patent, copyright, design or trademark, or other intellectual property rights which result from the Seller's use of the Buyer's specification.
- 3.5 The attention of the buyer is specifically drawn to the need for care in the handling of the goods which are irritants and can cause skin diseases and burns. The attention of the Buyer is drawn to the provision of Section 6 of the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (as amended) (the "Act"). The Seller gives notice to the Buyer that the Seller has available information, (including product safety data sheets) concerning the conditions necessary to ensure that, as far as is reasonably practicable, the Goods supplied will be safe

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and without risks to health when poorly used, handled, processed, stored or transported by a person at work. If the Buyer requires any information or advice in connection with the safe use of the Goods at Work the Buyer should immediately contact the Seller.

- 3.6 The Buyer hereby undertakes pursuant to section 6(8) of the Act to take such measures as are communicated in writing to it and take such other steps as are sufficient to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that the Goods will be safe and without risk to health at all times when they are being used, handled, processed, stored or transported by a person at work and shall not use them or permit them to be used without regard to
- 3.7 The Buyer shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Seller in respect of any liability, monetary penalty or fine in respect of or in connection with the Goods incurred directly or indirectly by the Seller under the Act or any regulation order or direction made there under or any other instrument relating to health and safety.
- 3.8 All sampling of the Goods, the making and testing of samples and interpretation of results must be carried out in accordance with relevant provisions of the current edition of BS EN 1235/BS EN 12390 and test results interpreted in accordance with BS EN 206-1/BS 8500 as such standards are amended or replaced from time to time or in accordance with the relevant provisions of such appropriate British or European Standards (as notified by the Seller to the Buyer) or other specification and, in the absence of any appropriate specification, in accordance with the Seller's instructions.
- 3.9 References to compressive strength in any specification shall, unless otherwise agreed, refer to compressive strength obtained from concrete cubes made, cured and tested in accordance with BS EN 12350 and BS EN 12390 as amended or replaced from time to time. When estimates are required of the in situ strength of concrete the interpretation shall be the estimated potential strength of concrete obtained from cores taken from any relevant information or advice relating to their use which has been communicated to the Buyer pursuant of these Conditions, hardened concrete in accordance with the recommendations of Concrete Society Report No. 11, "Concrete Core Testing for Strength" (or the replacement thereof).
- 3.10 Where the consistence of Goods is to be determined by identity criteria for slump or flow, any sample of the Goods shall be a spot sample taken in accordance with BS 8500-1 Annex B, Clause B.2.1 as amended or replaced from time to time and assessed for conformity in accordance with BS 8500-1, Tables B.1 to B.4 (as appropriate) as amended or replaced from time to time.
- 3.11 The density of foamed concrete has been established by reference to a sample tested in accordance with the procedure in BS EN 12350-6 as amended or replaced from time to time and assessed for conformity in accordance with the relevant Tarmac technical procedure.

4. Delivery

- 4.1 The parties shall agree the location for delivery of the Goods. Failing agreement delivery of the Goods shall be at the Seller's premises.
- 4.2 Where delivery of the Goods is to take place at the Seller's premises:-
 - 4.2.1 The Goods will be delivered into the vehicle in which the Buyer, its employees, agents or subcontractors collect the Goods, at a suitable delivery point at the Seller's premises as directed by the Seller's duly authorised representative;
 - 4.2.2 Whilst at the Seller's premises the Buyer, its employees, agents and subcontractors must obey the Seller's site rules and the instructions of the Seller's duly authorised representative; and
 - 4.2.3 The Buyer will be responsible for the condition of the vehicle in which it, its employees, agents or subcontractors collect the Goods (whether owned or hired) and the Seller shall not be liable in any way (including, without limitation, for negligence) for loss or contamination of the Goods resulting from the condition of such vehicle. The Buyer shall indemnify the Seller for any loss, damage or injury

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to the Seller, its employees or agents or subcontractors, its plant and equipment caused by the Buyer, its employees or agents or subcontractors, The Buyer's vehicle, or that of its agent or subcontractor, or the condition thereof.

- 4.3 Where the goods are to be delivered at the Buyer's premises or to such other place as may be agreed between the Seller and the Buyer pursuant to Condition 4.1, the Buyer shall provide and shall clearly indicate to the Seller or Carrier a route between the metalled highway and the point at which the Buyer wishes the Goods to be discharged which, in the reasonable opinion of the Seller or such Carrier, is safe and proper and reasonable for access, manoeuvring and egress of the delivery vehicle. If, in the seller's or carrier's reasonable opinion, such access is not available or is unsuitable, the seller reserves the right to refuse to deliver. The Buyer shall be responsible for supervising completion of delivery. The Buyer indemnifies the Seller (both for itself and as agent and trustee for any Carrier) against all losses, costs, proceedings, claims, demands and expenses incurred by it or by any such Carrier (other than in respect of death or personal injury caused by the negligence (as defined in Section 5 of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 (as amended) ("UCTA") of the Seller or Carrier) as a result of failure to provide such convenient and safe access or discharge point and/or properly supervised delivery as aforesaid.
- 4.4 Any time, period or date for delivery stated in the Contract is an estimate only and the Seller shall not be liable for any damages or losses whether direct or indirect (including as a result of negligence) arising out of failure to meet such time, period or date.
- 4.5 Where the Goods are to be delivered in instalments a failure by the Seller to deliver any one or more (but not all) of the instalments in accordance to the Buyer, or the Goods being delivered to the Buyer, with these Conditions of any claim by the Buyer in respect of any one or more (but not all) instalments shall not entitle the Buyer to treat the Contract as a whole as repudiated.
- 4.6 The Buyer must satisfy itself as to the condition of the Goods at the time of delivery and the Goods must be inspected and accepted in writing by the Buyer or Buyer's representative at the time of delivery.
- 4.7 The Seller's liability in respect of short weight or measures of Goods supplied shall be limited to the delivery of an additional supply of the Goods in accordance with these Conditions to make up the short weight or measure. The Seller shall have no liability in respect of the short weight or measure if notification is given later than 24 hours after delivery of the Goods.
- 4.8 The Buyer shall reimburse the Seller (both for itself and as agent and trustee for any carrier) all costs and expenses incurred by the Seller as a result of the Seller or Carrier being prevented from or delayed in making any delivery resulting from the acts or omissions of the Buyer or any of its employees, agents or subcontractors.
- 4.9 Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available to the Seller an additional charge may be made if:-
- 4.9.1 The Buyer requires delivery of the Goods in quantities less than minimum loads, as such minimum loads may be notified to the Buyer by the Seller from time to time; or
- 4.9.2 The Buyer requires delivery outside the Seller's normal working hours; or
- 4.9.3 The Buyer fails to take delivery or fails to give the Seller adequate delivery instructions; or
- 4.9.4 The time for discharging the vehicle at the location specified by the Buyer is more than minutes for each cubic metre; or
- 4.9.5 Delivery cannot be effected because of unsuitable access of unsuitable discharge point; or
- 4.9.6 The Buyer request that delivery be deferred.
- 4.10 Save where otherwise agreed in writing by the Seller, the Buyer may not re-direct delivery of the Goods or of any instalment of the Goods.
- 4.11 In the event that the Buyer requests that any goods be deposited on a street, public highway and/or public footpaths the Buyer shall be responsible for compliance with all statutes and regulations relating to public highways and bye-ways including, without limitation, obtaining all necessary licences and /or

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orders, and for all steps which need to be taken for the protection at all times of persons or property and shall indemnify the Seller in respect of all costs, claims, losses or expenses (including legal costs) on an indemnity basis (other than in respect of death and personal injury caused by the negligence (as defined in Section 25 of UCTA) of the Seller or its Carrier) which the Seller may incur as result of a breach

of this Condition 4.11 by the Buyer.

- 4.12 If the Buyer cancels or postpones its order, the Seller shall be entitled to recover all costs accrued and/or incurred up to the date upon which the Seller receives notice of such cancellation.

5. Price of the Goods

- 5.1 The price of the Goods shall be the price quoted by the Seller. Where no price has been quoted by the Seller, deliveries will be made at the Seller's prices ruling at the date of delivery or collection (as appropriate). Subject to price increases in the interim period, where additional concretes are ordered by the Buyer and accepted by the Seller in accordance with these Conditions, the price of the Goods shall be calculated pro-rata against the original main concrete price as quoted in accordance with this Condition 5.1.
- 5.2 The price of the Goods shall be subject to VAT and any other government duty, tax or levy applicable. Except where delivery takes place at the Seller's premises, all prices quoted by the Seller include the Seller's charges for transport and insurance.

6. Terms of Payment

- 6.1 Payment is due before delivery if required by the Seller at the time of entering into the Contract. In all other cases, payment shall be made within 30 days following the end of the month of invoice, but if default is made in the payment of any one invoice, these credit terms shall cease to apply and the Buyer will become immediately liable for all sums outstanding
- 6.2 Where the Seller has not required payment before delivery in accordance with Condition 6.1 and the Buyer fails to collect or accept delivery of the Goods (as appropriate) in accordance with these Conditions the Seller shall be entitled to invoice the Buyer for the price of the Goods at any time after such failure to collect or accept delivery (as appropriate).
- 6.3 If the Buyer fails to make any payment on the due date then without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller the Seller shall be entitled to:
- 6.3.1 Cancel the Contract or suspend any further deliveries to the Buyer; and
- 6.3.2 Charge the Buyer interest (both before and after any judgement) on the amount unpaid at the rate of 4% per annum above Barclays Bank PLC's base rate from time to time until payment in full is made.
- 6.4 The Buyer shall not be entitled to make any deduction from, set-off, or retention of, the amounts due under the Contract unless the Buyer has a valid court order requiring an amount equal to such deduction, set-off or retention to be paid by the Seller to the Buyer. The Seller shall be entitled to appropriate any payment due by the Buyer to the Seller to such of the Goods as the Seller thinks fit despite any purported appropriation by the Buyer including, but not limited to, any goods which have been supplied by the Seller to the Buyer under any contract between the Seller and the Buyer.

7. Risk and Property

- 7.1 Title in the Goods shall not pass to the Buyer until the price of the Goods and every other sum due from the

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Buyer to the Seller (whether under the Contract or otherwise) has been paid in full and until such payment, the Seller shall be entitled to enter the Buyer's premises to recover the Goods.

7.2 Risk of damage to or loss of the Goods shall pass to the Buyer:

7.2.1 In the case of Goods to be delivered at the Seller's premises, at the moment of discharge at the delivery

point on the Seller's premises into or onto the vehicle in which the Buyer, its employees, agents or sub-contractors collect the Goods: or

7.2.2 In the case of Goods to be delivered otherwise than at the Seller's premises, at the moment of their discharge from the Seller's or Carrier's vehicle at the delivery point identified by the Buyer in accordance with these conditions.

8. The Guarantee

8.1 If the Buyer can establish to the reasonable satisfaction of the Seller that:-

8.1.1 There is a defect in the workmanship of the Seller in relation to the Goods: or

8.1.2 There is a defect in the design of the Goods in circumstances where the Seller has designed the Goods: or

8.1.3 The Goods are not in accordance with the Quality or specification contained in the Contract: or

8.1.4 There is some other failure by the Seller in relation to the Goods to comply with the Contract, then, subject to the remaining provisions of this Condition 8 and Condition 9, the Seller shall at its sole discretion supply to the Buyer additional goods in the same quantity as the defective or non-compliant Goods and which in all respects are in accordance with the Contract or refund all or part (as appropriate) of the price of the relevant Goods (the "Guarantee").

8.2 The Guarantee is subject to the following limitations:

8.2.1 The Guarantee shall not apply unless the Buyer notifies the Seller in writing of the alleged defect or failure immediately upon its first becoming aware thereof and in any event within 28 days of the date of delivery of the Goods or, where the defect or failure was not apparent on reasonable inspection, within 28 days after the earlier of the discovery of the defect or failure by the Buyer, its employees, agents or sub-contractors or the time when the defect or failure ought reasonably to have been discovered by the Buyer, its employees, agents or subcontractors:

8.2.2 The Seller will accept no responsibility for the strength or other quality of its Goods if the Buyer shall have added anything whatsoever to them (other than as directed by the Seller);

8.2.3 The Seller will accept no responsibility for the consequences where the Buyer has supplied inadequate or incorrect information on the environmental or service conditions;

8.2.4 The Seller will accept no responsibility for the consequences should a different amount of water be used in the mixing of the Goods (other than by the Seller, its employees, agents, sub-contractors or Carriers) than shall have been recommended by the Seller;

8.2.5 The Seller will accept no responsibility or faults in or failure of the Goods due to placing adopted by the Buyer, or the effects of frost, heat or inclement weather;

8.2.6 If the materials used in the production of the Goods contain naturally occurring inclusions which result in cosmetic blemishes or surface depressions no liability for such blemishes or depressions can be accepted by the Seller and the Seller gives no guarantee as to consistency of colour of the Goods due to natural variations in raw materials and site practices beyond the Seller's control and no liability for such colour variation can be accepted by the Seller;

8.2.7 For concrete to have resistance to aggressive ground conditions, it is the responsibility of the Buyer to specify the appropriate design chemical class in accordance with BS 8500-1, as amended or replaced from time to time. The Seller can accept no liability whatsoever if the Goods do not exhibit adequate resistance to aggressive ground conditions where no such class or the incorrect class has been specified by the Buyer;

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- 8.2.8 The Seller will accept no responsibility if the defect or failure in respect of the Goods results from incorrect specification or other data supplied by the Buyer to the Seller;
- 8.2.9 Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing where, in relation to any supply of the Goods, the Seller complies with any request by the Buyer, his employees or agents for a variation of any of the constituents and/or properties referred to in the description of the Goods specified on the delivery ticket, and in particular for the addition of water to a concrete which is within the prescribed tolerance (in accordance with BS8500-1 Annex B, as amended or replaced from time to time), the Buyer shall accept any consequential alteration to the remainder of the said constituent materials and/or properties of the Goods and the Seller shall be under no liability whatsoever for any loss, damage or defect resulting from such variation or addition;
- 8.2.10 Since all cement and related products exhibit some volume change upon hardening, no responsibility can be accepted by the Seller, whether in contract, tort or delict (including negligence) or otherwise, for any loss or damage arising as a result of such changes;
- 8.2.11 Save in respect of death or personal injury caused by the negligence (as defined in section 25 of UCTA) of the Seller, the Seller shall have no liability whatsoever, whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise for the presence of any lignite or other deleterious material in any of the aggregates contained in the Goods.
- 8.3 The Buyer shall provide to the Seller, its employees and agents (together with such vehicles, plant and equipment as the Seller shall deem necessary) safe and unrestricted access together with such other facilities and information as the Seller may reasonably require to enable it to ascertain or verify the nature and cause of the alleged defect or failure and to carry out its obligations under the Guarantee. Provided always that the Seller shall be under no obligation whatsoever to refund the price of, or supply additional goods in respect of, any goods which are removed by the Buyer without the Seller's prior written consent or where the Seller has not been given proper opportunity to ascertain or verify the nature and cause of the alleged defect in accordance with this Condition 8.3.
- 8.4 The Seller shall be entitled to require the Buyer by notice in writing to cease forthwith the use of any of the Goods in respect of which any alleged defect or failure as been notified to the Seller and if the Buyer fails to comply with such requirement the Seller shall be under no liability to the Buyer either under this condition or otherwise in relation to such Goods. Notwithstanding this, the Seller shall not be liable for any damages or losses whatsoever suffered by the Buyer to the extent that they are caused by the continued use of the Goods after a defect or failure became apparent, or ought to have become apparent, to the Buyer, its employees, agents or subcontractors.
- 8.5 The Seller shall be under no obligation whatsoever to refund the price of the Goods or supply any additional goods to the Buyer pursuant to the Guarantee where the alleged defect or failure results from incorrect installation or handling, alteration without consent, wear and tear, accident, failure to observe the sampling or testing procedures referred to in Condition 3, abnormal or improper conditions of storage or use or any act, neglect or default (including negligence) of the Buyer or any third party.
- 8.6 Subject to Conditions 8.1 to 8.5, additional goods supplied pursuant to the Guarantee shall be delivered to the Buyer at the address at which the defective Goods were located.

9. The Seller's Liability

9.1 Subject to condition 9.2:-

- 9.1.1 The Liability accepted by the Seller under the Guarantee shall be in substitution of any other legal remedy of the Buyer in respect of any alleged defect in relation to the Goods or failure of the Goods to comply with the specification or quality contained in the Contract and any other condition, warranty, representation or undertaking on the part of the Seller as to the quality of the Goods or their fitness or suitability for any purpose howsoever and whenever expressed which may be implied

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- by statute custom of the trade or otherwise is hereby excluded and the provisions of sections 13 to 15 inclusive of the sale of goods act 1979 (as amended) shall not apply to the Contract;
- 9.1.2 The liability of the Seller whether in contract or in tort arising out of or in connection with any act, omission, neglect or default of the Seller, its employees, agents or subcontractors in connection with the Contract (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing for negligence, breach of any condition or warranty whether express or implied by statute, common law or otherwise howsoever) shall be limited to the refund of the price of the Goods or the supply of additional goods pursuant to the Guarantee;
- 9.1.3 The Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer in contract or tort (including negligence) or for breach of statutory duty for any loss of profit, loss of income, loss of revenue, loss of goodwill, loss of anticipated savings, loss of data, loss of opportunity or losses calculated by reference to profits, income, business, revenue, goodwill anticipated savings, data or opportunity (in all cases whether direct or indirect), or any indirect, consequential or economic loss of any kind whatsoever which the Buyer may suffer or incur by reason of any act, omission, neglect or default (including negligence) in connection with the Contract by the Seller, its employees or agents.
- 9.2 Nothing in these conditions shall:
- 9.2.1 Limit or exclude the liability of the Seller for death or personal injury resulting from the negligence (as defined in section 25 of UCTA) of the Seller, its employees or agents;
- 9.2.2 Limit or exclude the liability of the Seller for fraudulent misrepresentation; or
- 9.2.3 Exclude the conditions and warranties implied by section 12 of the sale of goods act 1979 (as amended)
- 9.3 The Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer in any manner or be deemed to be in breach of the Contract (subject to Condition 9.2) because of any delay in performing or any failure to perform any of the Seller's obligations under the Contract if the delay or failure was due to any cause beyond the Seller's reasonable control ("force majeure condition").
- 9.4 Without prejudice to the generality of Condition 9.3 force majeure conditions shall include: governmental actions, war and threat of war, national emergency, riot civil disturbance, sabotage, insurrection or requisition; act of God, fire, explosion, flood, tempest, epidemic or accident: import or export regulations or embargoes or compliance with any governmental, parliamentary or local authority order, rule, regulation, direction or bye-law; strikes, lock outs or other industrial actions or trade or labour disputes (including actions or disputes involving the Seller's workforce); inability to obtain or delay in obtaining supplies of adequate or suitable material, fuel, parts, machinery or labour; or power failure or breakdown in machinery.
- 9.5 The Seller undertakes to make every reasonable endeavour to overcome difficulties arising from a force majeure condition provided always that the Seller shall not be obliged to purchase the Goods from third parties.

10. Insolvency and breach of contract of buyer

- 10.1 This condition applies if the Buyer commits any breach of the Contract or of any other contract between the Buyer and the Seller or between the Buyer and any company within the same group of companies of which the Seller is a member; or the Buyer has a bankruptcy order made against him or makes any voluntary arrangement or composition with his creditors or otherwise takes the benefit of any statute for the time being in force for the relief of insolvent debtors (or being a company or body corporate) convenes a meeting of creditors (whether formal or informal) or enters into liquidation (whether voluntary or compulsory) except a solvent voluntary liquidation for the purpose only of a reconstruction or amalgamation, or a resolution is passed or a petition presented to any court for the winding-up of the Buyer or for the granting of an administration order in respect of the Buyer or any proceedings are commenced relating to the insolvency or possible insolvency of the Buyer; or an encumbrance takes

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possession or a manager, administrator, receiver or administrative receiver is appointed over any of the property, undertaking or assets of the Buyer (or part thereof); or the Buyer ceases or threatens to cease to carry on business; or if any distress, lien, hypothec, execution (whether legal or equitable) or other process is levied or enforced on any property of the Buyer and is not paid out, withdrawn or discharged within 21 days; or the Buyer is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of Section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or the Seller reasonably apprehends that any of the events mentioned above is about to occur in relation to the Buyer and notifies the Buyer accordingly.

10.2 If this condition applies then without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller the Seller shall be entitled to cancel the Contract or suspend any further deliveries under the Contract without any liability to the Buyer and if the Goods have been delivered but not paid for the price shall become immediately due and payable despite any previous agreement or arrangement to the contrary.

11. General

11.1 All notices between the parties in respect of the Contract must be in writing and delivered by hand, sent by first class pre-paid post, sent by facsimile transmission (in the case of to the Seller) to the Seller's address or facsimile number shown overleaf or as notified in writing by the Seller from time to time or (in the case of notices to the Buyer) to its registered office (if it is a company) or (in any other case) to the last known address of the Buyer or such address or facsimile number as shall be notified in writing to the Seller by the Buyer for this purpose.

11.2 Notices shall be deemed to have been received 48 hours after posting (exclusive of the day of posting) if sent by first class post; on the day of delivery, if delivered by hand; or at the time of transmission or if sent by facsimile provided that a confirming copy is sent by first class prepaid post to the other party within 24 hours after transmission.

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

11.4 Any provision of the Contract which is held by any competent authority to be invalid, void, voidable, unenforceable or unreasonable (in whole or in part) shall to the extent of such invalidity, voidness, voidability, unenforceability or unreasonableness be deemed severable and the other provisions of the Contract and the remainder of such provision shall not be affected.

11.5 The parties agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have a non-exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute which arises in connection with the Contract.

11.6 The buyer shall not assign, subcontract or otherwise transfer all or any of its rights, interests or obligations under the Contract without the prior written consent of the Seller. Any or all of the Seller's rights or obligations under the Contract may be assigned or subcontracted by the Seller.

11.7 The parties to the Contract do not intend that any of its terms will be enforceable by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 by any person not a party to it.



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