STANDARD PURCHASE TERMS AND CONDITIONS (GOODS AND SERVICES)

The Conditions may be varied only with the written agreement of the Purchaser. No terms or conditions put forward at any time by the Supplier shall form any part of the Contract and the Conditions will override and take the place of any terms and conditions contained in any document or communication used by the Supplier. [If an Order includes any Special Terms which conflict with any of the conditions set out below, the Special Terms will take precedence.]

1 DEFINITIONS

1.1 In the Conditions the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Conditions" means these Standard Purchase Terms and Conditions (Goods and Services);

"Contractor's Confidential Information" means any information, which has been designated as confidential by either Party in writing or that ought reasonably to be considered as confidential however it is conveyed, including information that relates to the business, affairs, developments, trade secrets, know-how, personnel and suppliers of the Contractor, including IPRs, together with all information derived from the above, and any other information clearly designated as being confidential (whether or not it is marked as "confidential") or which ought reasonably to be considered to be confidential;

"Contract" means the Conditions and the Order together;

"Crown" means the government of the United Kingdom (including the Northern Ireland Executive Committee and Northern Ireland Departments, the Scottish Executive and the National Assembly for Wales), including, but not limited to, government ministers, government departments, government offices and government agencies;

"Goods" means any such goods as are to be supplied to the Purchaser by the Supplier (or by the Supplier's sub-contractors) pursuant to or in connection with the Order;

"Intellectual Property Rights" means patents, inventions, trade marks, service marks, logos, design rights, get-up, know-how, copyright (including rights in computer software), database rights, domain names, trade or business names, moral rights or other similar rights or obligations whether registered or not including applications for registration and all similar forms of protection anywhere in the world;
"Key Staff" means the Staff identified as key staff in the Order;

"Order" means the purchase order in the form set out in Appendix 1 which the Purchaser may place from time to time with the Supplier detailing the Goods and/or Services to be provided under this Contract;

"Parties" means the Purchaser and the Supplier when referred to together and each shall be referred to as a "Party";

"Premises" means the Purchaser’s premises, or such other premises as the Purchaser may designate, specified in the Order and to where Goods are to be delivered and/or Services are to be performed;

"Purchaser" means the Office of Fair Trading;

"Services" means any such services as are to be performed by the Supplier (or by the Supplier’s sub-contractors) pursuant to or in connection with the Order;

"Special Terms" means any special terms and conditions provided by the Purchaser and set out in the Order;

"Staff" means the persons used by the Supplier (including subcontractors) to provide and/or perform the Goods and or Services;

"Supplier" means the supplier named in the Order; and

"VAT" means value added tax in accordance with the provisions of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

2 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

2.1 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties. The Contract supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and understandings, whether written or oral, between the Parties relating to its subject matter except that this Condition 2 shall not exclude liability in respect of fraudulent misrepresentation. The Parties acknowledge that they have not entered into the Contract in reliance upon any statement, representation, warranty or assurance that is not set out in the Contract.

3 CONTRACT DURATION

3.1 The duration of the Contract shall be as set out in the Order, provided always that the Contract shall continue in full effect until such time as the Supplier has completed the performance of the Services and/or delivered the Goods in accordance with the Contract and the Purchaser has paid all sums due under the Contract (the
"Term"), unless the Contract is terminated in accordance with its terms or otherwise lawfully terminated.

4 THE GOODS AND SERVICES

4.1 The Supplier shall ensure that the Goods and/or Services provided and/or performed under the Contract shall:

(a) be of satisfactory quality or workmanship, in full accordance with any description and/or specification in the Order or which the Purchaser may specify from time to time;

(b) be fit for the purpose for which the Goods are ordinarily used and for any particular purpose communicated to the Supplier prior to or in the Order;

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

(d) correspond with any samples provided to the Purchaser;

(e) not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights or other rights of any third party anywhere in the world;

(f) be performed by appropriately qualified and trained personnel with all due skill, care and diligence and to such high standards of quality stated in the Order or (if none are so stated) as it is reasonable for the Purchaser to expect;

(g) conform in all respects with the requirements of all applicable laws, standards, codes of practice (whether voluntary or mandatory), statutory requirements, orders or other regulations that may be in force from time to time.

4.2 The Supplier shall be deemed to have satisfied itself as regards to the nature and extent of the Goods and/or Services to be provided and/or performed pursuant to the Contract.

5 THE PRICE

5.1 The price of the Goods and/or Services shall be included in the Order and is fixed and exclusive of VAT but inclusive of all other levies, duties, taxes, charges and expenses (including packaging, carriage, insurance and other disbursements) and no increase will be accepted by the Purchaser unless agreed by it in writing before the execution of the Order.

5.2 The Purchaser shall pay the Supplier the VAT chargeable on the Goods and/or Services provided in accordance with the Contract.

5.3 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Purchaser, the Supplier shall render an original and a copy invoice to the Purchaser at
monthly intervals in arrears during the Term and each invoice shall contain all appropriate references to the Goods and/or Services to which it relates, the Purchase Order number and a detailed breakdown of what has been provided and the relevant price and shall be supported by such other documentation as the Purchaser may reasonably require.

5.4 Payment shall be made to the Supplier within 30 days of receipt by the Purchaser of a valid invoice in accordance with Condition 5.3 above.

5.5 Without prejudice to any other right or remedy the Purchaser may have, the Purchaser reserves the right to set off:

(a) any amount payable to the Supplier under the Contract in respect of any Goods and/or Services that the Supplier has failed to provide or provided inadequately; and/or

(b) any sums due from the Supplier to the Purchaser (including any sum that the Supplier is liable to pay in respect of breach of contract)

whether under the Contract or in any other agreement which may exist between the Parties from time to time.

6 DELIVERY

6.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Purchaser, the Goods and/or Services shall be delivered and/or performed in the quantities, by the times and at the place specified in the Order and the Purchaser shall not be obliged to accept any incomplete delivery and/or performance of the Goods and/or Services or any Goods in excess of what is specified in the Order.

6.2 Any access to the Premises and any labour and equipment that may be provided by the Purchaser in connection with the delivery shall be provided without acceptance by the Purchaser of any liability whatsoever and the Supplier shall indemnify the Purchaser and the Crown in respect of any actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, costs and expenses which the Purchaser or the Crown may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any damage or injury (whether fatal or otherwise) occurring in the course of delivery or installation of the Goods and/or Services to the extent that such damage or injury is attributable to any act or omission of the Supplier or any of its sub-contractors.

6.3 The time of delivery of the Goods and/or Services shall be of the essence and failure to deliver within the time promised or specified in the Order shall enable the Purchaser (at its option) to release itself from any obligation to accept and pay for the Goods and/or Services
and/or to cancel all or part of the Order therefore, in either case without prejudice to its rights and remedies.

7 STAFF AND ACCESS TO THE PURCHASER’S PREMISES

7.1 Unless agreed otherwise in writing by the Purchaser, the Supplier shall make the Key Staff available for the Term, or for the period necessary for them to fulfil their part of the provision of the Goods and/or Services.

7.2 Where any access to, or use of, the Premises is necessary in connection with provision of the Goods and/or Services, the Supplier and its Staff shall have access to and use of the Premises without charge as a licensee and shall not impede the Purchaser’s exercise of rights of possession and control of the Premises and shall vacate the Premises on the expiry or earlier termination of the Contract.

7.3 Whilst on the Premises the Supplier shall, and shall procure that its Staff, at all times comply with such rules, regulations and other requirements as may be in force from time to time in respect of persons attending the Premises, including the reasonable requirements of the Purchaser’s Head of Security and/or the requirements of the Cabinet Office Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS) and shall, at the request of the Purchaser, provide evidence to verify that checks have been undertaken by the Supplier in order to satisfy the requirements of BPSS.

7.4 If, in the opinion of the Purchaser, any member of the Staff is responsible for any misconduct on the Premises, or the Purchaser does not consider it to be in the public interest for a particular Staff member to be admitted to the Premises, the Purchaser may require the Supplier to ensure that that person is no longer deployed in the provision of Goods and/or Services on the Premises.

7.5 For the purposes of Condition 7.4, misconduct includes conduct which in any manner contravenes good order, discipline or security or adversely affects routine at the Premises.

8 TITLE AND RISK

8.1 Without prejudice to the rights and remedies of the Purchaser (including the Purchaser’s rights and remedies under Condition 10 hereof) title and risk in any goods that form all or part of the Goods and/or Services shall pass to the Purchaser at the time of delivery in accordance with Condition 6.

9 DAMAGE IN TRANSIT

9.1 On dispatch of any consignment of the Goods the Supplier shall send to the Purchaser at the address for delivery of the Goods an advice
note specifying the means of transport, the place and date of dispatch, the number of packages and their weight and volume. The Supplier shall free of charge and as quickly as possible either repair or replace (as the Purchaser shall select) such of the Goods as may either be damaged in transit or having been replaced in transit fail to be delivered to the Purchaser provided that:

(a) in the case of damage to such Goods in transit, the Purchaser shall within 30 days of delivery give notice to the Supplier that the Goods have been damaged;

(b) in the case of non-delivery the Purchaser shall (provided that the Purchaser has been advised of the dispatch of the Goods) within 10 days of the notified date of delivery give notice that the Goods have not been delivered.

10 INSPECTION, REJECTION AND GUARANTEE OF THE GOODS

10.1 The Supplier shall permit the Purchaser or its authorised representative to make any inspections or tests he may reasonably require and, where necessary, the Supplier shall afford all reasonable facilities and assistance free of charge at its premises. No failure to make a complaint at the time of such inspection or tests and no approval given during or after such tests or inspections shall constitute a waiver by the Purchaser of any rights or remedies in respect of the Goods and/or Services.

10.2 The Purchaser may by written notice to the Supplier reject any Goods and/or Services which fail to meet the requirements specified in the Contract. Such notice shall be given within a reasonable period after delivery of the Goods concerned to the Purchaser and/or the completion of the performance of the Services. If the Purchaser shall reject any of the Goods and/or Services pursuant to this Condition 10.2 the Purchaser shall be entitled (without prejudice to his other rights and remedies) to either:

(a) have the Goods concerned as quickly as possible either repaired by the Supplier or (as the Purchaser shall elect) replaced by the Supplier with Goods which comply in all respects with the requirements specified in the Contract; and/or

(b) have the Services, or any part of the Services, which have not been provided in accordance with the Contract, re-executed by the Supplier at the Supplier’s expense within such reasonable time as the Purchaser may specify; or

(c) obtain a refund from the Supplier in respect of the Goods and/or Services concerned.
10.3 The guarantee period applicable to the Goods and/or Services shall be 12 months from putting into service or 18 months from delivery whichever is shorter (subject to any alternative guarantee arrangements agreed in writing between the Purchaser and the Supplier). If the Purchaser shall within such guarantee period or within 30 days thereafter give notice in writing to the Supplier of any defect or failure in any of the Goods and/or Services as may have arisen during such guarantee period under proper and normal use the Supplier shall (without prejudice to any of the rights and remedies which the Purchaser may have) as quickly as possible remedy such defects (whether by repair or replacement as the Purchaser shall elect) without cost to the Purchaser.

10.4 Any Goods rejected or returned by the Purchaser as described in paragraphs 10.2 or 10.3 shall be returned to the Supplier at the Supplier’s risk and expense.

11 LABELLING AND PACKAGING OF THE GOODS

11.1 The Goods shall be packed and marked in the proper manner and in accordance with the Purchaser’s instructions and any statutory requirements or the requirements of the carriers. In particular the Goods shall be marked with an order number, the net, the gross and tare weights, the name of the contents (and all documents relating thereto) shall bear prominent and adequate warnings. The Supplier shall indemnify the Purchaser and the Crown against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, costs and expenses which the Purchaser or the Crown may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach of this Condition 11.1.

11.2 All packaging materials will be considered non-returnable and will be destroyed unless the Supplier’s advice note states that such materials will be charged for unless returned. The Purchaser accepts no liability in respect of the non-arrival at the Supplier’s premises of empty packages returned by the Purchaser unless the Supplier shall within 10 days of receiving notice from the Purchaser that the packages have been dispatched notify the Purchaser of such non-arrival.

12 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

12.1 The Supplier hereby assigns to the Purchaser all Intellectual Property Rights owned by the Supplier in any material which is generated by the Supplier and delivered to the Purchaser in the performance of the Services and shall waive all moral rights (and other broadly equivalent rights) relating to such material. The Supplier shall not reproduce, publish or supply any such material to any person other than the Purchaser without the Purchaser’s prior written consent. In performing the Services the Supplier shall obtain the Purchaser’s
approval before utilising any other material which is or may be subject to any Intellectual Property Rights.

12.2 It shall be a condition of the Contract that, except to the extent that the Goods and/or Services are made up in accordance with designs furnished by the Purchaser, none of the Goods will infringe any Intellectual Property Rights of any third party and, subject to Condition 12.4, the Supplier shall indemnify the Purchaser and the Crown against all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs and expenses (including legal costs) and any other liabilities the Purchaser or the Crown may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach of this Condition 12.

12.3 All Intellectual Property Rights (including ownership of copyright) in any specifications, instructions, plans, drawings, patterns, models, designs or other material furnished to or made available to the Supplier by the Purchaser pursuant to this Contract shall remain vested solely in the Crown and the Supplier shall not (except to the extent necessary for the implementation of this Contract) without prior written consent of the Purchaser use or disclose any such specification, plans, drawings, patterns, models or designs or any information (whether or not relevant to this Contract) which the Supplier may obtain pursuant to this Contract and in particular (but without prejudice to the generality to the foregoing) the Supplier shall not refer to the Purchaser or the Contract in any advertisement without the Purchaser's prior written agreement.

12.4 The provisions of Condition 12.2 shall not apply in respect of any material which the Purchaser has supplied to the Supplier or has specified for use by the Supplier or for delivery to the Purchaser.

12.5 The Purchaser shall indemnify the Supplier against all actions, proceedings, claims, demands, losses, damages, costs and expenses (including legal costs) and any other liabilities the Supplier may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with the use of any material referred to in Condition 12.4 which involves any infringement of the Intellectual Property Rights of any third party.

12.6 Where any claim is made by a third party in respect of any material referred to in Condition 12.2 or 12.5, the Party which is required to provide an indemnity shall have the right to conduct the defence to the claim and to any proceedings brought by the third party.

12.7 The obligations imposed by this Condition 12 shall continue to apply after the expiry or termination of the Contract.
13 HEALTH AND SAFETY

13.1 The Supplier represents and warrants to the Purchaser that the Supplier has satisfied itself that all necessary tests and examinations have been or will be made prior to delivery of the Goods and/or performance of the Services to ensure that:

(a) the Goods are designed and constructed so as to be safe and without risk to the health and safety of persons using the same, and that the Supplier has made available to the Purchaser adequate information about the use for which the Goods have been designed and have been tested and about any conditions necessary to ensure that when put to use the Goods will be safe and without risk to health; and

(b) the Services are carried out in accordance with all applicable health and safety law and standards and any methods employed in providing the Services are safe and without risk to persons who may from time to time come into contact with the same.

13.2 The Supplier shall promptly notify the Purchaser of any health and safety hazards which may arise in the delivery of the Goods and/or in performing the Services. The Purchaser shall promptly notify the Supplier of any health and safety hazards of which the Purchaser is aware which may exist or arise at the Premises and which may affect the Supplier in the delivery of the Goods and/or in performing the Services.

13.3 If any Goods and/or any aspects of the Services supplied in accordance with the Contract contain and/or require the use of any hazardous substances or require any special precautions to be taken to ensure safety in handling, transport, storage or use, the Supplier shall, prior to delivery of the Goods and/or performance of the Services, provide the Purchaser with written details of the nature of those substances and the precautions to be taken and shall ensure that before despatch of the Goods and/or performance of the Services appropriate instructions and warnings are clearly and prominently attached to any containers in which the Goods are packed and/or positioned in areas where the Services are to be performed.

13.4 The Supplier shall take all measures necessary to comply with the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and any other statutes, orders, regulations and Codes of Practice relating to health and safety which apply to the Supplier in the delivery of the Goods and/or in performing the Services and the Supplier shall comply with all health and safety measures implemented at the Premises.
13.5 The Supplier shall provide to the Purchaser, in writing, all such data, instructions and warnings as are required to comply with all applicable legislation relating to health and safety and shall indemnify the Purchaser and the Crown against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, costs and expenses which the Purchaser and the Crown may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any breach of this Condition 13.

14 INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

14.1 Without prejudice to any rights or remedies of the Purchaser (including the Purchaser’s rights and remedies under Condition 7) the Supplier shall indemnify the Purchaser and the Crown against all actions, suits, claims, demands, losses, charges, costs and expenses which the Purchaser or the Crown may suffer or incur as a result of or in connection with any damage to property or in respect of any injury (whether fatal or otherwise) to any person which may result directly or indirectly from any defects in the Goods and/or from the performance of the Services or the negligent or wrongful act or omission of the Supplier.

14.2 The Supplier shall effect with a reputable insurance company a policy or policies of insurance covering all the matters which are the subject of indemnities under the Contract and shall at the request of the Purchaser produce the relevant policy or policies together with receipts or other evidence of payment of the latest premium due under the respective policies.

15 UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION

15.1 The Supplier shall not unlawfully discriminate either directly or indirectly on such grounds as race, colour, ethnic or national origin, disability, sex or sexual orientation, religion or belief, or age and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the Supplier shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, the Race Relations Act 1976, the Equal Pay Act 1970, the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, the Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003, the Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003, the Employment Equality (Age) Regulations 2006, the Equality Act 2006, the Human Rights Act 1998 or other relevant or equivalent legislation, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof.

15.2 The Supplier shall take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of clause 15.1 by all Staff.
16 OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT AND CONFIDENTIALITY

16.1 The Supplier shall comply with, and shall ensure that its Staff comply with, the provisions of the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989.

16.2 The Supplier shall keep secret and not disclose, and shall ensure that its Staff keep secret and do not disclose, any information of a confidential nature obtained by it by reason of the Contract except information which is in the public domain otherwise than by reason of a breach of this provision.

16.3 In the event that the Supplier or its Staff fail to comply with this Condition 16, the Purchaser reserves the right to terminate the Contract by giving notice in writing to the Supplier.

16.4 The parties acknowledge that, except for any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, the content of this Contract is not Confidential Information. The Purchaser shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any of the content of the Contract is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA.

16.5 Notwithstanding any other term of this Contract, the Contractor hereby gives his consent for the Purchaser to publish the Contract in its entirety, including from time to time agreed changes to the Agreement, to the general public.

16.6 The obligations imposed by this Condition 16 shall continue to apply after the expiry or termination of the Contract.

17 PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION

17.1 The Supplier shall not do, and warrants that it has not done, any of the following:

(a) offer, give or agree to give to any servant of the Crown any gift or consideration as an inducement or reward for doing or not doing any act in relation to the obtaining or performance of the Contract or any other contract with the Crown;

(b) enter into the Contract or any other contract with the Crown in connection with which commission has been paid or has been agreed to be paid by it or on its behalf, unless before the Contract is made particulars of such commission and the terms of such agreement have been disclosed in writing to the Purchaser; or

(c) showing or refraining from showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the Contract or any such contract
17.2 If the Supplier, its Staff or anyone acting on their behalf, does any of the Prohibited Acts or commits any offence under the Prevention of Corruption Acts 1889 to 1916, whether with or without the knowledge of the Supplier, the Purchaser shall be entitled to terminate the Contract and recover from the Supplier the amount of any loss resulting from such termination and the amount or value of any such gift, consideration or commission.

18 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

18.1 The Supplier shall take all measures necessary to ensure that no actual or potential conflict of interest exists or arises relating to the Supplier or its Staff that, in the reasonable opinion of the Purchaser, could in any way adversely affect the performance of the Contract. The Supplier shall promptly notify the Purchaser in writing if it knows or becomes aware of any conflict of interest or any circumstances that could give rise to a conflict of interest, disclosing full particulars of any such conflict.

18.2 Without prejudice to any other right or remedy the Purchaser may have, if the Purchaser becomes aware of any conflict of interest or any circumstances that could give rise to a conflict of interest, the Purchaser shall have the right, after taking into account all representations made by the Supplier, to:

(a) allow the Supplier a period of time in which it must take any measures necessary to ensure that the conflict of interest, or the cause of the potential conflict of interest, is removed; or

(b) terminate the Contract in accordance with Condition 20 if, in the opinion of the Purchaser, there is a conflict of interest that cannot be removed.

18.3 Where the Purchaser has exercised the option under Condition 18.2(a) and the Supplier fails to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Purchaser that the conflict of interest, or cause of the potential conflict, has been removed, the Purchaser shall have the right to terminate the Contract in accordance with Condition 20.

19 RIGHT OF AUDIT

19.1 The Supplier shall keep and maintain until two years after the Term, or such longer period as may be agreed between the Parties, full and accurate records of the Contract including the Goods and/or Services supplied under it, all expenditure reimbursed by, and all payments made by, the Purchaser. The Supplier shall on request grant the Purchaser, or its authorised agents, such access to those records as they may reasonably require in connection with the Contract.
TERMINATION ON DEFAULT

20.1 The Purchaser may terminate the Contract by written notice to the Supplier with immediate effect if the Supplier is in default of any obligation under the Contract and:

(a) where capable of remedy the Supplier has not remedied the default to the satisfaction of the Purchaser within 30 days, or such other period as may be specified by the Purchaser, after service of written notice specifying the default and requiring it to be remedied; or

(b) the default is not capable of remedy; or

(c) the default is a fundamental breach of the Contract.

20.2 Termination of the Contract under Conditions 20.1 or 22 shall not affect any right of action or remedy that shall have accrued or shall thereafter accrue to either Party and shall not affect the continuing operation of Conditions 12 and 16.

20.3 If the Purchaser terminates the Contract under Conditions 20.1 or 22, and then makes other arrangements for the delivery of the Goods and/or provision of the Services, the Purchaser shall be entitled to recover from the Supplier the additional cost of making those other arrangements and any other additional expenditure incurred by the Purchaser. No further payments shall be payable to the Supplier until the Purchaser has established the final cost and expenditure in making those other arrangements.

BREAK

21.1 Either Party shall have the right to terminate the Contract, at any time by giving one month’s written notice to the other Party. The Purchaser may extend the period of notice at any time before it expires, subject to agreement on the delivery of the Goods and/or level of Services to be provided during the extension. The Purchaser shall reimburse the Supplier for any loss, not including loss of profit or any indirect or consequential loss, actually and reasonably incurred as a result of such termination, provided that:

(a) the Supplier takes immediate and reasonable steps, consistent with his obligation to provide the Goods and/or Services during the period of notice, to reduce any such loss; and

(b) the Purchaser shall not be liable to pay any sum in reimbursement which, when added to any sums paid or due under the Contract, exceeds the total sum that would have been payable if the Contract had not been terminated.
22 **TERMINATION ON SUPPLIER’S INSOLVENCY**

22.1 Without prejudice to any other right or remedy the Purchaser may have, the Purchaser shall have the right forthwith to terminate this Contract by written notice to the Supplier or its trustee in bankruptcy or receiver or (if a company) liquidator or administrator if the Supplier shall have appointed over all or a substantial part of its assets or (if an individual) be declared bankrupt or (if a company) shall go into liquidation or have an administrator appointed to manage its affairs.

23 **RECOVERY OF SUMS DUE**

23.1 Wherever under the Contract any sum of money is recoverable from or payable by the Supplier, that sum may be deducted from any sum then due, or which at any later time may become due, to the Supplier under the Contract or under any other agreement or contract with the Purchaser or the Crown.

23.2 Any overpayment by the Purchaser to the Supplier shall be a sum recoverable under Condition 23.1.

24 **ASSIGNMENT AND SUB-CONTRACTING**

24.1 The Supplier shall not without the written consent of the Purchaser assign or in any way dispose of its rights and/or obligations under the Contract or any part thereof.

24.2 No sub-contracting by the Supplier shall in any way relieve the Supplier of any of its responsibilities under the Contract.

24.3 Where the Supplier enters a subcontract with a supplier or contractor for the purpose of performing the Contract, it shall cause a term to be included in such subcontract which requires payment to be made to the supplier or contractor within a specified period not exceeding 30 days from receipt of a valid invoice as defined by the subcontract requirements.

25 **NOTICES**

25.1 Any notice given under or pursuant to the Contract may be sent by hand or by post or by registered post or by the recorded delivery service or transmitted by telex, telemessage, facsimile transmission or other means of telecommunications resulting in the receipt of a written communication in permanent form and if so sent or transmitted to the address of the Party shown in the Order, or to such other address as the Party may by notice to the other have substituted therefore, and shall be deemed effectively given on the day when in the ordinary course of the means of transmission it would first be received by the addressee in normal business hours.
26 GENERAL

26.1 Nothing in the Contract shall be construed as creating a partnership, a contract of employment or a relationship of principal and agent between the Purchaser and the Supplier. All contributions under the statutory National Insurance Scheme for the Supplier’s personnel are the responsibility of the Supplier.

26.2 Except in the case of the Crown, a person who is not a Party to the Contract shall have no rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any of its terms.

26.3 The headings to conditions are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of the Contract.

26.4 Any phrase introduced by the terms "including", "include", "in particular", or any similar expression will be construed as illustrative and the words following any of those terms will not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.

26.5 Words importing a particular gender do not exclude other genders.

26.6 Use of the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

26.7 References to a person include natural persons, corporations and unincorporated associations of any kind.

27 GOVERNING LAW

27.1 The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and the Supplier hereby irrevocable submits to the jurisdiction of the English courts. The submission to such jurisdiction shall not (and shall not be construed so as to) limit the right of the Purchaser to take proceedings against the Supplier in any other court of competent jurisdiction, nor shall the taking of proceedings in any one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of proceedings in any other jurisdiction, whether consequently or not.
Appendix 1

Form of Order

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