Prompt Payment

1. Where the Contractor submits an invoice to the Authority [in accordance with paragraph [•]], the Authority will consider and verify that invoice in a timely fashion.

2. The Authority shall pay the Contractor any sums due under such an invoice no later than a period of 30 days from the date on which the Authority has determined that the invoice is valid and undisputed.

3. Where the Authority fails to comply with paragraph 1 and there is an undue delay in considering and verifying the invoice, the invoice shall be regarded as valid and undisputed for the purposes of paragraph (2) after a reasonable time has passed.

4. Where the Contractor enters into a Sub-Contract, the Contractor shall include in that Sub-Contract:

a) Provisions having the same effect as clauses 1-3 of this Agreement; and
b) A provision requiring the counterparty to that Sub-Contract to include in any Sub-Contract which it awards provisions having the same effect as clauses 1-4 of this Agreement.

c) In clause 4, "Sub-Contract" means a contract between two or more suppliers, at any stage of remoteness from the Authority in a subcontracting chain, made wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing (or contributing to the performance of) the whole or any part of this Agreement.