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PERFORMANCE SECURITY SCHEDULE – PART 1: PARENT COMPANY GUARANTEE

PART 1

PARENT COMPANY GUARANTEE



DATED 20[25]

(1) [GUARANTOR]

and

(2) [BENEFICIARY]

DEED OF GUARANTEE

relating to

[INSERT NAME OF WORKS PACKAGE]



DEED OF GUARANTEE

THIS DEED OF GUARANTEE is made on

20[25]

BETWEEN:

- (1) [INSERT NAME OF THE GUARANTOR] (a company incorporated in England and Wales with company number [INSERT COMPANY NUMBER]), whose registered office is at [INSERT REGISTERED ADDRESS] (the "Guarantor");¹ and
- (2) **THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR JUSTICE OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE** of 102 Petty France, Westminster, London, SW1H 9AJ (the "Beneficiary").

WHEREAS:

- (a) The Guarantor has agreed, in consideration of the Beneficiary entering into the Guaranteed Provisions with the Alliance Member, to guarantee all of the Alliance Member's obligations under the Guaranteed Provisions.
- (b) It is the intention of the Parties that this document be executed and take effect as a deed.

Now in consideration of the Beneficiary entering into the Guaranteed Provisions, the Guarantor hereby agrees with the Beneficiary as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 In this Deed of Guarantee:

- 1.1.1 unless defined elsewhere in this Deed of Guarantee or the context requires otherwise, defined terms shall have the same meaning as they have for the purposes of the Guaranteed Provisions;
- 1.1.2 the words and phrases below shall have the following meanings:

Alliance Member	means [INSERT NAME] (company number [INSERT COMPANY NUMBER]) whose registered office is at [INSERT ADDRESS] and who is defined and referred to as the "Contractor" in the Notice to Proceed (with each such term include its successors in title);
Beneficiary	means the Party identified as such in this Deed of Guarantee (and such term shall include its successors in title and assigns);
Contract	means, collectively, the FAC-1 Contract and any Orders issued under it, and the Notice to Proceed;
FAC-1 Contract	means an ACA Framework Alliance Contract (FAC-1) (as amended) between (1) the Beneficiary; and (2) the Alliance Member (and other parties identified as "Alliance Members" therein) dated [INSERT DATE];
Guaranteed Obligations	means all obligations and liabilities of the Alliance Member to the Beneficiary in connection with the design and construction of the Works under and in connection with the Guaranteed

¹ **DRAFTING NOTE:** This entry will need to be updated if the Guarantor is not incorporated in the UK (and appropriate service agent provisions will also need to be inserted).



Provisions, together with all obligations owed by the Alliance Member to the Beneficiary that are supplemental to, incurred under, ancillary to or calculated by reference to the Guaranteed Provisions;

Guaranteed Provisions

means the obligations and liabilities of the Alliance Member in respect of the Works pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract;

Notice to Proceed

means the Notice to Proceed in respect of the Works executed by the Beneficiary and the Alliance Member and dated **[INSERT DATE]** pursuant to and in accordance with the FAC-1 Contract (and all documents and terms and conditions referred to in the same);

Party

means a party to this Deed of Guarantee (and "**Parties**" shall be construed accordingly);

Working Day

has the meaning given to such term in the FAC-1 Contract; and

Works

means the main works package known as **[INSERT DESCRIPTION]** as more particularly identified and described as such in the Notice to Proceed and/or the documentation forming part of and/or referred to in the same (and defined as the "works") therein.

1.2 Without prejudice to the generality of clause 1.1, in this Deed of Guarantee:

- 1.2.1 references to this Deed of Guarantee and any provisions of this Deed of Guarantee or to any other document or agreement (including to the Guaranteed Provisions) are to be construed as references to this Deed of Guarantee, those provisions or that document or agreement in force for the time being and as amended, varied, restated, supplemented, substituted or novated from time to time;
- 1.2.2 unless the context otherwise requires, words importing the singular are to include the plural and vice versa;
- 1.2.3 references to a person are to be construed to include that person's assignees or transferees or successors in title, whether direct or indirect;
- 1.2.4 the words "other" and "otherwise" are not to be construed as confining the meaning of any following words to the class of thing previously stated where a wider construction is possible;
- 1.2.5 unless the context otherwise requires, reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter;
- 1.2.6 unless the context otherwise requires, references to an Act of Parliament, statutory provision or statutory instrument include a reference to that Act of Parliament, statutory provision or statutory instrument as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time and to any regulations made under it;
- 1.2.7 unless the context otherwise requires, any phrase introduced by the words "including", "includes", "in particular", "for example" or similar, shall be construed as illustrative and without limitation to the generality of the related general words;



1.2.8 references to clauses and Schedules are, unless otherwise provided, references to clauses of and Schedules to this Deed of Guarantee; and

1.2.9 references to liability are to include any liability whether actual, contingent, present or future.

2. GUARANTEE AND INDEMNITY

2.1 The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees and undertakes to the Beneficiary to procure that the Alliance Member duly and punctually performs all of the Guaranteed Obligations now or hereafter due, owing or incurred by the Alliance Member to the Beneficiary.

2.2 The Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to pay to the Beneficiary all monies and liabilities which are now or at any time hereafter shall have become payable by the Alliance Member to the Beneficiary under or in connection with the Guaranteed Provisions or in respect of the Guaranteed Obligations as if it were a primary obligor.

2.3 If at any time the Alliance Member shall fail to perform any of the Guaranteed Obligations, the Guarantor, as primary obligor, irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to the Beneficiary that, upon first demand by the Beneficiary it shall, at the cost and expense of the Guarantor:

2.3.1 fully, punctually and specifically perform such Guaranteed Obligations as if it were itself a direct and primary obligor to the Beneficiary in respect of the Guaranteed Obligations and liable as if the Guaranteed Provisions had been entered into directly by the Guarantor and the Beneficiary; and

2.3.2 as a separate and independent obligation and liability, indemnify and keep the Beneficiary indemnified against all losses, damages, costs and expenses (including VAT thereon, and including, without limitation, all court costs and all legal fees on a solicitor and own client basis, together with any disbursements,) of whatever nature which may result or which such Beneficiary may suffer, incur or sustain arising in any way whatsoever out of a failure by the Alliance Member to perform the Guaranteed Obligations save that, subject to the other provisions of this Deed of Guarantee, this shall not be construed as imposing greater obligations or liabilities on the Guarantor than are purported to be imposed on the Alliance Member under the Guaranteed Provisions.

2.4 As a separate and independent obligation and liability from its obligations and liabilities under clause 2.1 and clause 2.3 above, the Guarantor as a primary obligor irrevocably and unconditionally undertakes to indemnify and keep the Beneficiary indemnified against all losses, damages, costs and expenses (including value added tax thereon, and including, without limitation, all legal costs and expenses), of whatever nature, whether arising under statute, contract or at common law, which such Beneficiary may suffer or incur if any obligation guaranteed by the Guarantor is or becomes unenforceable, invalid or illegal as if the obligation guaranteed had not become unenforceable, invalid or illegal provided that the Guarantor's liability shall be no greater than the Alliance Member's liability would have been if the obligation guaranteed had not become unenforceable, invalid or illegal.

2.5 Nothing in this Deed of Guarantee shall be construed as imposing greater obligations or liabilities on the Guarantor than that which it would have had had it been named alongside the Alliance Member with joint and several liability under the Guaranteed Obligations or Guaranteed Provisions and the Guarantor shall be entitled in any proceedings arising to rely upon the same defences and limitation of liability which it would have had had it been named alongside the Alliance Member under the Guaranteed Obligations, Guaranteed Provisions or otherwise at law.

2.6 The Beneficiary shall give 14 days' notice to the Alliance Member pursuant to the Contract of an equivalent claim prior to issuing a notice to the Guarantor pursuant to clause 2.2, 2.3 and/or 2.4 of this Deed of Guarantee.



3. OBLIGATION TO ENTER INTO A NEW CONTRACT

If the engagement of the Alliance Member under the Guaranteed Provisions and/or under the FAC-1 Contract is terminated for any reason, whether by the Beneficiary or the Alliance Member, or if the engagement of the Alliance Member under the Guaranteed Provisions is disclaimed by a liquidator of the Alliance Member or the Guaranteed Obligations are declared to be void or voidable for any reason, then the Guarantor will, at the request of the Beneficiary enter into a contract with the Beneficiary in terms mutatis mutandis the same as the Guaranteed Provisions and the obligations of the Guarantor under such substitute agreement shall be the same as if the Guarantor had been original obligor in respect of the Guaranteed Provisions or under an agreement entered into on the same terms and at the same time as the Guaranteed Provisions with the Beneficiary.

4. DEMANDS AND NOTICES

- 4.1 Any demand or notice served by the Beneficiary on the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee shall be in writing, addressed to:

Address of the Guarantor:	[INSERT ADDRESS]
Email address of the Guarantor:	[INSERT EMAIL ADDRESS]
For the attention of:	[INSERT NAME]

or such other address in England and Wales or electronic mail address as the Guarantor has from time to time notified to the Beneficiary in writing in accordance with the terms of this Deed of Guarantee as being an address or electronic mail for the receipt of such demands or notices, provided that where any such demand or notice is issued by post, it be issued by recorded / special delivery post.

- 4.2 Any notice or demand served on the Guarantor or the Beneficiary under this Deed of Guarantee shall be deemed to have been served:
- 4.2.1 if delivered by hand, when left at the proper address for service or if the time of such delivery is either after 17:00 on a Working Day or on a day other than a Working Day, at 10:00 on the following Working Day;
 - 4.2.2 if delivered by recorded / special delivery post, upon the second (2nd) Working Day after posting; and
 - 4.2.3 if sent by electronic mail, on the Working Day of its transmission in legible form unless outside the hours of 09:00 to 17:00 or on a day which is not a Working Day, in which case it is treated as having been received at 09:00 on the first (1st) Working Day after its transmission, provided that the recipient has previously confirmed to the sender its electronic mail address in writing.
- 4.3 In proving service of a notice or demand on the Guarantor or the Beneficiary it shall be sufficient to prove that delivery was made, or that the envelope containing the notice or demand was properly addressed and posted as a prepaid first class recorded / special delivery letter, or that the electronic mail was properly addressed and sent to the recipient (supported by a delivery receipt evidencing delivery to the recipient), as the case may be.
- 4.4 Any notice purported to be served on the Beneficiary under this Deed of Guarantee shall only be valid when received in writing by the Beneficiary.



5. BENEFICIARY'S PROTECTIONS

- 5.1 The Guarantor shall not be discharged or released from this Deed of Guarantee by any arrangement made between the Alliance Member and the Beneficiary (whether or not such arrangement is made with or without the assent of the Guarantor) or by any amendment to or termination of the FAC-1 Contract and/or the engagement of the Alliance Member under the Guaranteed Provisions or by any forbearance or indulgence whether as to payment, time, performance or otherwise granted by the Beneficiary in relation thereto (whether or not such amendment, termination, forbearance or indulgence is made with or without the assent of the Guarantor) or by the Beneficiary doing (or omitting to do) any other matter or thing which but for this provision might exonerate the Guarantor.
- 5.2 This Deed of Guarantee shall be a continuing security for the Guaranteed Obligations and accordingly:
- 5.2.1 it shall not be discharged, reduced or otherwise affected by any partial performance (except to the extent of such partial performance) by the Alliance Member of the Guaranteed Obligations or by any omission or delay on the part of the Beneficiary in exercising its rights under this Deed of Guarantee;
- 5.2.2 it shall not be affected by any dissolution, amalgamation, reconstruction, reorganisation, change in status, function, control or ownership, insolvency, liquidation, administration, appointment of a receiver, voluntary arrangement, any legal limitation or other incapacity, of the Alliance Member, the Beneficiary, the Guarantor or any other person;
- 5.2.3 if, for any reason, any of the Guaranteed Obligations shall prove to have been or shall become void or unenforceable against the Alliance Member for any reason whatsoever, the Guarantor shall nevertheless be liable in respect of that purported obligation or liability as if the same were fully valid and enforceable and the Guarantor were principal debtor in respect thereof; and
- 5.2.4 the rights of the Beneficiary against the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee are in addition to, shall not be affected by and shall not prejudice, any other security, guarantee, indemnity or other rights or remedies available to the Beneficiary.
- 5.3 The Beneficiary shall be entitled to exercise its rights and to make demands on the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee as often as it wishes and the making of a demand (whether effective, partial or defective) in respect of the breach or non-performance by the Alliance Member of any Guaranteed Obligation shall not preclude the Beneficiary from making a further demand in respect of the same or some other default in respect of the same Guaranteed Obligation.
- 5.4 The Beneficiary shall not be obliged before taking steps to enforce this Deed of Guarantee against the Guarantor to obtain judgment against the Alliance Member or the Guarantor or any third party in any court, or to make or file any claim in a bankruptcy or liquidation of the Alliance Member or any third party, or to take any action whatsoever against the Alliance Member or the Guarantor or any third party or to resort to any other security or guarantee or other means of payment. No action (or inaction) by the Beneficiary in respect of any such security, guarantee or other means of payment shall prejudice or affect the liability of the Guarantor hereunder.
- 5.5 The Beneficiary's rights under this Deed of Guarantee are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights provided by law and may be exercised from time to time and as often as the Beneficiary deems expedient.
- 5.6 Any waiver by the Beneficiary of any terms of this Deed of Guarantee, or of any Guaranteed Obligations shall only be effective if given in writing and then only for the purpose and upon the terms and conditions, if any, on which it is given.



- 5.7 Any release, discharge or settlement between the Guarantor and the Beneficiary shall be conditional upon no security, disposition or payment to the Beneficiary by the Guarantor or any other person being void, set aside or ordered to be refunded pursuant to any enactment or law relating to liquidation, administration or insolvency or for any other reason whatsoever and if such condition shall not be fulfilled the Beneficiary shall be entitled to enforce this Deed of Guarantee subsequently as if such release, discharge or settlement had not occurred and any such payment had not been made and the Beneficiary shall be entitled to retain this security after as well as before the payment, discharge or satisfaction of all monies, obligations and liabilities that are or may become due owing or incurred to the Beneficiary from the Guarantor for such period as the Beneficiary may determine.

6. GUARANTOR INTENT

Without prejudice to the generality of clause 5 (Beneficiary's protections), the Guarantor expressly confirms that it intends that this Deed of Guarantee shall extend from time to time to any (however fundamental) variation, increase, extension or addition of or to the Guaranteed Provisions and any associated fees, costs and/or expenses.

7. RIGHTS OF SUBROGATION

- 7.1 The Guarantor shall, at any time when there is any default in the performance of any of the Guaranteed Obligations by the Alliance Member and/or any default by the Guarantor in the performance of any of its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee, exercise any rights it may have:

7.1.1 of subrogation and indemnity;

7.1.2 to take the benefit of, share in or enforce any security or other guarantee or indemnity for the Alliance Member's obligations; and/or

7.1.3 to prove in the liquidation or insolvency of the Alliance Member only in accordance with the Beneficiary's written instructions and shall hold any amount recovered as a result of the exercise of such rights on trust for the Beneficiary and pay the same to the Beneficiary on first demand.

- 7.2 The Guarantor hereby acknowledges that it has not taken any security from the Alliance Member and agrees not to do so until Beneficiary receives all moneys payable hereunder and will hold any security taken in breach of this clause 7 on trust for the Beneficiary.

8. DEFERRAL OF RIGHTS

- 8.1 Until all amounts which may be or become payable by the Alliance Member under or in connection with the Guaranteed Provisions have been irrevocably paid in full, the Guarantor agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Beneficiary, it will not:

8.1.1 exercise any rights it may have to be indemnified by the Alliance Member;

8.1.2 claim any contribution from any other guarantor of the Alliance Member's obligations under the Guaranteed Provisions;

8.1.3 take the benefit (in whole or in part and whether by way of subrogation or otherwise) of any rights of the Beneficiary under the Guaranteed Provisions or of any other guarantee or security taken pursuant to, or in connection with, the Guaranteed Provisions;

8.1.4 demand or accept repayment in whole or in part of any indebtedness now or hereafter due from the Alliance Member; and/or

8.1.5 claim any set-off or counterclaim against the Alliance Member.



- 8.2 If the Guarantor receives any payment or other benefit or exercises any set off or counterclaim or otherwise acts in breach of this clause 8, anything so received and any benefit derived directly or indirectly by the Guarantor therefrom shall be held on trust for the Beneficiary and applied in or towards discharge of its obligations to the Beneficiary under this Deed of Guarantee.

9. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 9.1 The Guarantor hereby represents and warrants to the Beneficiary that:

- 9.1.1 the Guarantor is duly incorporated and is a validly existing company under the laws of its place of incorporation, has the capacity to sue or be sued in its own name and has power to carry on its business as now being conducted and to own its property and other assets;
- 9.1.2 the Guarantor has full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee and no limitation on the powers of the Guarantor will be exceeded as a result of the Guarantor entering into this Deed of Guarantee;
- 9.1.3 the execution and delivery by the Guarantor of this Deed of Guarantee and the performance by the Guarantor of its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee including, without limitation entry into and performance of a contract pursuant to clause 3) have been duly authorised by all necessary corporate action and do not contravene or conflict with:
- (a) the Guarantor's memorandum and articles of association or other equivalent constitutional documents;
 - (b) any existing law, statute, rule or regulation or any judgment, decree or permit to which the Guarantor is subject;
 - (c) the terms of any agreement or other document to which the Guarantor is a Party or which is binding upon it or any of its assets;
 - (d) all governmental and other authorisations, approvals, licences and consents, required or desirable, to enable it lawfully to enter into, exercise its rights and comply with its obligations under this Deed of Guarantee, and to make this Deed of Guarantee admissible in evidence in its jurisdiction of incorporation, have been obtained or effected and are in full force and effect; and
 - (e) this Deed of Guarantee is the legal valid and binding obligation of the Guarantor and is enforceable against the Guarantor in accordance with its terms.

10. PAYMENTS AND SET-OFF

- 10.1 All sums payable by the Guarantor under this Deed of Guarantee shall be paid without any set-off, lien or counterclaim, deduction or withholding, howsoever arising, except for those required by law, and if any deduction or withholding must be made by law, the Guarantor will pay that additional amount which is necessary to ensure that the Beneficiary receives a net amount equal to the full amount which it would have received if the payment had been made without the deduction or withholding.
- 10.2 The Guarantor shall pay interest on any amount due under this Deed of Guarantee at the applicable rate under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998, accruing on a daily basis from the due date up to the date of actual payment, whether before or after judgment.
- 10.3 The Guarantor will reimburse the Beneficiary for all legal and other costs (including value added tax) incurred by the Beneficiary in connection with the enforcement of this Deed of Guarantee.



11. **GUARANTOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

- 11.1 The Guarantor warrants, acknowledges and confirms to the Beneficiary that it has not entered into this Deed of Guarantee in reliance upon, nor has it been induced to enter into this Deed of Guarantee by any representation, warranty or undertaking made by or on behalf of the Beneficiary (whether express or implied and whether pursuant to statute or otherwise) which is not set out in this Deed of Guarantee.

12. **ASSIGNMENT**

- 12.1 The Beneficiary shall be entitled to assign or transfer the benefit of this Deed of Guarantee at any time to any person without the consent of the Guarantor being required and any such assignment or transfer shall not release the Guarantor from its liability under this Guarantee.
- 12.2 The Guarantor may not assign or transfer any of its rights and/or obligations under this Deed of Guarantee.

13. **SEVERANCE**

If any provision of this Deed of Guarantee is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be severed and the remainder of the provisions hereof shall continue in full force and effect as if this Deed of Guarantee had been executed with the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision eliminated.

14. **THIRD PARTY RIGHTS**

A person who is not a Party to this Deed of Guarantee shall have no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Deed of Guarantee, provided always that this clause 14 does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

15. **GOVERNING LAW**

- 15.1 This Deed of Guarantee and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by and construed in all respects in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.
- 15.2 The Guarantor irrevocably agrees for the benefit of the Beneficiary that the courts of England shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any suit, action or proceedings and to settle any dispute which may arise out of or in connection with this Deed of Guarantee and for such purposes hereby irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of such courts.
- 15.3 The Guarantor irrevocably waives any objection which it may have now or in the future to the courts of England being nominated for the purpose of this clause on the ground of venue or otherwise and agrees not to claim that any such court is not a convenient or appropriate forum.

IN WITNESS whereof the Parties have caused this Deed of Guarantee to be executed and delivered as a **DEED** on the day and year first before written.

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