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## **A GENERAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS**

### **A1. Interpretation**

- a. The defined terms in the Contract shall be as set out in Schedule 1.
- b. Unless the context otherwise requires:
  - (1) The singular includes the plural and vice versa, and the masculine includes the feminine and vice versa.
  - (2) The words “include”, “includes”, “including” and “included” are to be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words “without limitation”, except where explicitly stated otherwise.
  - (3) The expression “person” means any individual, firm, body corporate, unincorporated association or partnership, government, state or agency of a state or joint venture.
  - (4) References to any statute, enactment, order, regulation, or other similar instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation, or instrument as amended, supplemented, replaced or consolidated by any subsequent statute, enactment, order, regulation, or instrument.
  - (5) The heading to any Contract provision shall not affect the interpretation of that provision.
  - (6) Any decision, act or thing which the Authority is required or authorised to take or do under the Contract may be taken or done only by the person (or their nominated deputy) authorised in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) to take or do that decision, act, or thing on behalf of the Authority.
  - (7) Unless excluded within the terms of the Contract or required by law, references to submission of documents in writing shall include electronic submission.

### **A2. Amendments to Contract**

- a. All amendments to this Contract shall be serially numbered, in writing, issued only by the Authority’s Representative (Commercial), and agreed by both Parties.
- b. Where the Authority or the Contractor wishes to introduce a change which is not Minor or which is likely to involve a change to the Contract Price, the provisions of Schedule 4 (Change Process) shall apply. The Contractor shall not carry out any work until any necessary change to the Contract Price has been agreed and a written amendment in accordance with clause A2.a above has been issued.

### **A3. Variations to Specification**

- a. The Authority’s Representative may, by Notice (following consultation with the Contractor as necessary), alter the Specification as from a date agreed by both Parties and to the extent specified by the Authority, provided that any such variations shall be limited to the extent that they do not alter the fit, form, function or characteristics of the Contractor Deliverables to be supplied under the Contract. The Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor Deliverables take account of any such variations. Such variations shall not require formal amendment of the Contract in accordance with the process set out in condition A2 (Amendments to Contract) and shall be implemented upon receipt, or at the date specified in the Authority’s Notice, unless otherwise specified.

- b. Any variations that cause a change to:
- (1) fit, form, function or characteristics of the Contractor Deliverables;
  - (2) the cost;
  - (3) Delivery Dates;
  - (4) the period required for the production or completion; or
  - (5) other work caused by the alteration.

shall be the subject to condition A2 (Amendments to Contract). Each amendment under condition A2 shall be classed as a formal change.

#### **A4. Precedence**

a. If there is any inconsistency between the different provisions of the Contract the inconsistency shall be resolved according to the following descending order of precedence:

- (1) Sections A - H (and J - L, if sections J - L are included in this Contract) of the Conditions of the Contract shall be given equal precedence with Schedule 1 (Definitions of Contract) and Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet);
- (2) Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements) and, where included, Schedule entitled "Acceptance Procedure";
- (3) the remaining Schedules; and
- (4) any other documents expressly referred to in the Contract.

b. If either Party becomes aware of any inconsistency, within or between the documents referred to in clause A4.a such Party shall notify the other Party forthwith and the Parties will seek to resolve that inconsistency on the basis of the order of precedence set out in clause A4.a. Where the Parties fail to reach agreement, and if either Party considers the inconsistency to be material to its rights and obligations under the Contract, then the matter will be referred to the dispute resolution procedure in accordance with condition A21 (Dispute Resolution).

#### **A5. Severability**

If any provision of the Contract is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable to any extent then:

a. such provision shall (to the extent that it is invalid, illegal or unenforceable) be given no effect and shall be deemed not to be included in the Contract but without invalidating any of the remaining provisions of the Contract; and

b. the Parties shall use all reasonable endeavours to replace the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision by a valid, legal and enforceable substitute provision the effect of which is as close as possible to the intended effect of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision.

#### **A6. Assignment of Contract**

Neither Party shall be entitled to assign the Contract (or any part thereof) without the prior written consent of the other Party.

## **A7. Waiver**

- a. No act or omission of either Party shall by itself amount to a waiver of any right or remedy unless expressly stated by that Party in writing. In particular, no reasonable delay in exercising any right or remedy shall by itself constitute a waiver of that right or remedy.
- b. No waiver in respect of any right or remedy shall operate as a waiver in respect of any other right or remedy.

## **A8. Third Party Rights**

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in the Contract, no right is granted to any person who is not a Party to the Contract to enforce any term of the Contract in its own right and the Parties to the Contract declare that they have no intention to grant any such right.

## **A9. Governing Law**

a. Subject to clause A9.b, the Contract and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English Law, and subject to clause A9.b and condition A21 (Dispute Resolution) and without prejudice to the dispute resolution procedure set out therein, the Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts. Other jurisdictions may apply solely for the purpose of giving effect to this clause A9.a and for enforcement of any judgement, order or award given under English jurisdiction.

b. If the Parties agree pursuant to the Contract that Scots Law should apply, then the following amendments shall apply to the Contract:

- (1) Clause A9.a shall be amended to read:

“The Contract and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Scots Law, and subject to condition A21 (Dispute Resolution) and without prejudice to the dispute resolution procedure set out therein, the Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Scottish courts. Other jurisdictions may apply solely for the purpose of giving effect to this clause A9.a and for enforcement of any judgement, order or award given under Scottish jurisdiction”;

- (2) Clause A21.b shall be amended to read:

“In the event that the dispute or claim is not resolved pursuant to clause A21.a the dispute shall be referred to arbitration. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the arbitration and this clause A21.b shall be governed by the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010. The seat of the arbitration shall be Scotland. For the purposes of the arbitration, for the avoidance of doubt, the tribunal shall have the power to make provisional awards pursuant to Rule 53 of the Scottish Arbitration Rules, as set out in Schedule 1 to the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010.”

c. Where the Contractor is an Overseas Contractor, any dispute arising out of or in connection with the Contract shall be determined within the English jurisdiction and to the exclusion of all foreign jurisdictions. However, a foreign jurisdiction may apply solely for the purposes of giving full effect to this condition A9 and for the enforcement of any judgement order or award given under the English jurisdiction. Each Party irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction provided for under this condition.

d. Each Party warrants to each other that entry into the Contract does not, and the performance of the Contract will not, violate or conflict with any provision of law, statute, rule, regulation, judgement, writ, injunction, decree or order applicable to it. Each Party also

warrants that the Contract does not conflict with or result in a breach or termination of any provision of, or constitute a default under any mortgage, contract or other liability, charge or encumbrance upon any of its properties or other assets.

e. The provisions of this condition A9 shall survive any termination of the Contract for any reason whatsoever and shall remain fully enforceable between the Parties notwithstanding such a termination.

f. Where the Contractor is an Overseas Contractor it irrevocably appoints the solicitors or other persons detailed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) as its agents to accept on its behalf service of all process and other documents of whatever description to be served on the Contractor in connection with any litigation or arbitration within the English jurisdiction (or Scottish jurisdiction where the Parties agree pursuant to this Contract that Scots Law should apply) arising out of or relating to the Contract or any issue connected therewith.

#### **A10. Entire Agreement**

This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of the Contract. The Contract supersedes, and neither Party has relied upon, any prior negotiations, representations and undertakings, whether written or oral, except that this condition shall not exclude liability in respect of any fraudulent misrepresentation.

#### **A11. Disclosure of Information**

a. Subject to clauses A11.d, A11.e, A11.h and A14 each Party:

- (1) shall treat in confidence all Information it receives from the other;
- (2) shall not disclose any of that Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld, except that the Contractor may disclose Information in confidence, without prior consent, to such persons and to such extent as may be necessary for the performance of the Contract;
- (3) shall not use any of that Information otherwise than for the purpose of the Contract; and
- (4) shall not copy any of that Information except to the extent necessary for the purpose of exercising its rights of use and disclosure under the Contract.

b. The Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions necessary to ensure that all Information disclosed to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Authority under or in connection with the Contract:

- (1) is disclosed to its employees and Subcontractors, only to the extent necessary for the performance of the Contract; and
- (2) is treated in confidence by them and not disclosed except with the prior written consent of the Authority or used otherwise than for the purpose of performing work or having work performed for the Authority under the Contract or any subcontract.

c. The Contractor shall ensure that its employees are aware of the Contractor's arrangements for discharging the obligations at clauses A11.a and A11.b before receiving Information and shall take such steps as may be reasonably practical to enforce such arrangements.

d. Clauses A11.a and A11.b shall not apply to any Information to the extent that either Party:

- (1) exercises rights of use or disclosure granted otherwise than in consequence of, or under, the Contract;
  - (2) has the right to use or disclose the Information in accordance with other Conditions of the Contract; or
  - (3) can show:
    - (a) that the Information was or has become published or publicly available for use otherwise than in breach of any provision of the Contract or any other agreement between the Parties;
    - (b) that the Information was already known to it (without restrictions on disclosure or use) prior to receiving the Information under or in connection with the Contract;
    - (c) that the Information was received without restriction on further disclosure from a third party which lawfully acquired the Information without any restriction on disclosure; or
    - (d) from its records that the same Information was derived independently of that received under or in connection with the Contract;
- provided that the relationship to any other Information is not revealed.

e. Neither Party shall be in breach of this condition where it can show that any disclosure of Information was made solely and to the extent necessary to comply with a statutory, judicial or parliamentary obligation. Where such a disclosure is made, the Party making the disclosure shall ensure that the recipient of the Information is made aware of and asked to respect its confidentiality. Such disclosure shall in no way diminish the obligations of the Parties under this condition.

f. The Authority may disclose the Information:

- (1) on a confidential basis to any central government body for any proper purpose of the Authority or of the relevant central government body, which shall include: disclosure to the Cabinet Office and / or HM Treasury for the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related purposes;
- (2) to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary reporting requirement;
- (3) to the extent that the Authority (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions;
- (4) on a confidential basis to a professional adviser, consultant or other person engaged by any of the entities defined in Schedule 1 (including benchmarking organisations) for any purpose relating to or connected with this Contract;
- (5) on a confidential basis for the purpose of the exercise of its rights under the Contract; or
- (6) on a confidential basis to a proposed body in connection with any assignment, novation or disposal of any of its rights, obligations or liabilities under the Contract;

and for the purposes of the foregoing, references to disclosure on a confidential basis shall mean disclosure subject to a confidentiality agreement or arrangement

containing terms no less stringent than those placed on the Authority under this condition.

g. Before sharing any Information in accordance with sub-clause A11.f above, the Authority may redact the Information. Any decision to redact information made by the Authority shall be final.

h. The Authority shall not be in breach of the Contract where disclosure of Information is made solely and to the extent necessary to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act") or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (the "Regulations"). To the extent permitted by the time for compliance under the Act or the Regulations, the Authority shall consult the Contractor where the Authority is considering the disclosure of Information under the Act or the Regulations and, in any event, shall provide prior notification to the Contractor of any decision to disclose the Information. The Contractor acknowledges and accepts that its representations on disclosure during consultation may not be determinative and that the decision whether to disclose Information in order to comply with the Act or the Regulations is a matter in which the Authority shall exercise its own discretion, subject always to the provisions of the Act or the Regulations.

i. Nothing in this condition shall affect the Parties' obligations of confidentiality where Information is disclosed orally in confidence.

#### **A12. Publicity and Communications with the Media**

The Contractor shall not, and shall ensure that any employee or Subcontractor shall not, communicate with representatives of the press, television, radio or other media on any matter concerning the Contract unless the Authority has given its prior written consent.

#### **A13. Protection of Personal Data**

In the performance of the Contract, both Parties shall comply with their obligations as a data controller, as defined in the Data Protection Act 1998.

#### **A14. Transparency**

a. Subject to clause A14.b but notwithstanding condition A11, the Contractor understands that the Authority may publish the Transparency Information to the general public. The Contractor shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable the Authority to publish the Transparency Information.

b. Before publishing the Transparency Information to the general public in accordance with clause A14.a, the Authority shall redact any Information that would be exempt from disclosure if it was the subject of a request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, and any Information which has been acknowledged by the Authority at Schedule 6 (Contractor's Commercially Sensitive Information).

c. The Authority may consult with the Contractor before redacting any Information from the Transparency Information in accordance with clause A14.b. The Contractor acknowledges and accepts that its representations on redactions during consultation may not be determinative and that the decision whether to redact Information is a matter in which the Authority shall exercise its own discretion, subject always to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

d. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this condition A14 shall affect the Contractor's rights at law.

## **A15. Equality**

- a. The Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate either directly or indirectly on the grounds of age, disability, gender (including re-assignment), sex or sexual orientation, marital status (including civil partnerships), pregnancy and maternity, race, or religion or belief.
- b. Without prejudice to the generality of the obligation in clause A15.a, the Contractor shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of the Equality Act 2010 (or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof) or other relevant or equivalent Legislation in the country where the Contract is being performed.
- c. The Contractor agrees to take reasonable efforts to secure the observance of the provisions of this condition A15 by any of its employees, agents, or other persons acting under its direction or Control who are engaged in the performance of the Contract.
- d. The Contractor agrees to take reasonable efforts to reflect this condition A15 in any subcontract that it enters into to satisfy the requirements of the Contract and to require its Subcontractors to reflect this condition A15 in their subcontracts that they enter into to satisfy the requirements of the Contract.

## **A16. Child Labour and Employment Law**

- a. In performing the Contract, the Contractor shall comply in all material respects with Child Labour Legislation and applicable employment legislation of those jurisdiction(s) where the Contract is being performed.
- b. The Contractor agrees to use reasonable efforts to reflect this Condition in any subcontract that it enters into to satisfy the requirements of the Contract and to require its Subcontractors to reflect this Condition in their subcontracts that they enter into to satisfy the requirements of the Contract.

## **A17. Subcontracting**

- a. Subcontracting any part of the Contract shall not relieve the Contractor of any obligation, duty or liability attributable to the Contractor under the Contract.
- b. The Contractor shall ensure, to the extent that they are applicable, that the Conditions of the Contract are reflected in any subcontracts for any part of the Contractor Deliverables.
- c. In all circumstances the Contractor shall ensure that all subcontracts in relation to this Contract include:
  - (1) a requirement that either party to the subcontract may release to the Authority any of those parts of the subcontract documentation as are necessary to demonstrate the Contractor's compliance with the provisions of the Contract and that any such release shall not amount to a breach of any provision of confidentiality contained within the subcontract; and
  - (2) a term which requires payment to be made to the Subcontractor within a specified period not exceeding thirty (30) days from receipt of a valid invoice as defined by the subcontract requirements.
- d. Where the Contractor places any subcontract with a value of more than £50,000 in connection with this Contract, it shall ensure that it has the right to terminate that subcontract for convenience in the event that the Authority exercises its right to terminate this Contract under Condition A22 (Termination for Convenience), with twenty (20) Business Days notice (or such other notice period as the Authority shall give under this Contract).
- e. When placing subcontracts, the Contractor is asked to give consideration, as far as possible, to placing work on a competitive basis with Subcontractors that are Supported

Businesses. The Contractor can find details of Supported Businesses in the United Kingdom on the Supported Business Directory that is British Association for Supported Employment at Unit 4, 200 Bury Road, Tottington, Lancashire BL8 3DX (Telephone : 01204 880733) or <http://business.base-uk.org/procurement>.

f. The Contractor shall secure from any Subcontractor, the prompt notification to the Authority of the Information required by clause D1.a (Third Party Intellectual Property – Rights and Restrictions). On receipt of any such notification the Authority shall issue a written authorisation to the Subcontractor in accordance with clause D1.g. Any such authorisation shall always be subject to clauses D1.j, D1.k and D1.n as though the Subcontractor was the Contractor. If any claim or action relevant to such authorisation arises, it shall be promptly notified to the Authority. The Contractor is not authorised to enter into any substantive correspondence in such matter nor in any way to act on behalf of the Authority in any such claim or action. Any arrangement between the Contractor and Subcontractor to enable the Contractor to underwrite their indemnities to the Authority under this Condition is a matter between the Contractor and the Subcontractor.

g. Where the Contractor subcontracts work under the Contract, which is likely to be subject to foreign export control, the Contractor shall use reasonable endeavours to incorporate in each subcontract the terms set out in the relevant parts of SC3 Schedule “Export Licence”. Where it is not practicable to include the terms set out in SC3 Schedule “Export Licence”, the Contractor shall report that fact and the circumstances to the Authority.

#### **A18. Change of Control of Contractor**

a. The Contractor shall inform the Mergers & Acquisitions section, Supplier Relations Team, Poplar Level 1 # 2119, MOD Abbey Wood South, Bristol BS34 8JH as soon as practicable of any intended, planned or actual change of Control. The Contractor shall not be required to submit any notice which is unlawful or is in breach of either any pre-existing non-disclosure agreement or any regulations governing the change of Control of the Contractor in the UK or other jurisdictions. The Authority’s Representative shall consider the potential change of Control and advise the Contractor in writing of any concerns that the Authority may have.

b. Each notice of change of Control shall be taken to apply to all contracts with the Authority.

c. The Authority may, acting reasonably, terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the Contractor within six (6) months of the Authority being notified or becoming aware that the Contractor has undergone a change of Control where the Contractor has failed to address the Authority’s concerns to the Authority’s satisfaction in accordance with clause A18.a, or has failed to supply or withheld the Information required under clause A18.a.

d. If the Authority exercises its right to terminate in accordance with clause F1.a.(4) the Contractor shall be entitled to request the Authority to consider making a payment to represent any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which are reasonable and properly chargeable by the Contractor in connection with the Contract and which would otherwise represent an unavoidable loss by the Contractor by reason of the termination of the Contract. Any request for payment under this clause A18.d must be fully supported by documentary evidence. The decision whether to make such a payment shall be at the Authority’s sole discretion.

#### **A19. Termination for Insolvency or Corrupt Gifts**

The Authority may terminate the Contract with immediate effect, without compensation, by giving written Notice to the Contractor at any time after any of the following events:

Insolvency

a. where the Contractor is an individual:

(1) the application by the Contractor for an interim order pursuant to Section 252 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (the "IA 86") or the court making an interim order pursuant to Section 253 of the IA 86;

(2) any composition, compromise, assignment, assignation or arrangement is made with any of the Contractor's creditors (including, without limitation, an individual voluntary arrangement under IA 86 and a trust deed for the benefit of any of the Contractor's creditors) or a moratorium on any of the Contractor's indebtedness comes into force;

(3) a debt payment programme under the Debt Arrangement and Attachment (Scotland) Act 2002 (the "DAAS Act") is approved in respect of a Contractor, an application is made by a Contractor to the Debt Arrangement Scheme (DAS) Administrator under the DAAS Act for approval of a debt payment programme or a Contractor gives written intimation to the DAS Administrator of their intention to make such an application;

(4) the presentation of a petition or other application for the appointment of any liquidator (whether provisional, interim or otherwise), administrator, receiver, administrative receiver, compulsory manager, trustee (in sequestration or otherwise), insolvency official or other similar officer in respect of the Contractor or any of its assets, unless it is withdrawn within three (3) Business Days from the date on which the Contractor is notified of it;

(5) the appointment of any liquidator (whether provisional, interim or otherwise) administrator, receiver, administrative receiver, compulsory manager, trustee (in sequestration or otherwise), insolvency official or other similar officer in respect of the Contractor or any of its assets;

(6) where the Contractor is either unable to pay its debts as they fall due or has no reasonable prospect of being able to pay debts which are not immediately payable. The Authority shall regard the Contractor as being unable to pay its debts if:

(a) it has failed to comply with or to set aside a statutory demand under section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or section 7 of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985 within twenty-one (21) Business Days of service of the statutory demand on it;

(b) an execution or other process to enforce a debt due under a judgment or order of the court has been returned unsatisfied in whole or in part;

(c) a charge for payment of a debt has been served on the Contractor and has not been satisfied, returned or avoided within fourteen (14) Business Days of service; or

(d) it is apparently insolvent within the meaning of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985; or

(7) any analogous procedure or step is taken in any jurisdiction.

b. where the Contractor is a firm:

(1) the Contractor preparing and submitting documents to a nominee or filing or lodging documents in court, in each case in respect of a moratorium on creditor action under schedule A1 of IA 86 in respect of the Contractor;

(2) any composition, compromise, assignment, assignation or arrangement is made with any of the Contractor's creditors (including, without limitation, an individual

voluntary arrangement under IA 86 and a trust deed for the benefit of any of the Contractor's creditors) or a moratorium on any of the Contractor's indebtedness comes into force;

(3) any event listed in clause A19.a occurs in respect of any partner of the Contractor who is an individual in connection with a liability or debt of the Contractor;

(4) any event listed in clause A19.c occurs in respect of any partner of the Contractor which is a company or limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales or Scotland in connection with a liability or debt of the Contractor;

(5) an event listed in clause A19.e in respect of any partner of the Contractor which is a company or similar entity (including any incorporated entity) registered other than in England and Wales or Scotland in connection with a liability or debt of the Contractor;

(6) any event listed in this clause A19.b occurs in respect of any partner of the Contractor which is itself a firm in connection with a liability or debt of the Contractor;

(7) the presentation of a petition or other application for the appointment of any liquidator (whether provisional, interim or otherwise), administrator, receiver, administrative receiver, compulsory manager, trustee (in sequestration or otherwise), insolvency official or other similar officer in respect of the Contractor or any of its assets, unless it is withdrawn within three (3) Business Days from the date on which the Contractor is notified of it;

(8) the appointment of any liquidator (whether provisional, interim or otherwise) administrator, receiver, administrative receiver, compulsory manager, trustee (in sequestration or otherwise), insolvency official or other similar officer in respect of the Contractor or any of its assets;

(9) any resolution is passed or order made for the winding up, dissolution, administration or reorganisation of (or the institution of any other insolvency proceedings or procedure in relation to) the Contractor;

(10) where the Contractor is either unable to pay its debts as they fall due or has no reasonable prospect of being able to pay debts which are not immediately payable. The Authority shall regard the Contractor as being unable to pay its debts if:

(a) it is apparently insolvent within the meaning of the Bankruptcy (Scotland) Act 1985; or

(b) it is unable to pay its debts in terms of section 221 of IA 86; or

(11) any analogous procedure or step is taken in any jurisdiction.

c. where the Contractor is a company or limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales or Scotland:

(1) the Contractor preparing and submitting documents to a nominee or filing or lodging documents in court in each case in respect of a moratorium on creditor action under schedule A1 of IA 86;

(2) any composition, compromise, assignment, assignation or arrangement is made with any of its creditors (including, without limitation, a company voluntary arrangement under IA 86) or a moratorium on any of the Contractors indebtedness comes into force;

(3) the presentation of a petition or other application for the appointment of any liquidator (whether provisional, interim or otherwise), administrator, receiver,

administrative receiver, compulsory manager, trustee (in sequestration or otherwise), insolvency official or other similar officer in respect of the Contractor or any of its assets, unless it is withdrawn within three (3) Business Days from the date on which the Contractor is notified of it;

(4) the appointment of any liquidator (whether provisional, interim or otherwise) administrator, receiver, administrative receiver, compulsory manager, trustee (in sequestration or otherwise), insolvency official or other similar officer in respect of the Contractor or any of its assets;

(5) any resolution is passed or order made for the winding up, dissolution, administration or reorganisation of (or the institution of any other insolvency proceedings or procedure in relation to) the Contractor;

(6) where the Contractor is either unable to pay its debts as they fall due or has no reasonable prospect of being able to pay debts which are not immediately payable. The Authority shall regard the Contractor as being unable to pay its debts if the Contractor is unable to pay its debts in terms of section 123 of IA 86; or

(7) any analogous procedure or step is taken in any jurisdiction.

d. where the Contractor is unable or admits inability to pay its debts as they fall due or is deemed to be or declared to be unable to pay its debts, suspends or threatens to suspend making payments or any of its debts or, by reason of actual or anticipated financial difficulties, or commences negotiations with one or more of its creditors with a view to rescheduling any of its indebtedness;

e. where the Contractor is a company or similar entity (including any incorporated entity) registered other than in England and Wales or Scotland, events occur or are carried out which, within the jurisdiction to which it is subject, are similar in nature or effect to those specified above;

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f. where the Authority becomes aware that the Contractor, its employees, agents or any Subcontractor (or anyone acting on its behalf or any of its or their employees):

(1) has offered, promised or given to any Crown servant any gift or financial or other advantage of any kind as an inducement or reward:

(a) for doing or not doing (or for having done or not having done) any act in relation to the obtaining or execution of this Contract or any other contract with the Crown; or

(b) for showing or not showing favour or disfavour to any person in relation to this Contract or any other contract with the Crown;

(2) commits or has committed any prohibited act or any offence under the Prevention of Corruption Acts 1889 – 1916, under sub sections 108 – 109 of the Anti-Terrorism or Crime and Security Act 2001 before these Acts or sub sections are revoked or an offence under the Bribery Act 2010 with or without the knowledge or authority of the Contractor in relation to this Contract or any other contract with the Crown;

(3) has entered into this 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, or to its knowledge, unless before the Contract is made particulars of any such commission and of the conditions of any such agreement for the payment thereof have been disclosed in writing to the Authority.

g. In exercising its rights or remedies to terminate the Contract under A19 f. the Authority shall:

- (1) act in a reasonable and proportionate manner having regard to such matters as the gravity of, and the identity of the person committing the prohibited act;
- (2) give due consideration, where appropriate, to action other than termination of the Contract, including (without being limited to):
  - (a) requiring the Contractor to procure the termination of a subcontract where the prohibited act is that of a Subcontractor or anyone acting on its or their behalf;
  - (b) requiring the Contractor to procure the dismissal of an employee (whether its own or that of a Subcontractor or anyone acting on its behalf) where the prohibited act is that of such employee.

h. Where the Contract has been terminated under clause A19 f. of this Condition, the Authority shall be entitled to purchase substitute Contractor Deliverables from elsewhere and recover from the Contractor any costs and expenses incurred by the Authority in obtaining the Contractor Deliverables in substitution from another supplier.

#### **A20. Consequences of Termination**

The termination of the Contract, however arising, shall be without prejudice to the rights and duties of either Party accrued prior to termination. The Conditions that expressly or by implication have effect after termination shall continue to be enforceable even after termination.

#### **A21. Dispute Resolution**

a. The Parties will attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute or claim arising out of or relating to the Contract through negotiations between the respective representatives of the Parties having authority to settle the matter, which attempts may include the use of any alternative dispute resolution procedure on which the Parties may agree.

b. In the event that the dispute or claim is not resolved pursuant to clause A21.a the dispute shall be referred to arbitration. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the arbitration and this clause A21.b shall be governed by the Arbitration Act 1996. For the purposes of the arbitration, the arbitrator shall have the power to make provisional awards pursuant to Section 39 of the Arbitration Act 1996.

c. For the avoidance of doubt, anything said, done or produced in or in relation to the arbitration process (including any awards) shall be confidential between the Parties, except as may be lawfully required in judicial proceedings relating to the arbitration or otherwise.

#### **A22. Termination for Convenience**

a. The Authority shall have the right at any time to terminate the Contract in whole or in part by giving the Contractor written Notice to expire at the end of the period specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) or if no such period is specified at the end of twenty (20) Business Days.

b. In the event that the Authority exercises its rights in accordance with clause A22.a, the Authority shall indemnify the Contractor against any commitments, liabilities or expenditure which are reasonably and properly chargeable by the Contractor in connection with the Contract and which would otherwise represent an unavoidable loss by the Contractor by reason of termination of the Contract or the relevant part thereof.

c. The Authority's total liability under clause A22.b shall be limited to the total price of the Contractor Deliverables payable under the Contract or the relevant part thereof, including any sums paid, due or becoming due to the Contractor at the date of termination.

**A23. Contractor's Records**

The Contractor shall maintain all records in connection with the Contract (expressly or otherwise), and without prejudice to condition A11 (Disclosure of Information), make them available to be examined or copied, by or on behalf of the Authority, as the Authority may require. These records shall be retained for a period of at least six (6) years from:

- (1) the end of the Contract term;
- (2) termination of the Contract; or
- (3) the final payment;

whichever occurs latest.

**A24. Duration of Contract**

This Contract comes into effect on the Effective Date of Contract and will expire automatically on the date identified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) unless it is otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, or otherwise lawfully terminated.

**A25. Contractor's Warranties**

a. The Contractor warrants and represents, that:

- (1) it has the full capacity and authority to enter into, and to exercise its rights and perform its obligations under, the Contract;
- (2) from the Effective Date of Contract and for so long as the Contract remains in force it shall give the Authority Notice of any litigation, arbitration (unless expressly prohibited from doing so in accordance with the terms of the arbitration), administrative or adjudication or mediation proceedings before any court, tribunal, arbitrator, administrator or adjudicator or mediator or relevant authority against itself or a Subcontractor which would adversely affect the Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;
- (3) as at the Effective Date of Contract no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (nor, to the best of the knowledge of the Contractor, threatened) for its winding-up or dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, liquidator, trustee or similar officer in relation to any of its assets or revenues;
- (4) for so long as the Contract remains in force it shall give the Authority Notice of any proceedings or other steps that have been taken but not discharged (nor to the best of the knowledge of the Contractor, threatened) for its winding-up or dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrator, liquidator, trustee or similar officer in relation to any of its assets or revenues.

**B CONTRACTOR DELIVERABLES**

**B1. Supply of Contractor Deliverables and Quality Assurance**

a. The Contractor shall provide the Contractor Deliverables to the Authority, in accordance with the Schedule of Requirements and the Specification, and shall allocate

sufficient resource to the provision of the Contractor Deliverables to enable it to comply with this obligation.

b. The Contractor shall:

- (1) comply with any applicable quality assurance requirements specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) in providing the Contractor Deliverables;
- (2) comply with all applicable Legislation; and
- (3) discharge its obligations under the Contract with all due skill, care, diligence and operating practice by appropriately experienced, qualified and trained personnel.

c. The provisions of clause B1.b. shall survive any performance, acceptance or payment pursuant to the Contract and shall extend to any remedial services provided by the Contractor.

d. The Contractor shall:

- (1) observe, and ensure that the Contractor's Team observe, all health and safety rules and regulations and any other security requirements that apply at any of the Authority's premises;
- (2) notify the Authority as soon as it becomes aware of any health and safety hazards or issues which arise in relation to the Contractor Deliverables; and
- (3) before the date on which the Contractor Deliverables are to start, obtain, and at all times maintain, all necessary licences and consents in relation to the Contractor Deliverables.

## **B2. Environmental Requirements**

The Contractor shall in all its operations to perform the Contract, adopt a sound proactive environmental approach that identifies, considers, and where possible, mitigates the environmental impacts of its supply chain. The Contractor shall provide evidence of so doing to the Authority on demand.

## **B3. Disruption**

a. The Contractor shall take reasonable care to ensure that in the performance of its obligations under this Contract it does not disrupt the operations of the Authority, its employees or any other contractor employed by the Authority.

b. The Contractor shall inform the Authority of any actual or potential industrial action which affects or might affect its ability at any time to perform its obligations under the Contract as soon as it becomes aware of the actual or potential industrial action and certainly no later than seven (7) Business Days before the action is due to take place, whether such action be by its own employees or others.

c. The Contractor shall have robust contingency plans in place to ensure that, in the event of industrial action by the Contractor's Team, provision of the Contractor Deliverables is maintained and such contingency plans shall be available for the Authority to inspect and / or comment on at any reasonable time and shall be updated and revised as necessary by the Contractor throughout the contract period.

## **C PRICE**

### **C1. Price**

- a. The Contractor shall provide the Contractor Deliverables to the Authority at the Contract Price. The Contract Price shall be a Firm Price unless otherwise stated in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet).
- b. Subject to condition G2 the Contract Price shall be inclusive of any UK custom and excise or other duty payable. The Contractor shall not make any claim for drawback of UK import duty on any part of the Contract Deliverables supplied which may be for shipment outside of the UK.

## **D INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

### **D1. Third Party Intellectual Property – Rights and Restrictions**

- a. The Contractor shall promptly notify the Authority as soon as they become aware of:
  - (1) any invention or design the subject of patent or registered Design Rights (or application thereof) owned by a third party which appears to be relevant to the performance of the Contract or to use by the Authority of anything required to be done or delivered under the Contract;
  - (2) any restriction as to disclosure or use, or obligation to make payments in respect of any other intellectual property (including technical Information) required for the purposes of the Contract or subsequent use by the Authority of anything Delivered under the Contract and, where appropriate, the notification shall include such Information as is required by Section 2 of the Defence Contracts Act 1958;
  - (3) any allegation of infringement of intellectual property rights made against the Contractor and which pertains to the performance of the Contract or subsequent use by the Authority of anything required to be done or delivered under the Contract.

Clause D1.a does not apply in respect of Contractor Deliverables normally available from the Contractor as a commercial off the shelf (COTS) item or service.

- b. If the Information required under clause D1.a has been notified previously, the Contractor may meet its obligations by giving details of the previous notification.
- c. For COTS Contractor Deliverables patents and registered designs in the UK, in respect of any question arising (by way of an allegation made to the Authority or Contractor, or otherwise) that the manufacture or provision under the Contract of Contractor Deliverables normally available from the Contractor as a COTS item or service is an infringement of a UK patent or registered design not owned or controlled by the Contractor or the Authority, the Contractor shall, subject to the agreement of the third party owning such patent or registered design, be given exclusive conduct of any and all negotiations for the settlement of any claim or the conduct of any litigation arising out of such question. The Contractor shall indemnify the Authority, its officers, agents and employees against any liability and cost arising from such allegation. This clause shall not apply if:
  - (1) the Authority has made or makes an admission of any sort relevant to such question;
  - (2) the Authority has entered or enters into any discussions on such question with any third party without the prior written agreement of the Contractor;
  - (3) the Authority has entered or enters into negotiations in respect of any relevant claim for compensation in respect of Crown Use under Section 55 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1977;

(4) legal proceedings have been commenced against the Authority or the Contractor in respect of Crown Use, but only to the extent of such Crown Use that has been properly authorised.

d. The indemnity in clause D1.c does not extend to use by the Authority of anything supplied under the Contract where that use was not reasonably foreseeable at the time of the Contract.

e. In the event that the Authority has entered into negotiation in respect of a claim for compensation, or legal proceedings in respect of the Crown Use have commenced, the Authority shall forthwith authorise the Contractor for the purposes of performing the Contract (but not otherwise) to utilise a relevant invention or design in accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949 and to use any model, document or information relating to any such invention or design which may be required for that purpose.

f. For all other Contractor Deliverables patents and registered designs in the UK, if a relevant invention or design has been notified to the Authority by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date of the Contract, then unless it has been otherwise agreed, under the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949, the Contractor is hereby authorised to utilise that invention or design, notwithstanding the fact that it is the subject of a UK Patent or UK Registered Design, for the purpose of performing the Contract.

g. If, under clause D.1a, a relevant invention or design is notified to the Authority by the Contractor after the Effective Date of Contract, then:

(1) if the owner (or its exclusive licensee) takes or threatens in writing to take any relevant action against the Contractor, the Authority shall issue to the Contractor a written authorisation in accordance with the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949, and

(2) in any event, unless the Contractor and the Authority can agree an alternative course of action, the Authority shall not unreasonably delay the issue of a written authorisation in accordance with the provisions of Sections 55 and 56 of the Patents Act 1977 or Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949.

h. The Authority shall assume all liability and shall indemnify the Contractor, its officers, agents and employees against liability, including the Contractor's costs, as a result of infringement by the Contractor or their suppliers of any patent, utility model, registered design or like protection outside the United Kingdom in the performance of the Contract when such infringement arises from or is incurred by reason of the Contractor following any specification, statement of work or instruction in the Contract or using, keeping or disposing of any item given by the Authority for the purpose of the Contract in accordance with the Contract.

i. The Contractor shall assume all liability and shall indemnify the Authority, its officers, agents and employees against liability, including the Authority's costs, as a result of infringement by the Contractor or their suppliers of any patent, utility model, registered design or like protection outside the UK in the performance of the Contract when such infringement arises from or is incurred otherwise than by reason of the Contractor following any specification, statement of work or instruction in the Contract or using, keeping or disposing of any item given by the Authority for the purpose of the Contract in accordance with the Contract.

j. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any reimbursement of any royalty, licence fee or similar expense incurred in respect of anything to be done under the Contract, where:

(1) a relevant discharge has been given under Section 2 of the Defence Contracts Act 1958, or relevant authorisation in accordance with Sections 55 or 57 of

the Patents Act 1977, Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949 or Section 240 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 in respect of any intellectual property; or

(2) any obligation to make payments for intellectual property has not been promptly notified to the Authority under clause D1.a.

k. Where authorisation is given by the Authority under clause D1.e, D1.f or D1.g, to the extent permitted by Section 57 of the Patents Act 1977, Section 12 of the Registered Designs Act 1949 or Section 240 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, the Contractor shall also be:

(1) released from payment whether by way of royalties, licence fees or similar expenses in respect of the Contractor's use of the relevant invention or design, or the use of any relevant model, document or information for the purpose of performing the Contract; and

(2) authorised to use any model, document or information relating to any such invention or design which may be required for that purpose.

l. The Contractor shall assume all liability and indemnify the Authority and its officers, agents and employees against liability, including costs as a result of:

(1) infringement or alleged infringement by the Contractor or their suppliers of any copyright, database right, Design Right or the like protection in any part of the world in respect of any item to be supplied under the Contract or otherwise in the performance of the Contract;

(2) misuse of any confidential information, trade secret or the like by the Contractor in performing the Contract;

(3) provision to the Authority of any information or material which the Contractor does not have the right to provide for the purpose of the Contract.

m. The Authority shall assume all liability and indemnify the Contractor, its officers, agents and employees against liability, including costs as a result of:

(1) infringement or alleged infringement by the Contractor or their suppliers of any copyright, database right, Design Right or the like protection in any part of the world in respect of any item provided by the Authority for the purpose of the Contract but only to the extent that the item is used for the purpose of the Contract;

(2) alleged misuse of any confidential information, trade secret or the like by the Contractor as a result of use of information provided by the Authority for the purposes of the Contract, but only to the extent that Contractor's use of that information is for the purposes intended when it was disclosed by the Authority.

n. The general authorisation and indemnity is:

(1) Clauses D1.a – D.1.m represents the total liability of each Party to the other under the Contract in respect of any infringement or alleged infringement of patent or other Intellectual Property Right (IPR) owned by a third party;

(2) Neither Party shall be liable, one to the other, for any consequential loss or damage arising as a result, directly or indirectly, of a claim for infringement or alleged infringement of any patent or other IPR owned by a third party;

(3) A Party against whom a claim is made or action brought, shall promptly notify the other Party in writing if such claim or action appears to relate to an infringement which is the subject of an indemnity or authorisation given under this Condition by

such other Party. The notification shall include particulars of the demands, damages and liabilities claimed or made of which the notifying Party has notice;

(4) The Party benefiting from the indemnity or authorisation shall allow the other Party, at its own expense, to conduct any negotiations for the settlement of the same, and any litigation that may arise therefrom and shall provide such information as the other Party may reasonably require;

(5) Following a notification under clause D1.n.(3), the Party notified shall advise the other Party in writing within thirty (30) Business Days whether or not it is assuming conduct of the negotiations or litigation. In that case the Party against whom a claim is made or action brought shall not make any statement which might be prejudicial to the settlement or defence of such a claim without the written consent of the other Party;

(6) The Party conducting negotiations for the settlement of a claim or any related litigation shall, if requested, keep the other Party fully informed of the conduct and progress of such negotiations.

o. If at any time a claim or allegation of infringement arises in respect of copyright, database right, Design Right or breach of confidence as a result of the provision of any Contractor Deliverable by the Contractor to the Authority, the Contractor may at its own expense replace the item with an item of equivalent functionality and performance so as to avoid infringement or breach. The Parties will co-operate with one another to mitigate any claim or damage which may arise from use of third party IPR.

p. Nothing in condition D1 shall be taken as an authorisation or promise of an authorisation under Section 240 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988.

## **E FACILITIES AND ASSETS**

### **E1. Access to Contractor's Premises**

The Contractor shall provide to the Authority's Representatives following reasonable notice, relevant accommodation/facilities, at no direct cost to the Authority, and all reasonable access to its premises for the purpose of monitoring the Contractor's progress and quality standards in performing the Contract.

## **F DELIVERY**

### **F1. Authority's Remedies for Breach of Contract**

a. If the Contractor:

(1) fails to provide the Contractor Deliverables (or any part thereof) by the relevant date specified in Schedule of Requirements and/or the Specification;

(2) provides Contractor Deliverables (or any part thereof) that are not in accordance with, or the Contractor fails to comply with, any terms of the Contract;

(3) supplies Contractor Deliverables that do not comply with clause B1.b;

(4) fails to address the Authority's concerns to the Authority's satisfaction in accordance with condition A18, or fails to supply or withholds the Information required under clause A18.a;

(5) commits a persistent failure by failing to meet either:

(a) a single Key Performance Indicator (KPI) on X or more occasions in a rolling X month period; or

(b) X or more KPIs on a rolling X month period,

where this Contract includes Core+ condition “Key Performance Indicators and Performance Management”; or

(6) otherwise commits a material breach of its obligations under the Contract,  
the Authority shall have the right to exercise one or more of the following remedies:

(7) where the Contractor commits a persistent failure in accordance with clause F1.a.(5) or where the breach is material in accordance with clause F1.a.(6), to terminate the Contract or the relevant part thereof, with immediate effect and without liability to the Authority, by giving written Notice to the Contractor;

(8) refuse to accept the provision of any further Contractor Deliverables by the Contractor and the Contractor shall refund to the Authority any sums paid in respect of the Contractor Deliverables that fail to comply with the terms of the Contract;

(9) give the Contractor the opportunity at the Contractor’s expense to carry out such remedial services as is necessary to correct the Contractor’s failure or otherwise to rectify the breach within the Authority-specified time limits;

(10) purchase substitute services from elsewhere;

(11) claim such damages as may have been sustained as a result of the Contractor’s breach or breaches of the Contract, including but not limited to any costs and expenses incurred by the Authority in:

(a) carrying out any work that may be required to make the Contractor Deliverables comply with the Contract; or

(b) obtaining the Contractor Deliverables in substitution from another supplier.

b. In addition to the Authority’s rights in clause F1.a., if the Authority reasonably believes at any time before the Contract Implementation Date that the Contractor will not be able to achieve Full Service Provision by the Contract Implementation Date then the Authority shall be entitled to terminate the Contract in whole or in part with immediate effect and without liability by giving written Notice to the Contractor.

c. In the event that the Authority terminates the Contract in whole or in part pursuant to this clause F1.a.(7) or F1.b. or for any other lawful reason, the the Authority shall also have the right to require the Contractor to transfer any or all of the Assets to the Authority, wherever they are located, upon the payment of a sum representing the market value of those Assets which the Contractor has purchased but not recovered the cost of from the Authority.

d. This condition F1 shall also apply to any remedial services carried out by the Contractor in accordance with clause F1.a.(9).

e. The Authority’s rights and remedies under this condition F1 are in addition to its rights and remedies implied by statute and common law.

## **G PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

### **G1. Payment**

a. Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) specifies whether payment is to be enabled by P2P, by MOD Form 640, or by AG173. Payment may only be made using P2P where the

Contractor has agreed a DEFFORM 30 with the Authority prior to the Effective Date of Contract and the DEFFORM 30 agreement is referenced in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet).

b. Payment will be made by electronic transfer and prior to submitting any claims for payment under clause G1.e the Contractor shall provide to DBS Finance the name and address of the bank, the sort code and account number to which payment should be made and, if requested by DBS Finance, any further Information where payment is to be made outside of the UK.

c. In order to obtain approval for payment, the Contractor shall, upon completion of the Contract (or any part of the Contract for which the Contractor is entitled to payment):

(1) where payment is to be made using P2P, submit a properly completed DEFFORM 129J, in accordance with the instructions shown therein and in the explanatory notes;

(2) where payment is to be made using a MOD Form 640, submit the appropriate coloured copy of the MOD Form 640 to the Consignee or as otherwise directed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) and complete and dispatch the other appropriate coloured copies of the MOD Form 640 in accordance with the instructions shown therein; or

(3) where payment is to be made using an AG173, submit a properly completed AG173 (or AG210, as appropriate) to the Consignee or as otherwise directed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet).

d. Upon receipt of the AG173 (or AG210, as appropriate), the Authority shall:

(1) approve payment by entering the relevant details into P2P to indicate receipt of the applicable Contractor Deliverables, or completing and signing the AG173/AG210, and returning it to the Contractor; or

(2) notify the Contractor in writing, giving reasons why it considers approval of payment may be withheld.

e. The Contractor shall submit a claim for payment to DBS Finance by either:

(1) using a properly prepared message structure and format for invoice payment using P2P in accordance with the arrangements set out, or referenced in DEFFORM 30; or

(2) forwarding the completed AG173/AG210 signed by the Authority, together with a properly completed DAB Form 10.

f. The Authority shall pay all valid, properly completed claims for payment submitted by the Contractor to DBS Finance in accordance with clause G1.e on or before the day which is thirty (30) days after the later of:

(1) the day upon which a valid request for approval of payment is received by the Authority in accordance with clause G1.c; and

(2) the date of completion of the part of the Contract to which the request for approval of payment relates.

g. Where using the AG173 (or AG210), the period of thirty (30) days referred to in clause G1.f shall be exclusive of the number of days that elapse between the date the Contractor receives a MOD Form 640 or AG173 (or AG210) from the Authority showing payment approval in accordance with clause G1.d and the date DBS Finance receives a valid, properly completed claim for payment in accordance with clause G1.e.

h. The approval of payment by the Authority under clause G1.d shall not be construed as acceptance by the Authority of the performance of the Contractor's obligations nor as a waiver of its rights and remedies under condition F1 or otherwise.

i. Without prejudice to any other right or remedy, the Authority reserves the right to set off any amount owing at any time from the Contractor to the Authority against any amount payable by the Authority to the Contractor under the Contract or under any other contract with the Authority, or with any Government Department.

## **G2. Value Added Tax**

a. The Contract Price excludes any UK output Value Added Tax (VAT) and any similar EU (or non-EU) taxes chargeable on the provision of any Contractor Deliverables by the Contractor to the Authority.

b. If the Contractor is required by UK VAT law to be registered for UK VAT (or has registered voluntarily) in respect of its business activities at the time of any supply, the Contractor shall include separately in any claim for payment a sum equal to any VAT chargeable at the prevailing rate on the Contract Price claimed and the Authority shall pay it. In the event of any doubt about the applicability of the tax in such cases, the Authority may require the Contractor to obtain and pass to the Authority a formal ruling from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC).

c. The Contractor is responsible for the determination of VAT liability. In cases of doubt, the Contractor shall consult HMRC and not the Authority's Representative. The Contractor shall notify the Authority's Representative (Commercial) of the Authority's VAT liability under this Contract, when the liability is other than at the standard rate of VAT, and any changes to it.

d. Where the provision of any Contractor Deliverables comes within the scope of UK VAT, but the Contractor is not required by UK VAT law to be registered for UK VAT (and has not registered voluntarily), the Authority shall be responsible for assessing and paying over directly to HMRC any UK output VAT due in respect of the Contractor Deliverables.

e. Where Contractor Deliverables are deemed to be supplied to the Authority outside the UK, the Contractor may be required by the laws of the country where the supply takes place to register there for EU (or non-EU) turnover or similar tax. In that event, the Authority shall pay to the Contractor in addition to the Contract Price (and any other sum due to the Contractor under the Contract) a sum equal to the tax the Contractor is liable to pay to the tax authorities of the country in question in relation to the Contractor Deliverables.

## **G3. Debt Factoring**

a. Subject to the Contractor obtaining the prior written consent of the Authority in accordance with condition A6 (Assignment of Contract), the Contractor may assign to a third Party ("the Assignee") the right to receive payment of the Contract Price or any part thereof due to the Contractor under the Contract (including interest which the Authority incurred through late payment under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 ('the Act')). Any assignment of the right to receive payment of the Contract Price (or any part thereof) under this condition G3 shall be subject to:

(1) reduction of any sums in respect of which the Authority exercises its right of recovery under clause G1.i;

(2) all related rights of the Authority under the Contract in relation to the recovery of sums due but unpaid; and

(3) the Authority receiving notification under both clauses G3.b and G3.c.(2).

b. In the event that the Contractor obtains from the Authority the consent to assign the right to receive the Contract Price (or any part thereof) under clause G3.a., the Contractor shall notify the Authority in writing of the assignment and the date upon which the assignment becomes effective.

c. The Contractor shall ensure that the Assignee:

(1) is made aware of the Authority's continuing rights under clauses G3.a.1 and G3.a.2; and

(2) notifies the Authority of the Assignee's contact information and bank account details to which the Authority shall make payment, subject to any reduction made by the Authority in accordance with sub-clauses G3.a.(1) and G3.a.(2).

d. The provisions of condition G1 (Payment) shall continue to apply in all other respects after the assignment and shall not be amended without the prior approval of the Authority.

## **H CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION**

### **H1. Progress Monitoring, Meetings and Reports**

a. The Contractor shall attend progress meetings at the frequency or times (if any) specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) and shall ensure that its Contractor's Representatives are suitably qualified to attend such meetings.

b. The Contractor shall submit progress reports to the Authority's Representatives at the times and in the format (if any) specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet). The reports shall detail as a minimum:

(1) performance/Delivery of the Contractor Deliverables;

(2) risks and opportunities;

(3) any other information specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet); and

(4) any other information reasonably requested by the Authority.

### **H2. Authority Representatives**

a. Any reference to the Authority in respect of:

(1) the giving of consent;

(2) the delivering of any Notices; or

(3) the doing of any other thing that may reasonably be undertaken by an individual acting on behalf of the Authority,

shall be deemed to be references to the Authority's Representatives in accordance with this condition H2.

b. The Authority's Representatives detailed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) (or their nominated deputy) shall have full authority to act on behalf of the Authority for all purposes of the Contract. Unless notified in writing before such act or instruction, the Contractor shall be entitled to treat any act of the Authority's Representatives which is authorised by the Contract as being expressly authorised by the Authority and the Contractor shall not be required to determine whether authority has in fact been given.

c. In the event of any change to the identity of the Authority's Representatives, the Authority shall provide written confirmation to the Contractor, and shall update Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) in accordance with condition A2 (Amendments to Contract).

**H3. Notices**

a. A Notice served under the Contract shall be:

- (1) in writing in the English Language;
- (2) authenticated by signature or such other method as may be agreed between the Parties;
- (3) sent for the attention of the other Party's representative, and to the address set out in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet);
- (4) marked with the number of the Contract; and
- (5) delivered by hand, prepaid post (or airmail), facsimile transmission or, if agreed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet), by electronic mail.

b. Notices shall be deemed to have been received:

- (1) if delivered by hand, on the day of delivery if it is a Business Day in the place of receipt, and otherwise on the first Business Day in the place of receipt following the day of delivery;
- (2) if sent by prepaid post, on the fourth Business Day (or the tenth Business Day in the case of airmail) after the day of posting;
- (3) if sent by facsimile or electronic means:
  - (a) if transmitted between 09:00 and 17:00 hours on a Business Day (recipient's time) on completion of receipt by the sender of verification of the transmission from the receiving instrument; or
  - (b) if transmitted at any other time, at 09:00 on the first Business Day (recipient's time) following the completion of receipt by the sender of verification of transmission from the receiving instrument.

**J The project specific DEFCONs and DEFCON SC variants that apply are:**

DEFCON76(SC3) (Edn.12/14) - Contractor's Personnel at Government Establishments

DEFCON611(SC3) (Edn.02/16) - Issued Property

DEFCON694(SC3) (Edn.03/16) - Accounting For Property of the Authority

**K The special conditions that apply to this contract are:**

**K1. Overseas Expenditure**

a. The Contractor shall report, in writing, to the Authority details of any direct Overseas expenditure valued over £1 million likely to be incurred in the execution of the Contract immediately the possibility is known if such details were not furnished at the time of tendering. The details to be provided are as follows:

- (1) Contract No;
- (2) country in which subcontract placed/to be placed;

- (3) name, division and full postal address of Subcontractor;
- (4) value of subcontract as applicable to main Contract;
- (5) date placed/to be placed.

b. If no overseas orders valued over £1 million are to be placed, or are placed, the Contractor shall advise the Authority to this effect.

c. For the purpose of clauses a. and b. Overseas expenditure comprises only those direct payments made by the Contractor to:

- (1) Overseas firms and
- (2) UK firms, including UK branches or subsidiaries of Overseas firms, for the supply of finished or semi-finished manufactured products imported directly into the UK by the Contractor or by such UK firms.

d. The Contractor shall submit any Information required by clause a. to the Authority's Representative (Commercial).

## **K2. Performance and Monitoring**

a. The Contractor shall, taking into account all the requirements contained within this Contract, issue appropriate operating and procedural instructions in writing to all staff connected with this Contract.

b. The Contractor shall review, update and deliver to the Authority all relevant documentation when new software capability/versioning has been delivered. Relevant documentation includes (but is not limited to) Technical Specifications, User Guides and Administrator Specifications.

## **K3. Computer Viruses**

a. The Contractor warrants that it shall use all reasonable endeavours, including using the latest version of its virus checking software, to guard against the introduction of Viruses into the Authority system.

b. In the event that either party becomes aware that a Virus has been introduced, they should immediately inform the other party and the Contractor shall co-operate with the Authority to seek to eradicate the Virus and restore the system to its pre-infection state.

## **K4. Defects**

a. The Contractor shall forthwith make good at his own expense any defect in or damage to the Software which develops during the Contract period and which is caused by defective design (other than a design furnished or stipulated by the Authority for which the Contractor has disclaimed responsibility in writing), materials or workmanship or by the negligence of the Contractor or of his sub-contractor, servants or agents, and if the Contractor fails to do so the Authority may make good such defects or damage and deduct the cost of so doing from any monies due or which may become due to the Contractor under this or any other contract for Her Majesty's Service or recover the same from the Contractor as a debt.

## **K5. Software**

a. Software supplied to the Authority remains the property of the Contractor or its licensor.

b. All software to be modified under this Contract is supplied to the Authority under Schedule 2 to the Authority's Standard Software Licence Agreement Deform 701 Ref D/IPR/3X/5/1490/1.

c. The Software shall operate in and be fully compatible with the Authority's Operating Environment. This includes any future upgrades or changes to the Authority's Operating Environment.

d. Following acceptance of the modified software, the support & maintenance of the upgraded software will be covered by Contract JFC3/025.

**L      The special processes that apply to this contract are:**

Not Applicable