**LICENCE AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF NEC4 DIGITAL CONTRACTS (ORGANISATION USE ONLY)**

**THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS**

and

**THOMAS TELFORD LIMITED**

and

**DEFENCE INFRASTRUCTURE ORGANISATION**

**DATE: 27th April 2023**

**PARTIES:**

1. **THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS** (registered charity number 210252) whose registered office is at One Great George Street, London SW1P 3AA **(Licensor)**;

(The Licensor will enter into this Agreement through their agent Thomas Telford Limited)

1. **THOMAS TELFORD LIMITED** (registered company number 02556636) whose registered office is at 1‑7 Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA (**Publisher**); and
2. **DEFENCE INFRASTRUCTURE ORGANISATION** whose registered office is at Marlborough Lines, IDL 448, Monxton Road, ANDOVER, SP11 8HJ (**Licensee**).

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# April 2023 to April 2026

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     2. enters into liquidation whether compulsorily or voluntarily (otherwise than for the purposes of a solvent amalgamation or reconstruction);
     3. becomes insolvent;
     4. ceases or threatens to cease to carry on business; or
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     5. is disclosed on a confidential basis for the purposes of obtaining professional advice.
  3. This clause 10 will continue in force notwithstanding the expiry or termination of this agreement, whatever the reason for such termination.

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No party will be liable for any breach of this agreement directly or indirectly caused by circumstances beyond the reasonable control of that party and which prevent that party from performing its obligations to the other.

# Notices

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  2. Notices will be treated as received as follows: if delivered by hand, when delivered; if sent by first class post, 48 hours after posting; if sent by air mail post, 72 hours after posting; if sent by fax, when sent. Any notices that would be treated as received out of Business Hours will be deemed given on the next Business Day.

**Thomas Telford Limited**  
Address: 1‑7 Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA, attention NEC General Manager

**Defence Infrastructure Organisation**

Address: Marlborough Lines, IDL 448, Monxton Road, Andover, SP11 8HJ

# General

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  8. This agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.
  9. The English courts will have nonexclusive jurisdiction to determine any disputes which may arise out of, under, or in connection with this agreement.

Signed by the parties on the date of this agreement.

Signed on behalf of THOMAS TELFORD LIMITED:

Signed on behalf of DEFENCE INFRASTRUCTURE ORGANISATION:

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### Definitions and interpretation

**(SCHEDULE 1: NEC3 CONTRACTS)**

1. In this agreement including the schedules the following words and expressions have the following meanings:

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| **Annual Fee** |  |
| **Business Day** | a day other than Saturday or Sunday when banks are generally open for normal business in London, United Kingdom. |
| **Business Hours** | between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on a Business Day. |
| **Commencement Date** | **May 2023 to May 2026** |
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2. In this agreement, unless otherwise specified, any reference to a statutory provision includes a reference to any modification or re‑enactment of it from time to time.

**(SCHEDULE 2: NEC4 CONTRACTS)**

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