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and

(2) EE Limited & British Telecommunications Public Limited Company

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relating to

ESMCP Mobile Services Agreement

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22 November 2024

This Agreement is made on

Between:

- (1) The Secretary of State for the Home Department whose principal place of business is 2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF acting as part of the Crown (the "**Authority**"); and
- (2) EE Limited a company registered in England and Wales under company number 02382161 whose registered office is at 1 Braham Street, London, United Kingdom, E1 8EE ("**EEL**") and British Telecommunications Public Limited Company a company registered in England and Wales under company number 01800000 whose registered office is at 1 Braham Street, London, United Kingdom, E1 8EE ("**BT Plc**")

(references in this Agreement to the "**Supplier**" means EEL and BT Plc).

References in this Agreement to a "**Party**" means (i) the Authority; or (ii) the Supplier as the context allows.

References in this Agreement to the "**Parties**" means the Authority and the Supplier.

Recitals

- A The Authority wishes to procure integrated national critical voice and broadband data services on behalf of the three emergency services and selected other users. The services are part of the Critical National Infrastructure.
- B On 18 April 2014 the Authority advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (reference 2014/S 077-133654) inviting prospective suppliers to submit proposals for the telecommunications services.
- C The Supplier is a leading provider of telecommunications services and has experience in telecommunications services, network and infrastructure.
- D On the basis of EEL’s response to the advertisement and a subsequent tender process, the Authority selected EEL as its preferred supplier and the Authority and EEL first entered into an agreement in this regard on 8 December 2015 (the "**Terminated Agreement**").

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- E In 2016, BT Group Plc purchased EEL.
- F On 31 July 2019, the Authority and EEL amended and re-stated the Terminated Agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions of Change Authorisation Note 500. References in this Agreement to the Terminated Agreement are to the Terminated Agreement as amended, including by Change Authorisation Note 500.
- G Also on 31 July 2019, the Authority and EEL entered into a Deed of Settlement in full and final settlement of certain rights and liabilities which had accrued under the Terminated Agreement.
- H Also on 31 July 2019, the Authority and BT Group Plc entered into a Deed of Variation and Confirmation of a Guarantee which amended and confirmed a Deed of Guarantee given by BT Group Plc in favour of the Authority dated 19 April 2016 (together the **“Original Guarantee”**).
- I Also on 31 July 2019, the Authority, EEL, and Motorola entered into an operating level agreement (**“OLA2”**), recording additional terms agreed between the Authority, EEL and Motorola.
- J [REDACTED]
- K On 31 July 2024 a VEAT Notice was published by the Authority to give notice to the public of its intention to directly award this Agreement to the Supplier.
- L The Parties and BT Group Plc have agreed to enter into the STA.
- M The Parties and BT Group Plc have agreed to a limited affirmation of the Original Guarantee [REDACTED] and for BT Group Plc to grant the new Guarantee in favour of the Authority.

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It is agreed as follows:

SECTION A – PRELIMINARIES

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 In this Agreement, unless otherwise provided or the context otherwise requires, capitalised expressions shall have the meanings set out in Schedule 1 (Definitions) or the relevant Schedule in which that capitalised expression appears.

1.2 In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (b) reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter;
- (c) references to a person include an individual, company, body corporate, corporation, unincorporated association, firm, partnership or other legal entity or Central Government Body;
- (d) a reference to any Law includes a reference to that Law as amended, extended, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time;
- (e) the words "including", "other", "in particular", "for example" and similar words shall not limit the generality of the preceding words and shall be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words "without limitation";
- (f) references to "writing" include typing, printing, lithography, photography, display on a screen, electronic and facsimile transmission and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, and expressions referring to writing shall be construed accordingly;
- (g) the headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement;
- (h) unless otherwise provided and save for references in Annex 3 of Schedule 4.3 (Sub-contractors), Annexes 1 to 2 of Schedule 5 (Software), Annex 2 of Schedule 7.3, Annex B of Schedule 12 (ESN User Organisation Purchase

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Terms), Schedule 14 (Trade Mark Licence), and in Schedule 10 (Guarantee), references to Clauses and Schedules are references to the Clauses and schedules of this Agreement and references in any Schedule to Paragraphs, Parts and Annexes and Appendices are, unless otherwise provided, references to the paragraphs, parts and annexes and appendices of the Schedule or the Part of the Schedule in which the references appear; and

- (i) references to this Agreement are references to this Agreement as amended from time to time;
- (j) where there is a requirement for the Parties to agree, any failure to achieve agreement within five (5) Working Days of either Party notifying the other Party of the failure to agree shall be determined by the Authority in its absolute discretion which shall be implemented by both Parties with any impact including without limitation, costs, to be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure unless otherwise expressly stated to the contrary;
- (k) where there is an obligation on the Supplier to complete an activity and no timescale is specified, the relevant activity should be completed in a reasonable timescale;
- (l) where there is a reference to something being "agreed" by the Authority or by the Parties in Clauses 5.6(c)(v), 14.1(b)(ii), 17.4, 17.7 or 19.13 such agreement may have taken place or have been given under this Agreement after the Effective Date or under the Terminated Agreement before the Effective Date save that anything agreed under this Agreement shall take precedence over anything agreed under the Terminated Agreement in the event of a conflict; and
- (m) any reference to an organisation in England and Wales shall be deemed to refer to any equivalent organisation in Scotland.

1.3 Where a standard, policy or document is referred to in this Agreement by reference to a hyperlink, then if the hyperlink is changed or no longer provides access to the relevant

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standard, policy or document, the Supplier shall notify the Authority and the Parties shall update this Agreement with a reference to the replacement hyperlink.

- 1.4 If there is any conflict between the Clauses and the Schedules (including any Part of an Annex, Appendix and/or Schedule) and/or any Annexes and/or Appendices to the Schedules (or Part of a Schedule), the conflict shall be resolved in accordance with the following order of precedence:
- (a) the Clauses and Schedule 1 (Definitions);
 - (b) Schedules 2.1 (Services Description) and 2.2 (Performance Levels) and their Annexes and Appendices;
 - (c) any other Schedules and their Annexes (other than Schedule 4.1 (Supplier Solution) and its Annexes and Appendices); and
 - (d) Schedule 4.1 (Supplier Solution) and its Annexes and Appendices (if any).
- 1.5 The Schedules and their Annexes and Appendices form part of this Agreement.
- 1.6 The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Authority shall not be imputed to have knowledge of all UK Government policy.
- 1.7 In entering into this Agreement the Authority is acting as part of the Crown.
- 1.8 Any deviation in this Agreement from the Cabinet Office's Model Services Contract Version 2.0 shall not set a precedent for any future agreement between the Supplier or any of its Affiliates and the Authority.
- 1.9 Where the Authority provides a notice (including notices referred to in Clause 43.4), disclosure or other communication to EEL or BT Plc in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, it shall be deemed sent to the Supplier, unless expressly stated otherwise in the relevant notice, disclosure or other communication (or as otherwise required by Law). Where either of BT Plc or EEL provides a notice (including notices referred to in Clause 43.4), disclosure or other communication to the Authority in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, it shall be deemed given by the Supplier, unless expressly stated otherwise in the relevant notice, disclosure or other communication (or as otherwise required by Law).

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1.10 The Authority shall rely on any instructions, agreement, approvals, consents, disclosures, notices and other communications (of any form) from either EEL or BT Plc in relation to this Agreement as being from and binding on both EEL and BT Plc, unless expressly stated otherwise in the relevant communication. Save that if there are any conflicting instructions, agreement, approvals, consents, disclosures, notices and other communications (of any form) to the Authority from either EEL or BT Plc in accordance with this Agreement, the Authority shall rely on such communications from BT Plc. The Supplier shall rely on any instructions, agreement, approvals, consents, disclosures, notices and other communications (of any form) from the Authority to either of EEL or BT Plc in relation to this Agreement as applying to both EEL and BT Plc, unless expressly stated otherwise in the relevant communication. Save that if there are any conflicting instructions, agreement, approvals, consents, disclosures, notices and other communications (of any form) to either EEL or BT Plc from the Authority in accordance with this Agreement, the Supplier shall rely on such communications to BT Plc from the Authority.

1.10A For the avoidance of doubt, by this Agreement being a tripartite agreement, there is no requirement on:

- (a) the Authority to perform any obligations and/or responsibilities to both EEL and BT Plc where such obligation and/ or responsibility has been performed in relation to either of EEL or BT Plc; save as in relation to any persisting obligations on the Authority under this Agreement which are owed to both EEL and BT Plc jointly (where in this clause 'persisting obligations' means obligations which apply on a continuous basis at all times during the Term) if it is not possible to split performance of such obligations on the Authority to the Supplier between EEL and BT individually; and
- (b) either of EEL or BT Plc as the Supplier to provide any reports, documents or Deliverables more than once by virtue of them being two separate entities where such reports, documents or Deliverables have already been delivered (or, in the case of continuing or reoccurring obligations to provide (or obligations to update) reports, documents or Deliverables, continue to be delivered) in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

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No Party shall use the clarifications in (a) and/or (b) in bad faith to avoid its obligations in a way not envisaged by the change in contracting arrangement from a biparty arrangement between the Authority and EEL, compared to a tripartite arrangement between the Authority as a Party and EEL and BT Plc as the other Party.

1.11 Any reference in this Agreement or any document referred to within it to 'EE'; 'EE Limited'; and 'BT' shall mean a reference to the 'Supplier'.

1A Execution of this Agreement

1A.1 The following documents and their attachments (if any) shall together form the contract between the Authority and the Supplier, and the term "**Agreement**" shall in all such documents be construed accordingly:

- (a) the Clauses of this Agreement; and
- (b) the Schedules to this Agreement (including all Annexes to such Schedules), including:
 - (i) Schedule 1 (Definitions);
 - (ii) Schedule 2 (Service Requirements), including:
 - (A) Schedule 2.1 (Services Description);
 - (B) Schedule 2.2 (Performance Levels);
 - (C) Schedule 2.3 (Standards);
 - (D) Schedule 2.4 (Security Management); and
 - (E) Schedule 2.5 (Insurance Requirements);
 - (iii) Schedule 3 (Authority Responsibilities);
 - (iv) Schedule 4 (Supplier Matters), including:
 - (A) Schedule 4.1 (Supplier Solution);
 - (B) Schedule 4.2 (Commercially Sensitive Information);

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- (C) Schedule 4.3 (Sub-Contractors);
- (D) Schedule 4.4 (Third Party Contracts); and
- (E) Schedule 4.5 (Quality Plans);
- (v) Schedule 5 (Software);
- (vi) Schedule 6 (Implementation and Testing), including:
 - (A) Schedule 6.1 (Implementation Plan);
 - (B) Schedule 6.2 (Testing and Assurance Procedures); and
 - (C) Schedule 6.3 (Coverage Benchmarking and Validation Process);
- (vii) Schedule 7 (Financial Matters), including:
 - (A) Schedule 7.1 (Charges and Invoicing);
 - (B) Schedule 7.2 (Payments on Termination);
 - (C) Schedule 7.3 (Benchmarking);
 - (D) Schedule 7.4 (Financial Distress);
 - (E) Schedule 7.5 (Financial Reports and Audit Rights);
 - (F) Schedule 7.6 (Anticipated Savings); and
 - (G) Schedule 7.7 (Financial Model);
- (viii) Schedule 8 (Governance), including:
 - (A) Schedule 8.1 (Governance);
 - (B) Schedule 8.2 (Change Control Procedure);
 - (C) Schedule 8.3 (Dispute Resolution Procedure);
 - (D) Schedule 8.4 (Reports and Records Provisions);
 - (E) Schedule 8.5 (Exit Management);

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- (F) Schedule 8.6 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery); and
- (G) Schedule 8.7 (Conduct of Claims);
- (ix) Schedule 9 (Employment), including:
 - (A) Schedule 9.1 (Staff Transfer); and
 - (B) Schedule 9.2 (Key Personnel);
- (x) Schedule 10 (Guarantee);
- (xi) Schedule 11 (Processing Personal Data);
- (xii) Schedule 12 (ESN User Organisation Purchase Terms);
- (xiii) Schedule 13 (Not Used);
- (xiv) Schedule 14 (Trade Mark Licence); and
- (xv) Schedule 15 (EE Trade Mark Conditions of Use).

1A.2 The Schedules listed above are incorporated by reference into this Agreement and are identified by the following DocuSign envelope ID numbers:

- (a) the Clauses and Schedule 1, contained in this document, which contains the signature page for the Agreement; and
- (b) Schedule 2.1 to Schedule 15 (inclusive), contained in DocuSign envelope ID number C909EF5E-C24D-4A99-863F-5417023511E6, and the front page of such envelope each Party has also signed, confirming that such Schedules (including all Annexes) in this DocuSign envelope are incorporated by reference into this Agreement and are identified by a unique DocuSign ID number as listed above.

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2. Due Diligence

2.1 The Supplier acknowledges that, subject to the Allowable Assumptions:

- (a) the Authority has delivered or made available to the Supplier all of the information and documents that the Supplier considers necessary or relevant for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) it has made its own enquiries to satisfy itself as to the accuracy and adequacy of the Due Diligence Information;
- (c) it has satisfied itself (whether by inspection or having raised all relevant due diligence questions with the Authority before the Effective Date) of all relevant details relating to:
 - (i) the Authority Requirements;
 - (ii) the suitability of the existing and (to the extent that it is defined or reasonably foreseeable at the Effective Date) future Operating Environment;
 - (iii) the operating processes and procedures and the working methods of the Authority;
 - (iv) the ownership, functionality, capacity, condition and suitability for use in the Services of the Authority Assets; and
 - (v) the existing contracts (including any licences, support, maintenance and other agreements relating to the Operating Environment) referred to in the Due Diligence Information which may be novated to, assigned to or managed by the Supplier under this Agreement and/or which the Supplier will require the benefit of for the provision of the Services; and
- (d) it has advised the Authority in advance of the Effective Date in writing of:
 - (i) each aspect, if any, of the Operating Environment that is not suitable for the provision of the Services;

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- (ii) the actions needed to remedy each such unsuitable aspect; and
- (iii) a timetable for and, to the extent that such costs are to be payable to the Supplier, the costs of those actions,

and such actions, timetable and costs are fully reflected in this Agreement, including the Services Description and/or Authority Responsibilities as applicable.

2.2 The Supplier shall not be excused from the performance of any of its obligations under this Agreement on the grounds of, nor, subject to Clause 2.3, shall the Supplier be entitled to recover any additional costs or charges, arising as a result of:

- (a) any unsuitable aspects of the Operating Environment;
- (b) any misinterpretation of the Authority Requirements; and/or
- (c) any failure by the Supplier to satisfy itself as to the accuracy and/or adequacy of the Due Diligence Information.

2.3

[REDACTED] The Supplier shall not be released from any risk or obligations imposed on or undertaken by them under this Agreement for this reason or because the Supplier did not or could not foresee any matters which might affect or have affected the provision of the Services. The Supplier shall not be entitled to rely upon any survey, report, document or other information whatsoever prepared by or on behalf of the Authority relating in whole or in part to the extent of the Services, conditions of or affecting the Authority Premises, the means of communication with and access to the Authority Premises, the supply of and conditions affecting labour and the suitability, nature and extent of the Authority Premises and the Authority makes no representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of any such survey, report, document, or information or for any representation or statement contained therein whether made negligently or otherwise in respect of such survey, report, documentation, or information.

2.4 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Paragraph 10 of Part 2 of Schedule 7.1 (Charges and Invoicing) in relation to the verification of any Allowable Assumptions.

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3. Warranties

3.1 The Authority represents and warrants that:

- (a) it has full capacity and authority to enter into and to perform this Agreement;
- (b) this Agreement is entered into by its duly authorised representative;
- (c) there are no actions, suits or proceedings or regulatory investigations before any court or administrative body or arbitration tribunal pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it that might affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement; and
- (d) its obligations under this Agreement constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganisation, insolvency, moratorium or similar Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to equitable principles of general application (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or law).

3.2 The Supplier represents and warrants that:

- (a) it is validly incorporated, organised and subsisting in accordance with the Laws of its place of incorporation;
- (b) it has full capacity and authority to enter into and to perform this Agreement;
- (c) this Agreement is entered into by its duly authorised representative;
- (d) it has all necessary consents and regulatory approvals to enter into this Agreement;
- (e) there are no actions, suits or proceedings or regulatory investigations before any court or administrative body or arbitration tribunal pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it (or any of its Affiliates) that might affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (f) its execution, delivery and performance of its obligations under this Agreement will not constitute a breach of any Law or obligation applicable

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to it and will not cause or result in a default under any agreement by which it is bound;

(g) its obligations under this Agreement constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganisation, insolvency, moratorium or similar Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to equitable principles of general application (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or law);

(h) as at the Effective Date, all written statements and representations in any written submissions made by:

(i) EEL as part of the procurement process for the Terminated Agreement (including, Schedule 4.1, to the extent it has continued relevance to this Agreement), including without limitation its response to the PQQ and ITT (if applicable) its final tender and any other documents submitted; and

(ii) the Supplier as part of the procurement process for this Agreement remain true and accurate except to the extent that such statements and representations have been superseded or varied by:

(A) in regard to Clause 3.2(h)(i) only, responses to the due diligence carried out on the Supplier by the Authority prior to entering into this Agreement; the Terminated Agreement; and the Settlement and Termination Agreement; or

(B) this Agreement;

(i) it has notified the Authority in writing of any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and any litigation in which it is involved that is in connection with any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance;

(j) it has all necessary rights in and to the Licensed Software, the Third Party IPRs, the Supplier Background IPRs and any other materials made available by the Supplier (and/or any Sub-contractor) to the Authority which

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are necessary for the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement and/or the receipt of the Services by the Authority;

- (k) the Contract Inception Report is a true and accurate reflection of the Allowable Costs and Supplier Cash Margin forecast by the Supplier and the Supplier does not have any other internal financial model in relation to the Services inconsistent with the Financial Model;
- (l) it is not subject to any contractual obligation, compliance with which is likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (m) no proceedings or other steps have been taken (in any jurisdiction) and not discharged (nor, to the best of its knowledge, are threatened) for the winding up of the Supplier or for its dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, manager, administrator or similar officer in relation to any of the Supplier's assets or revenue;
- (n) as at the Effective Date it is a company registered and incorporated in England and Wales; and
- (o) as at the Effective Date, its board of directors contains sufficient numbers of British nationals or individuals holding applicable clearance to enable sensitive security issues to be resolved at board level should the need arise.
- (p) that:
 - (i) within the previous 12 months, no Financial Distress Events have occurred or are subsisting (or any events that would be deemed to be Financial Distress Events under this Agreement had this Agreement been in force); and
 - (ii) there are currently no matters that it is aware of that could cause a Financial Distress Event to occur or subsist,

in each case, that are not subject to an Appropriate Accepted Mitigation.

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- 3.3 The representations and warranties set out in Clause 3.2 shall be deemed to be repeated by the Supplier on the Effective Date (if later than the date of the signature of this Agreement) by reference to the facts then existing.
- 3.4 Each of the representations and warranties set out in Clauses 3.1 and 3.2 shall be construed as a separate representation and warranty and shall not be limited or restricted by reference to, or inference from, the terms of any other representation, warranty or any other undertaking in this Agreement.
- 3.5 If at any time a Party becomes aware that a representation or warranty given by it under Clause 3.1 or 3.2 has been breached, is untrue or is misleading, it shall immediately notify the other Party of the relevant occurrence in sufficient detail to enable the other Party to make an accurate assessment of the situation.
- 3.6 For the avoidance of doubt, the fact that any provision within this Agreement is expressed as a warranty shall not preclude any right of termination which the Authority may have in respect of breach of that provision by the Supplier.
- 3.7 The Supplier undertakes (and as the case may be procures to undertake) that:
- (a) any change in circumstances that will or is likely to render any of the warranties in Clause 3.2(n) – 3.2(o) untrue or misleading in any material respect will be notified to the Authority as soon as reasonably practicable of the Supplier becoming aware of the same;
 - (b) the Authority is given immediate notice in writing of any proposed disposal or transfer (whether in whole or in part) of any interest in the Supplier or any company in its group (whether by group restructuring, private sale or an offer to the public), or any proposed amendments to the Memorandum or Articles of Association (or equivalent documents) of the Supplier or any

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Affiliate, that would or might reasonably be expected to lead to a change of Control in the Supplier, such notice to confirm the identity of the person or persons who will be obtaining Control of the Supplier as a result of such event; and

- (c) the Authority is given immediate notice in writing of any proposed dissolution, voluntary winding up or liquidation of the Guarantor, any holding company of the Supplier or the Supplier and of the proposed appointment of any receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, administrator or person holding similar office over the Guarantor, any holding company or the Supplier or the Supplier or any of their assets.

3.8 Except as expressly stated in this Agreement, all warranties and conditions whether express or implied by statute, common law or otherwise are hereby excluded to the extent permitted by Law.

SECTION B – THE SERVICES

4. Term

4.1 This Agreement shall, subject to Clauses 4.3 and 4.4:

- (a) come into force on the Effective Date,
 - (i) save for Clauses 1 (Definitions and Interpretation), 3 (Warranties), 4 (Term), 20 (Confidentiality), 20A ([REDACTED]), 21 (Freedom of Information), 23 (Publicity and Branding), 24 (Limitations on Liability) subject to Clause 4.1(a)(ii) below, 36 (Waiver and Cumulative Remedies), 37 (Relationship of the Parties), 39 (Severance), 41 (Entire Agreement), 42 (Third Party Rights), 43 (Notices), 44 (Disputes) and 45 (Governing Law and Jurisdiction), which, subject to Clauses 4.3 and 4.4, shall be binding and enforceable as between the Parties from the date of this Agreement (**the “Immediate Obligations”**); and

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- (ii) the following provisions shall apply in regard to the liability of a Party in respect of the Immediate Obligations arising prior to the Effective Date under the sub-Clauses specified below:
- (I) any Default of the Immediate Obligations prior to the Effective Date falling under the limitations on liability in Clauses 24.4(a) and 24.4(c) shall be subject to, and shall count towards, the relevant limitations on liability for the first Contract Year pursuant to Clauses 24.4(a) and 24.4(c). For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of this Clause 4.1(a)(ii)(I) are without prejudice to the definition of Contract Year, and accordingly, the first Contract Year shall commence on the Effective Date;
- (II) in respect of the Supplier's aggregate liability under Clause 24.4(b) for the Immediate Obligations prior to the Effective Date, shall be subject to, and shall count towards, the relevant limitations on liability in the first 12 month rolling period. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of this Clause 4.1(a)(ii)(II) shall not begin a 12 month rolling period as set out in Clause 24.4(b) on the date of this Agreement; and
- (III) any Default of the Immediate Obligations prior to the Effective Date falling under the limitations on liability in Clauses 24.6(b)(i) shall be subject to, and shall count towards, the relevant limitations on liability for the first Contract Year pursuant to Clause 24.6(b)(i). For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of this Clause 4.1(a)(ii)(III) are without prejudice to the definition of Contract Year, and accordingly, the first Contract Year shall commence on the Effective Date; and

the remaining provisions of Clause 24 shall have full effect from the date of this Agreement.

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- (b) unless terminated at an earlier date by operation of Law or in accordance with Clause 32 (Termination Rights), but subject always to Paragraph 7 of Schedule 8.5 (Exit Management) terminate at the end of the Term.

4.2 The Authority may extend the Agreement at the end of the Initial Term for the Extension Period by notice in writing to the Supplier not less than twelve (12) months prior to expiry of the Initial Term.

Condition Precedent

4.3 The entry into this Agreement is conditional upon the valid execution and delivery of each of:

- (a) the Guarantee by the BT Group Plc; and
- (b) the STA by the Parties and BT Group Plc,

by 23.59 on the date of signature of this Agreement (the "**Conditions Precedent**"). The Authority may in its sole discretion at any time agree to waive compliance with the Conditions Precedent by giving the Supplier notice in writing.

4.4 In the event that the Conditions Precedent are not satisfied and fulfilled by 23:59 on the date of signature of this Agreement then, unless the Conditions Precedent are waived by the Authority in accordance with Clause 4.3:

- (a) this Agreement shall not come into effect; and
- (b) neither Party shall have any obligation to pay any compensation to the other Party as a result of such cessation.

Termination of the Terminated Agreement and Re-contracting

4.5 The intention is to extend the services delivered (and to be delivered by) the Supplier to the Authority under the ESMCP Programme (notwithstanding that the Parties have, rather than extending, terminated the Terminated Agreement and entered into this new Agreement as the mechanism used to extend the services).

4.6 A core principle for drafting this Agreement is that each Party's existing rights and remedies set out in the Terminated Agreement shall be maintained irrespective of this

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termination and re-contracting, as opposed to amending and extending, the Terminated Agreement.

4.7 The Parties have: (i) used the Terminated Agreement as a base for this Agreement, and included various amends to reflect the Heads of Terms; and (ii) agreed clause 2.6 of the Settlement and Termination Agreement in recognition of those included various amendments and which applies in the event of conflict or inconsistency between the agreements.

4.8 If any amends to this Agreement are identified by either Party as required to incorporate this core principle, the Parties shall in good faith agree such amends to this Agreement to reflect this principle. Such changes to be agreed in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

4.9

[REDACTED]

4.10 Further, for the avoidance of doubt, this overarching principle shall not be interpreted as running the Terminated Agreement and this Agreement in parallel as two contracts.

4.11

Accordingly,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], each Party shall provide information (in the case of the Supplier, to the extent such information is not already within the scope of information to be provided under Schedule 8.4 (Reports and Records Provisions) of this Agreement or Schedule 8.4 (Records Provision) of the Terminated Agreement), co-operation, and assistance in relation to the Terminated Agreement, in each case that the requesting Party would have been entitled to had the Terminated Agreement been extended.

4.12 The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement is a mechanism for the continuation of services provided by the Supplier under the Terminated Agreement and which is also described in Clauses 4.5 to 4.11. Accordingly, the TA Deliverables shall form part of this Agreement and shall form part of the definition of Deliverable under this Agreement, however the Parties acknowledge that:

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- 4.12.1 if there is a TA Deliverable which has been delivered at the Effective Date, but this Agreement requires the re-delivery during the Term of the same or substantially the same item or feature as covered by such TA Deliverable, then it shall be re-delivered in place of the TA Deliverable. However this (a) shall not require the re-delivery of aspects of a TA Deliverable if such aspects have already been delivered at the Effective Date and such aspects satisfy the terms of this Agreement; and
- 4.12.2 if there is a TA Deliverable which has not yet been delivered as at the Effective Date, and instead is to be delivered as a Deliverable under this Agreement, then it shall be delivered in accordance with this Agreement, including to any revised specification herein.

5. Services

Standard of Services

5.1 The Supplier shall provide:

- (a) the Implementation Services from (and including) the Implementation Services Commencement Date; and
- (b) the Operational Services in each case from (and including) the relevant Operational Service Commencement Date.

5.2 The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that:

- (a) the Supplier Solution has been developed for the purposes of providing the Services to the User Organisations and that the User Organisations will be beneficiaries of the Services; and
- (b) the Services are provided on a non-exclusive basis and that nothing shall prevent the Authority from receiving services that are the same as or similar to the Services from any third party, including any Change activity.

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5.3 The Supplier shall ensure that:

- (a) the Services:
 - (i) comply in all respects with the Services Description; and
 - (ii) are supplied in accordance with the Supplier Solution and the provisions of this Agreement; and
- (b) where:
 - (i) the Operational Services to be provided from any Operational Service Commencement Date are similar to services that the Authority was receiving immediately prior to that Operational Service Commencement Date (such similar services being "**Preceding Services**"); and
 - (ii) the standard and level of service received by the Authority in respect of any of the Preceding Services in the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to that Operational Service Commencement Date have been disclosed to the Supplier in the Due Diligence Information (such preceding services being "**Relevant Preceding Services**"),

the Operational Services to be provided from the relevant Operational Service Commencement Date that are similar to the Relevant Preceding Services are in each case provided to a standard and level of service which is at least as good as the standard and level of service received by the Authority in respect of the Relevant Preceding Services in the 12 month period immediately prior to the relevant Operational Service Commencement Date.

5.4 The Supplier shall:

- (a) perform its obligations under this Agreement, including in relation to the supply of the Services and any Goods in accordance with:
 - (i) all applicable Law;
 - (ii) Good Industry Practice;

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- (iii) the Standards;
 - (iv) the Baseline Security Requirements;
 - (v) the Quality Plans;
 - (vi) the Authority IT Strategy; and
 - (vii) the Supplier's own established procedures and practices to the extent the same do not conflict with the requirements of Clauses 5.4(a)(i) to 5.4(a)(vi).
- (b) deliver the Services using efficient business processes and ways of working having regard to the Authority's obligation to ensure value for money.

5.5 In the event that the Supplier becomes aware of any inconsistency between the requirements of Clauses 5.4(a)(i) to 5.4(a)(vii), the Supplier shall immediately notify the Authority Representative in writing of such inconsistency and the Authority Representative shall, as soon as practicable, notify the Supplier which requirement the Supplier shall comply with.

Supplier covenants

5.6 The Supplier shall:

- (a) at all times allocate sufficient resources with the appropriate technical expertise to supply the Deliverables and to provide the Services in accordance with this Agreement;
- (b) save to the extent that obtaining and maintaining the same are Authority Responsibilities and subject to Clause 13 (Change), obtain, and maintain throughout the duration of this Agreement, all the consents, approvals, licences and permissions (statutory, regulatory contractual or otherwise) it may require and which are necessary for the provision of the Services;
- (c) ensure that:
 - (i) it shall continue to have all necessary rights in and to the Licensed Software, the Third Party IPRs, the Supplier Background IPRs and

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any other materials made available by the Supplier (and/or any Sub contractor) to the Authority which are necessary for the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement and/or the receipt of the Services by the Authority;

- (ii) the release of any new Software or upgrade to any Software complies with the specifications in the ICDs and (except in relation to new Software or upgrades which are released to address Malicious Software or to comply with the requirements of Schedule 2.4 (Security Management)) shall notify the Authority before the release of any new Software or Upgrades that may affect ESN in accordance with both the Release Management Policy (which is a forward looking policy) and the Operational Change Management Policy ;
- (iii) all Software including Upgrades, Updates and New Releases used by or on behalf of the Supplier are currently supported versions of that Software and perform in all material respects in accordance with the relevant specification;
- (iv) any products or services recommended or otherwise specified by the Supplier for use by the Authority in conjunction with the Deliverables and/or the Services shall enable the Deliverables and/or Services to meet the Authority Requirements; and
- (v) the Supplier System and Assets used in the performance of the Services will be free of all encumbrances (except as agreed in writing with the Authority) and will be Euro Compliant;
- (d) minimise any disruption to the Services, the IT Environment and/or the Authority's operations when carrying out its obligations under this Agreement;
- (e) ensure that any Documentation and training provided by the Supplier to the Authority are comprehensive, accurate and prepared in accordance with Good Industry Practice;

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- (f) co-operate with the Authority and Other Suppliers and provide reasonable:
- (i) subject to [REDACTED] information (including any Documentation);
 - (ii) advice; and
 - (iii) assistance,

in connection with the Services to the Authority or any Other Supplier to enable the Authority or such Other Supplier to create and maintain technical or organisational interfaces with the Services and, on the expiry or termination of this Agreement for any reason, to enable the timely transition of the Services (or any of them) to the Authority and/or to any Replacement Supplier in accordance with the following collaborative working principles:

- (A) proactively leading on, mitigating and contributing to the resolution of problems or issues irrespective of its contractual obligations, acting in accordance with the principle of "fix first, settle later";
- (B) being open, transparent and responsive in sharing relevant and accurate information with such Other Suppliers;
- (C) where reasonable, adopting common working practices, terminology, standards and technology and a collaborative approach to service development and resourcing with such Other Suppliers;
- (D) providing reasonable cooperation, support, information and assistance to such Other Suppliers in a proactive, transparent and open way and in a spirit of trust and mutual confidence; and
- (E) subject to the final paragraph of Clause 8.1 and Clause 8.12 (in relation to the implementation of improvements): identifying, implementing and capitalising on opportunities to improve Deliverables and deliver better solutions and performance throughout the relationship lifecycle;

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- (g) the Supplier and the Authority shall each provide adequate resources with the skills, experience and capability to meet their respective commitments made in this Agreement;
- (h) the Supplier shall ensure each individual representing its organisation:
 - (i) identifies anything that will or is likely to prejudice the delivery of the ESN Services or the End-to-End services as soon as it becomes apparent;
 - (ii) ensures that any Supplier Personnel provides prompt and constructive responses to operational and project issues; and
 - (iii) attend and participate in training events intended to improve on ways in which the Supplier can work with the Authority and Other ESN Suppliers in a proactive manner to provide end-to-end services to the Authority and User Organisations as appropriate;
- (i) (to the extent it is legally able to do so) hold on trust for the sole benefit of the Authority, all warranties and indemnities provided by any ESN Sub-contractor in respect of any Deliverables and/or the Services, copies of which shall be provided to the Authority upon request and, where any such warranties are held on trust, the Supplier shall ensure that the warranties are maintained and shall, at its cost enforce such warranties in accordance with any reasonable directions that the Authority may notify from time to time to the Supplier;
- (j) unless it is unable to do so, assign to the Authority on the Authority's written request and at the cost of the Supplier any such warranties and/or indemnities as are referred to in Clause 5.6(i);
- (k) provide the Authority with such assistance as the Authority may reasonably require during the Term in respect of the supply of the Services;
- (l) gather, collate and provide such information and co-operation as the Authority may reasonably request for the purposes of ascertaining the Supplier's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement and the

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Terminated Agreement (to the extent the Authority would have been entitled to had the Terminated Agreement been extended and to the extent such information is not already within the scope of information to be provided under Schedule 8.4 (Records Provision) of the Terminated Agreement);

- (m) notify the Authority in writing within one (1) month of any change of Control taking place;
- (n) notify the Authority in writing within ten (10) Working Days of their occurrence, of any actions, suits or proceedings or regulatory investigations before any court of administrative body or arbitration tribunal pending, or, to its knowledge, threatened against it that might affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (o) ensure that neither it, nor any of its Affiliates, embarrasses the Authority or otherwise brings the Authority into disrepute by engaging in any act or omission which is reasonably likely to diminish the trust that the public places in the Authority, regardless of whether or not such act or omission is related to the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement; and
- (p) manage closure or termination of Services and end of life of Goods to take account of the Authority disposals requirements, including recycling and scope for re-use, and all applicable Standards.

5.7 An obligation on the Supplier to do, or to refrain from doing, any act or thing shall include an obligation upon the Supplier to procure that all Sub-contractors and Supplier Personnel also do, or refrain from doing, such act or thing including a responsibility to mitigate loss.

5.8 Without prejudice to Clauses 18.2 (IPRs Indemnity) and 18.3 (IPRs Indemnity) and any other rights and remedies of the Authority howsoever arising, the Supplier shall:

- (a) remedy any breach of its obligations in Clauses 5.6(b) to 5.6(d) inclusive within three (3) Working Days of becoming aware of the breach or being notified of the breach by the Authority where practicable or within such other time period as may be agreed with the Authority (taking into account the nature of the breach that has occurred);

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- (b) remedy any breach of its obligations in Clause 5.6(a) and Clauses 5.6(e) to 5.6(l) inclusive within twenty (20) Working Days of becoming aware of the breach or being notified of the breach by the Authority; and
- (c) meet all the costs of, and incidental to, the performance of such remedial work and any failure of the Supplier to comply with its obligations under Clause 5.8(a) or Clause 5.8(b) within the specified or agreed timeframe shall constitute a Notifiable Default.

Specially Written Software warranty

5.9 Without prejudice to Clauses 5.6 (Supplier covenants) and 5.8 (Supplier covenants) and any other rights and remedies of the Authority howsoever arising, the Supplier warrants to the Authority that all components of the Specially Written Software shall:

- (a) be free from material design and programming errors;
- (b) perform in all material respects in accordance with the relevant specifications contained in the Supplier Solution and Documentation; and
- (c) not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights.

Continuing obligation to provide the Services

5.10 Subject to Clause 5.10A, the Supplier shall continue to perform all of its obligations under this Agreement and shall not suspend the supply of the Services, notwithstanding:

- (a) any withholding of the Service Charges by the Authority pursuant to Clause 7.2(d)(ii) (Performance Failures);
- (b) the existence of an unresolved Dispute whether in relation to this Agreement or the Terminated Agreement; and/or
- (c) any failure by the Authority to pay any Charges,

unless: (i) the Supplier is entitled to terminate this Agreement under Clause 32.3(a) (Termination by the Supplier) for failure to pay undisputed Charges.

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5.10A The Supplier is entitled to suspend the relevant sub-set of the Services that it provides to a particular User Organisation in the circumstances and for the periods set out at Paragraph 6 of Schedule 12 (ESN User Organisation Purchase Terms).

Optional Services

5.11 The Authority or User Organisations may require the Supplier to provide any or all of the Optional Services at any time as follows:

- (a) The Authority may place an Authority Order.
- (b) A Customer may place a Customer Order.

The Supplier acknowledges that the Authority is not obliged to take any Optional Services from the Supplier and that nothing shall prevent the Authority from receiving services that are the same as or similar to the Optional Services from any third party.

5.12 If a Change Request is submitted, the Supplier shall, as part of the Impact Assessment provided by the Supplier in relation to such Change Request, provide details of the impact (if any) that the proposed Change will have on the relevant Optional Services.

5.13 Following receipt of the Authority's notice pursuant to Clause 5.11 the Supplier shall provide the relevant Optional Services to meet or exceed the applicable Minimum Service Thresholds (if any) in respect of the Performance Indicators (if any) applicable to the Optional Services as set out in Schedule 2.2 (Performance Levels).

Power of Attorney

5.14 By way of security for the performance of its obligations under Clauses 5.6(i) and 5.6(j) (Supplier covenants) the Supplier:

- (a) hereby irrevocably appoints the Authority as its agent and attorney to act with full power and authority in the Supplier's name and on its behalf to do all such acts and execute all such documents as may be necessary or desirable to enforce any such warranties and/or effect any such assignment as are referred to in such Clauses and to delegate one or more of the powers conferred on it by this Clause 5.14 (other than the power to

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delegate) to officer(s) appointed for that purpose by the Authority and may vary or revoke such delegation at any time.

- (b) shall promptly, at its own expense, execute any deed that the Authority may reasonably require to create or perfect the appointment of the power of attorney referred to in this Clause 5.14; and
- (c) ratifies and confirms, and agrees to ratify and confirm, anything that any of its attorneys may do in the proper and lawful exercise, or purported exercise, of all or any of the rights, powers, authorities and discretions referred to in this Clause 5.14.

Authority Responsibilities

- 5.15 The Authority shall comply with its responsibilities set out in Schedule 3 (Authority Responsibilities).
- 5.16 Not used.

Gap Fix

- 5.17 The Parties acknowledge and agree that during the Term gaps in mobile network coverage may arise and a process is required to determine whether it is the Supplier or the Authority's responsibility to address. Accordingly, throughout the Term the Parties shall comply with Schedule 2.1 (Services Description), Schedule 4.1 (Supplier Solution) and Schedule 6.3 (Coverage Benchmarking and Validation Process) in respect of Gaps.
- 6. Implementation

Quality Plans

- 6.1 The Supplier shall develop, within thirty (30) Working Days of the Effective Date, quality plans (including, without limitation, a knowledge transfer plan) that ensure that all aspects of the Services are the subject of quality management systems and are consistent with BS EN ISO 9001 or any equivalent standard which is generally recognised as having replaced it ("**Quality Plans**").

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- 6.2 The Supplier shall obtain the Authority Representative's written approval of the Quality Plans before implementing them, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The Supplier acknowledges and accepts that the Authority's approval shall not act as an endorsement of the Quality Plans and shall not relieve the Supplier of its responsibility for ensuring that the Services are provided to the standard required by this Agreement.
- 6.3 Following the approval by the Authority of the Quality Plans:
- (a) the Supplier shall design and deliver all Deliverables in accordance with the Quality Plans; and
 - (b) any Changes to the Quality Plans shall be agreed in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

Implementation Plan and Delays

- 6.4 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 6.1 (Implementation Plan) in relation to the maintenance and updating of the Implementation Plan and Level 4 Plan.
- 6.5 The Supplier shall:
- (a) comply with its Level 4 Plan and the Supplier's activities and obligations in the Implementation Plan as applicable; and
 - (b) ensure that each Milestone is Achieved on or before its Milestone Date.
- 6.6 If the Supplier becomes aware that there is, or there is reasonably likely to be, a Delay:
- (a) it shall:
 - (i) notify the Authority in accordance with Clause 26.1 (Rectification Plan Process); and
 - (ii) comply with the Rectification Plan Process in order to address the impact of the Delay or anticipated Delay; and
 - (iii) use all reasonable endeavours to eliminate or mitigate the consequences of any Delay or anticipated Delay; and

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- (b) if the Delay or anticipated Delay relates to a Key Milestone, the provisions of Clause 27 (Delay Payments) shall apply.

Testing and Achievement of Milestones

6.7 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 6.2 (Testing and Assurance Procedures) in relation to the procedures to determine whether a Milestone or Test has been Achieved.

7. Performance Indicators

7.1 The Supplier shall:

- (a) provide the Services in such a manner so as to meet or exceed the Minimum Service Threshold for each Performance Indicator; and
- (b) comply with the provisions of Schedule 2.2 (Performance Levels) in relation to the monitoring and reporting on its performance against the Performance Indicators.

Performance Failures

7.2 If in any Service Period:

- (a) a KPI Failure occurs, Service Credits shall be deducted from the Service Charges in accordance with Paragraph 5 of Part 2 of Schedule 7.1 (Charges and Invoicing); or
- (b) a Material KPI Failure occurs, the Supplier shall comply with the Rectification Plan Process (in addition to Service Credits accruing in accordance with Clause 7.2(a)); or
- (c) a PI Failure occurs, the Supplier shall notify the Authority of the action (if any) it will take to rectify the PI Failure and/or to prevent the PI Failure from recurring; or
- (d) a Material PI Failure occurs:
 - (i) the Supplier shall comply with the Rectification Plan Process; and

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- (ii) the Authority may withhold a proportionate amount of the Service Charges in accordance with the process set out in Clause 10.9 (Set Off and Withholding) until the relevant Material PI Failure is rectified to the reasonable satisfaction of the Authority, at which point the Authority shall pay the amount withheld.

7.3 Service Credits shall be the Authority's exclusive financial remedy for a KPI Failure except where:

- (a) the Supplier has over the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period accrued Service Credits in excess of the Service Credit Cap;
- (b) the KPI Failure:
 - (i) is a KPI Service Threshold Failure; or
 - (ii) has arisen due to any theft, gross negligence, sabotage, fraud or wilful default by the Supplier or any Supplier Personnel; or
 - (iii) results in:
 - (aa) the corruption or loss of any Authority Data (in which case the remedies under Clause 19.7 (Authority Data and Security Requirements) shall also be available); or
 - (bb) the Authority being required to make a compensation payment to one or more third parties; or
- (c) the Supplier has fraudulently misreported its performance against any Performance Indicator; or
- (d) the Authority is otherwise entitled to or does terminate the relevant Services or this Agreement pursuant to Clause 32.1(b) (Termination by the Authority); or
- (e) is in the circumstances of an Unacceptable KPI Failure in the same Service Period pursuant to Clause 7.4 (Unacceptable KPI Failure); or

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- (f) is in the circumstances of a Critical Performance Failure in the same Service Period pursuant to Clause 7.6;

in which circumstances the Authority may seek to recover additional loss and damage.

Unacceptable KPI Failure

7.4 Without prejudice to any of its other rights or remedies, if in any Service Period an Unacceptable KPI Failure occurs:

- (a) the Authority shall (subject to the Service Credit Cap set out in Clause 24.4(b) (Financial and other Limits)) be entitled to withhold and retain as compensation for the Unacceptable KPI Failure a sum equal to any Service Charges which would otherwise have been due to the Supplier in respect of that Service Period (such sum being “**Compensation for Unacceptable KPI Failure**”); and
- (b) if the Authority withholds and retains such Compensation for Unacceptable KPI Failure, any Service Points and Service Credits that would otherwise have accrued during the relevant Service Period shall not accrue,

provided that the operation of this Clause 7.4 shall be without prejudice to any right which the Authority may have to terminate this Agreement and/or to claim damages from the Supplier as a result of such Unacceptable KPI Failure.

7.5 The Supplier:

- (a) agrees that the application of Clause 7.4 is commercially justifiable where an Unacceptable KPI Failure occurs; and
- (b) acknowledges that it has taken legal advice on the application of Clause 7.4 and has had the opportunity to price for that risk when calculating the Service Charges.

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Critical Performance Failure

7.6 If a Critical Performance Failure occurs, the Authority may exercise its rights to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part pursuant to Clause 32.1 or 32.2 (Termination by the Authority).

Changes to Performance Indicators and Service Credits

7.7 Subject to Clause 7.9, throughout the Term, the Authority may, on giving the Supplier at least 3 months' notice:

- (a) change the weighting that applies in respect of one or more specific Key Performance Indicators; and/or
- (b) convert one or more:
 - (i) Key Performance Indicators into Subsidiary Performance Indicators; or
 - (ii) Subsidiary Performance Indicators into Key Performance Indicators (in which event the Authority shall also set out in the notice details of what will constitute a Minor KPI Failure, Serious KPI Failure, Severe KPI Failure or KPI Service Threshold Failure for such new Key Performance Indicators); or
- (c) increase or decrease (by adding new or substituting or deleting any existing) the number of Key Performance Indicators and Subsidiary Performance Indicators (in which event the Authority shall also set out in the notice details of the new or deleted Subsidiary Performance Indicators and Key Performance Indicators and what will constitute for each a Minor KPI Failure, Serious KPI Failure, Severe KPI Failure or KPI Service Threshold Failure for the new Key Performance Indicator).

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7.8 Subject to Clause 7.9, the Supplier shall not be entitled to object to any changes made by the Authority under Clause 7.7 or increase the Service Charges as a result of changes under Clause 7.7, provided that:

- (a) the principal purpose of the change is to reflect changes in the Authority's business requirements and/or priorities or to reflect changing industry standards; and
- (b) there is no change to the Service Credit Cap.

7.9 If following the Effective Date, the Authority sets new KPIs or SPIs or seeks to amend any existing KPIs or SPIs in this Agreement, in each case in connection with or for the purpose of setting end to end Programme KPIs or SPIs, the Parties agree that this shall be dealt with through the Change Control Procedure.

8. Services Improvement

8.1 In addition to any specific requirements or obligations as set out in Schedule 2.1 (Services Description) or Schedule 4.1 (Supplier Solution) or Schedule 8.1 (Governance) the Supplier shall have an on-going obligation throughout the Term to identify new or potential improvements to the Services in accordance with this Clause 8.1. As part of this obligation the Supplier shall identify and report to the Supplier Board at a minimum of once every 12 months (and in good time prior to the start of the Authority's annual investment cycle) on:

- (a) the emergence of new and evolving relevant technologies which could improve the IT Environment and/or the Services, and those technological advances potentially available to the Supplier and the Authority which the Parties may wish to adopt;
- (b) new or potential improvements to the Services including the quality, responsiveness, procedures, benchmarking methods, likely performance mechanisms and customer support services in relation to the Services;
- (c) new or potential improvements to the interfaces or integration of the Services with other services provided by third parties or the Authority which

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might result in efficiency or productivity gains or in reduction of operational risk;

- (d) changes in business processes and ways of working that would enable the Services to be delivered at lower cost and/or with greater benefits to the Authority; and/or
- (e) changes to the IT Environment, business processes and ways of working that would enable reductions in the total energy consumed annually in the delivery of Services.

For the avoidance of doubt, without prejudice to any specific requirements or obligations as set out in Schedule 2.1 (Services Description) or Schedule 4.1 (Supplier Solution) or Schedule 8.1 (Governance), this Clause 8.1 shall:

- (i) only apply to potential improvements which relate to specific requirements of the Authority and is not intended to cover improvements which would be made in the ordinary course of the Supplier's business in respect of its Other Customers; and
- (ii)

Efficiency Reviews

8.2 The Supplier shall adopt a continuous improvement approach to the provision of all Services, and shall work with the Authority to identify opportunities for improving the performance, efficiency and effectiveness of the Services.

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- 8.3 Any improvements identified by the Supplier shall in no event negatively affect the performance of the Supplier of its obligations under this Agreement, the resilience or quality of the Service provision or the wider operational duties of the Authority or other beneficiaries or intended beneficiaries of the Service.
- 8.4 Every two (2) years during the Term ("**Contract Review Date**") the Supplier and the Authority shall conduct a contract efficiency review ("**Contract Efficiency Review**") in order to ensure that the Services are providing a suitable and cost effective solution for the Authority. All savings arising from any Contract Efficiency Review shall be shared between the Authority and Supplier in proportions agreed between the Parties at a meeting of the Supplier Board.
- 8.5 The Contract Efficiency Review shall include a minuted meeting held between the Authority and Supplier, where both Parties shall present their overview of the effectiveness of the Agreement and discuss potential improvements.
- 8.6 The Supplier shall produce a contract improvement report ("**Contract Improvement Report**") and submit this for review by the Authority no less than thirty (30) days prior to the relevant Contract Review Date. The Contract Improvement Report shall be signed by the Supplier. Each Party shall have the right to propose improvements, although the Authority will retain the right to decide whether a change should be implemented or not in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.
- 8.7 The Contract Improvement Report shall identify any activities undertaken by the Supplier to improve the effectiveness of the Services, and any further opportunities for improvement of the Agreement through prospective changes in the Services, and/or behaviour or ways in which the Services are used or operated; and shall include as a minimum:
- (a) a trend analysis of performance against performance and availability standards (including without limitation relevant KPIs, SPIs) over the immediately preceding 12 (twelve) months to identify areas of performance that can be improved, and steps taken by the Supplier to address performance issues. Where the performance trend analysis identifies a deteriorating trend in performance, repeat failures, or significant failures that impact on the Authority, the Contract Improvement Report shall contain a

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root cause analysis of the failures and an action plan to identify how these failures are to be addressed;

- (b) a summary of any annual System User and User satisfaction surveys undertaken as part of the Services or otherwise; identifying trends and including an action plan to address any areas of dissatisfaction;
- (c) a summary of energy consumption over the period since the last Contract Efficiency Review identifying the effectiveness of energy consumption reduction initiatives previously undertaken and identifying areas where energy consumption can be further reduced;
- (d) a financial summary identifying the cost impact of all the efficiency improvement opportunities identified separated into:
 - (i) cost savings that can be achieved without instigating a Change (for example for illustration purposes only due to Supplier's internal improvement of business process or reduction in overheads) including changes which could be made by the Authority;
 - (ii) gain-share and spend to save opportunities where the Authority could benefit from savings generated through investment or changes in the Services; and
 - (iii) other changes to the Services, or items that can improve efficiency.

8.8 The Supplier shall ensure that the information that it provides to the Authority in the Contract Improvement Report shall be sufficient for the Authority to decide whether any improvement should be implemented and include without limitation:

- (a) the item or element of the Services, assets, or equipment, subject to the improvement and details of the proposed improvements/changes;
- (b) the expected benefits of the improvement;
- (c) the expected costs and saving resulting from the improvement;

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- (d) the impact upon other elements of the Agreement including, but not limited to:
 - (i) cost savings that can be achieved without instigating a Change;
 - (ii) any adjustments to the Financial Model,
 - (iii) any adjustments to the Achieved Supplier Cash Margin Percentage;
 - (iv) gain share proposals, amounts and divisions (including the sharing of any increase to the Achieved Supplier Cash Margin Percentage),
 - (v) spend-to-save proposals including amounts,
 - (vi) any suggested Subsidiary Performance Indicators linked to the improvements;
 - (vii) any potential indirect or unintended impacts;
 - (viii) relevant testing or assurance procedures in accordance with Schedule 6.2 (Testing and Assurance Procedures);
 - (ix) the proposed time period for implementation of any activities identified in the Contract Improvement Report; and
 - (x) any other information as reasonably required by the Authority.

8.9 The Authority shall prioritise actions in the Contract Improvement Report and determine which of the actions, if any, will be monitored as Subsidiary Performance Indicators. It is the intention of the Parties that:

- (a) there should be six (6) actions with the priority of the actions determined by the impact of such actions;
- (b) where there are fewer than six (6) actions then this should be on the basis that the identified actions achieve commensurately more in terms of improvement than having additional actions; and

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- (c) where there are more than six (6) (or such number as determined in Clause 8.9(b)), additional actions above this number will be for information purposes only and not included as Subsidiary Performance Indicators.

8.10 Where the Authority decides not to approve the Contract Improvement Report, the Supplier shall make such amendments to the Contract Improvement Report as may reasonably be requested by the Authority. The Supplier shall within ten (10) Working Days of such a request re-submit the Contract Improvement Report to the Authority seeking its approval of the amended Contract Improvement Report. The Authority may then determine to either:

- (a) approve the Contract Improvement Report; or
- (b) reject the Contract Improvement report; and/or
- (c) create a working team made up of the Authority and Supplier staff to create a Contract Improvement Report to the reasonable satisfaction of the Authority as soon as practicable.

Independent Review of Contract Efficiency

8.11 Where the Supplier:

- (a) fails to provide the Contract Improvement Report in the manner set out in Clauses 8.2 to 8.8; or
- (b) is notified by the Authority that the Authority rejects any amended Contract Improvement Report in accordance with Clause 8.10(b); or
- (c) does not provide the Contract Improvement Report to a standard reasonably acceptable to the Authority; or
- (d) the Authority has reasonable ground for questioning the data or accuracy of the analysis undertaken by the Supplier as contained within the Contract Inception Report,

this shall be deemed an Intervention Trigger Event and the Authority may require the appointment of a Remedial Adviser.

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Implementing Improvement Changes

8.12 If the Authority wishes to incorporate any improvement identified by the Supplier or Remedial Adviser (if appointed) the Authority shall send the Supplier a Change Request in accordance with the Change Control Procedure. For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding anything else contained under this Clause 8 in no event shall any identified improvement, action or change (including without limitation any prioritised action or action that is deemed to be a Subsidiary Performance Indicator under this Clause 8) take effect unless and until agreed in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

9. Equipment and Maintenance

Supplier Equipment

- 9.1 The Supplier shall be solely responsible for the cost of carriage of Supplier Equipment to the Sites and to the Authority Premises, including its off-loading, removal of all packaging and all other associated costs. Likewise on termination or expiry of this Agreement the Supplier shall be responsible for the removal and safe disposal of all relevant Supplier Equipment from the Sites and the Authority Premises, including the cost of packing, carriage and making good the Sites and/or the Authority Premises following removal, and taking account of any sustainability requirements, including safe removal of data and recycling requirements.
- 9.2 All the Supplier's property, including Supplier Equipment, shall remain at the sole risk and responsibility of the Supplier, except that the Authority shall be liable for loss of or damage to any of the Supplier's property located on Authority Premises which is due to the negligent act or omission of the Authority.
- 9.3 Subject to any express provision of the BCDR Plan to the contrary, the loss or destruction for any reason of any Supplier Equipment shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligation to supply the Services in accordance with this Agreement, including the Minimum Service Thresholds.

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Maintenance

- 9.4 In addition to any specific requirements or obligations as set out in Schedule 2.1 (Services Description) or Schedule 4.1 (Supplier Solution) the Supplier shall create and maintain a rolling schedule of planned maintenance to the IT Environment (the "**Maintenance Schedule**") which shall be provided to the Authority in accordance with Schedule 2.1 (Services Description). Once the Maintenance Schedule has been notified to the Authority Representative, the Supplier shall only undertake such planned maintenance (which shall be known as "**Permitted Maintenance**") in accordance with the Maintenance Schedule and Schedule 8.2 (Change Control Procedure). During a Permitted Maintenance period, the Supplier may make certain Services not Available without accruing Service Credits as specified in Paragraph 7 of Part A of Schedule 2.2.
- 9.5 The Supplier shall give as much notice as is reasonably practicable to the Authority Representative prior to carrying out any Emergency Maintenance.
- 9.6 The Supplier shall carry out any necessary maintenance (whether Permitted Maintenance or Emergency Maintenance) where it reasonably suspects that the IT Environment or the Services or any part thereof has or may have developed a fault. Any such maintenance shall be carried out in such a manner and at such times so as to avoid (or where this is not possible so as to minimise) disruption to the IT Environment and the Services and in accordance with Schedule 2.2 (Performance Levels).

Supply of Goods

- 9.7 Where, as part of the Services, the Supplier is to sell goods or equipment ("**Goods**") to the Authority:
- (a) the relevant Goods and their prices shall be as set out in Schedule 7.1 (Charges and Invoicing) or the Optional Services Catalogue;
 - (b) the Supplier shall supply and, where relevant, install the Goods in accordance with the relevant specification;
 - (c) the Goods shall:
 - (i) be fit for their purpose;

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- (ii) conform to the requirements of the relevant specification; and
 - (iii) be of satisfactory quality within the meaning of s14(2) of the Sales of Goods Act 1979;
- (d) the Supplier shall ensure that:
 - (i) for new Goods to be delivered under this Agreement, the Goods are free from material defects in design, materials and workmanship and remain so for 12 months after delivery or such longer period as provided in the original manufacturer's warranty; and
 - (ii) for Goods already delivered to the Authority during the term of the Terminated Agreement, any warranties given for Goods (namely, the requirement in Clause 9.7(d) of the Terminated Agreement that the Goods are free from material defects in design, materials and workmanship and remain so for 12 months after delivery or such longer period as provided in the original manufacturer's warranty) continue for the period originally granted and that the Authority may continue to benefit from these for such period, including where applicable, post termination of the Terminated Agreement irrespective of the termination of the Terminated Agreement and re-contracting of the services under this Agreement;
- (e) if following inspection or testing the Authority considers that the Goods do not conform with the relevant specification, the Authority shall inform the Supplier and the Supplier shall immediately take such remedial action as is necessary to ensure compliance; and
- (f) without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Authority:
 - (i) risk in the Goods shall pass to the Authority at the time of delivery; and
 - (ii) ownership of the Goods shall pass to the Authority at the time of payment.

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- 9.8 The Supplier shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, give the Authority all such information as the Authority shall require in relation to all Sites which are procured by the Supplier for the Authority in connection with the provision of the Services.
- 9.9 The Supplier shall allow third parties access to and use of the Sites procured by the Supplier for the Authority in connection with the provision of the Services, on such terms as the Supplier may reasonably require. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

SECTION C – PAYMENT, TAXATION AND VALUE FOR MONEY PROVISIONS**10. Financial and Taxation Matters****Charges and Invoicing**

- 10.1 In consideration of the Supplier carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, including the provision of the Services, the Authority shall pay the Charges to the Supplier in accordance with the pricing and payment profile and the invoicing procedure specified in Schedule 7.1 (Charges and Invoicing).
- 10.2 Except as otherwise provided, each Party shall each bear its own costs and expenses incurred in respect of compliance with its obligations under Clauses 6.7 (Testing and Achievement of Milestones), 12 (Records, Reports, Audits & Open Book Data), 21 (Freedom of Information), 22 (Protection of Personal Data) and, to the extent specified therein, Clause 28 (Remedial Adviser) and Clause 29 (Step-In Rights).
- 10.3 If the Authority fails to pay any undisputed Charges properly invoiced under this Agreement, the Supplier shall have the right to charge interest on the overdue amount 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.
- 10.4 For the avoidance of doubt, unless explicitly stated to the contrary, the Authority will not be liable for any additional costs for the provision of the Services by the Supplier or for the Supplier's discharge of its obligations under this Agreement.

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VAT

- 10.5 The Charges are stated exclusive of VAT, which shall be added at the prevailing rate as applicable and paid by the Authority following delivery of a valid VAT invoice.
- 10.6 The Supplier shall indemnify the Authority on a continuing basis against any liability, including any interest, penalties or costs incurred, which is levied, demanded or assessed on the Authority at any time in respect of the Supplier's failure to account for or to pay any VAT relating to payments made to the Supplier under this Agreement. Any amounts due under this Clause 10.6 shall be paid in cleared funds by the Supplier to the Authority not less than five (5) Working Days before the date upon which the tax or other liability is payable by the Authority and if not shall be subject to set off in accordance with Clause 10.7.

Set Off and Withholding

- 10.7 Without prejudice to the Authority's right of common law set off or equitable set off or any other rights of set off arising for the benefit of the Authority, which the Supplier and the Authority hereby expressly acknowledge and agree are preserved for the benefit of the Authority, whenever under this Agreement any sum of money shall be recoverable from or payable by the Supplier, the following order of priority shall apply:
- 10.7.1 in the first instance, the same may be deducted from any sum then due, or which at any time thereafter may become due, to the Supplier under this Agreement; and
- 10.7.2 where the Authority has sought to recover such sums under sub-clause 10.7.1 but is unable to do so, the same may be deducted from any sum then due, or which at any time thereafter may become due, to the Supplier under any other contract/agreement with the Authority, or with the Crown.
- 10.8 The Supplier shall not be entitled to retain or set off any amount due to the Authority by it.
- 10.9 If the Authority wishes to:

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- (a) set off any amount owed by the Supplier to the Crown or any part of the Crown (including the Authority) against any amount due to the Supplier pursuant to Clause 10.7; or
- (b) exercise its right pursuant to Clause 7.2(d)(ii) (Performance Failures) to withhold payment of a proportion of the Service Charges,

it shall give notice to the Supplier within thirty (30) days of receipt of the relevant invoice, setting out the Authority's reasons for withholding or retaining the relevant Charges.

Benchmarking

10.10 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 7.3 (Benchmarking) in relation to the benchmarking of any or all of the Services and Paragraph 15.8 (Tariff Benchmarking) of Part 1 of Schedule 7.1 (Charges and Invoicing) in relation to the benchmarking of tariffs. For clarity, the benchmarking provisions in Schedules 7.1 and 7.3 are in addition to and are separate to the coverage benchmarking provisions in Schedule 2.1 (Services Description), Schedule 4.1 (Supplier Solution) and Schedule 6.3 (Coverage Benchmarking and Validation Process).

Financial Distress

10.11 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 7.4 (Financial Distress) in relation to the assessment of the financial standing of the Supplier and other specified entities and the consequences of a change to that financial standing.

Promoting Tax Compliance

10.12 If an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs at any point during the Term or the Supplier becomes aware that an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurred during the term of the Terminated Agreement, the Supplier shall:

- (a) notify the Authority in writing of such fact within five (5) Working Days of its occurrence (or as soon as reasonably practicable and without undue delay on becoming aware of the occurrence in the case of an Occasion of Tax

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Non-Compliance that occurred during the term of the Terminated Agreement); and

- (b) promptly provide to the Authority:
 - (i) details of the steps which the Supplier is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and to prevent the same from recurring, together with any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and
 - (ii) such other information in relation to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as the Authority may reasonably require.

SECTION D – CONTRACT GOVERNANCE

11. Governance

11.1 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 8.1 (Governance) in relation to the management and governance of this Agreement.

Representatives

11.2 Each Party shall have a representative for the duration of this Agreement who shall have the authority to act on behalf of their respective Party on the matters set out in, or in connection with, this Agreement.

11.3 The initial Supplier Representative shall be the person named as such in Schedule 9.2 (Key Personnel), who represents both EEL and BT Plc. Any change to the Supplier Representative (or the entities represented) shall be agreed in accordance with Clause 14 (Supplier Personnel).

11.4 The Authority shall notify the Supplier of the identity of the initial Authority Representative within five (5) Working Days of the Effective Date. The Authority may, by written notice to the Supplier, revoke or amend the authority of the Authority Representative or appoint a new Authority Representative.

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12. Records, Reports, Audits & Open Book Data

12.1 The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of:

- (a) Schedule 8.4 (Reports and Records Provisions) in relation to the maintenance and retention of Records and production of reports; and
- (b) Part A of Schedule 7.5 (Financial Reports and Audit Rights) in relation to the maintenance of Open Book Data.

12.2 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of:

- (a) Part B of Schedule 7.5 (Financial Reports and Audit Rights) in relation to the provision of the Financial Reports; and
- (b) Part C of Schedule 7.5 (Financial Reports and Audit Rights) in relation to the exercise of the Audit Rights by the Authority or any Audit Agents.

13. Change

Change Control Procedure

13.1 Any requirement for a Change shall be subject to the Change Control Procedure.

13.1A Any Changes to this Agreement shall be agreed by each of the (i) the Authority; (ii) EEL; and (iii) BT Plc and signature of all three entities is required for each Change Authorisation Note.

Change in Law

13.2 The Supplier shall neither be relieved of its obligations to supply the Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement nor be entitled to an increase in the Charges as the result of:

- (a) a General Change in Law;
- (b) a Specific Change in Law where the effect of that Specific Change in Law on the Services is reasonably foreseeable at the Effective Date; or

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- (c) an NHS Specific Change in Law where the effect of that NHS Specific Change in Law on the Services is reasonably foreseeable at the Effective Date.

13.3 If a Specific Change in Law or an NHS Specific Change in Law occurs or will occur during the Term (other than as referred to in Clause 13.2(b) and Clause 13.2(c)), the Supplier shall:

- (a) notify the Authority as soon as reasonably practicable of the likely effects of that change, including:
 - (i) whether any Change is required to the Services, the Charges or this Agreement; and
 - (ii) whether any relief from compliance with the Supplier's obligations is required, including any obligation to Achieve a Milestone and/or to meet the Minimum Service Thresholds; and
- (b) provide the Authority with evidence:
 - (i) that the Supplier has minimised any increase in costs or maximised any reduction in costs, including in respect of the costs of its Sub-contractors;
 - (ii) as to how the Specific Change in Law or the NHS Specific Change in Law has affected the cost of providing the Services; and
 - (iii) demonstrating that any expenditure that has been avoided, for example which would have been required under the provisions of Clause 8 (Services Improvement), has been taken into account in amending the Charges.

13.4 Any variation in the Charges or relief from the Supplier's obligations resulting from a Specific Change in Law or a NHS Specific Change in Law (other than as referred to in Clause 13.2(b) and Clause 13.2(c)) shall be implemented in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

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SECTION E – SUPPLIER PERSONNEL AND SUPPLY CHAIN

14. Supplier Personnel

14.1 The Supplier shall:

- (a) provide a list of the names of all Supplier Personnel requiring admission to Authority Premises, specifying the capacity in which they require admission and giving such other particulars as the Authority may reasonably require;
- (b) ensure that all Supplier Personnel:
 - (i) are appropriately skilled, qualified, trained and experienced, including the use of apprentices and graduate schemes where applicable, to provide the Services with all reasonable skill, care and diligence;
 - (ii) have the relevant security clearance as specified and agreed by the Authority;
 - (iii) have given suitable non-disclosure or confidentiality undertakings (including without limitation those contained within any contract of employment) no less onerous than the confidentiality obligations of this Agreement and to the extent the Supplier has not already done so, the Supplier hereby assigns the right to seek injunctive relief under such confidentiality undertakings against such individuals to the Authority;
 - (iv) that are either:
 - (a) new Supplier Personnel appointed on and from the Effective Date; or
 - (b) existing Supplier Personnel whom on or after the Effective Date are:
 - (I) appointed to a new job role;

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- (II) assigned a new task (other than new tasks which the relevant Supplier Personnel is judged capable of completing due to past experience and which a reasonably competent Supplier would assign to the relevant Supplier Personnel without carrying out a further competency assessment); or
- (III) are the subject of formal investigation or performance management measures under the relevant disciplinary and/or capability policy applicable to such personnel,

will be evaluated for their competency and capability to provide the Services in accordance with Good Industry Practice.

- (v) are vetted in accordance with Good Industry Practice, the ESMCP Vetting Policy and, where applicable, the security requirements set out in Schedule 2.1 (Services Description), Schedule 2.4 (Security Management); and Schedule 6.3 (Coverage Benchmarking and Validation Process); and
- (vi) comply with all reasonable requirements of the Authority concerning conduct at the Authority Premises, including the security requirements as set out in Schedule 2.4 (Security Management);
- (c) subject to Schedule 9.1 (Staff Transfer), retain overall control of the Supplier Personnel at all times so that the Supplier Personnel shall not be deemed to be employees, agents or contractors of the Authority;
- (d) be liable at all times for all acts or omissions of Supplier Personnel, so that any act or omission of a member of any Supplier Personnel which results in a Default under this Agreement shall be a Default by the Supplier;
- (e) use all reasonable endeavours to minimise the number of changes in Supplier Personnel;

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- (f) replace (temporarily or permanently, as appropriate) any Supplier Personnel as soon as practicable if any Supplier Personnel have been removed or are unavailable for any reason whatsoever;
- (g) bear the programme familiarisation and other costs associated with any replacement of any Supplier Personnel; and
- (h) procure that the Supplier Personnel shall vacate the Authority Premises immediately upon the termination or expiry of this Agreement.

14.2 If the Authority reasonably believes that any of the Supplier Personnel are unsuitable to undertake work in respect of this Agreement, it may:

- (a) refuse admission to the relevant person(s) to the Authority Premises; and/or
- (b) direct the Supplier to end the involvement in the provision of the Services of the relevant person(s).

Key Personnel

14.3 The Supplier shall ensure that the Key Personnel fulfil the Key Roles at all times during the Term. Schedule 9.2 (Key Personnel) lists the Key Roles and names of the persons who the Supplier has appointed to fill those Key Roles at the Effective Date.

14.4 The Authority may identify any further roles as being Key Roles and, following agreement to the same by the Supplier, the relevant person selected to fill those Key Roles shall be included on the list of Key Personnel.

14.5 The Supplier shall not remove or replace any Key Personnel (including when carrying out Exit Management) unless:

- (a) requested to do so by the Authority;
- (b) the person concerned resigns, retires or dies or is on maternity or long-term sick leave;
- (c) the person's employment or contractual arrangement with the Supplier or a Sub-contractor is terminated for material breach of contract by the employee; or

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- (d) the Supplier obtains the Authority's prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

14.6 The Supplier shall not remove or replace any Key Personnel for any reason other than those listed in Clause 14.5, however, the Supplier shall:

- (a) notify the Authority promptly of the absence of any Key Personnel (other than for short-term sickness or holidays of 2 weeks or less, in which case the Supplier shall ensure appropriate temporary cover for that Key Role);
- (b) ensure that any Key Role is not vacant for any longer than ten (10) Working Days;
- (c) give as much notice as is reasonably practicable of its intention to remove or replace any member of Key Personnel and, except in the cases of death, unexpected ill health or a material breach of the Key Personnel's employment contract, this will mean at least sixty (60) Working Days' notice;
- (d) ensure that all arrangements for planned changes provide adequate periods during which incoming and outgoing personnel work together to transfer responsibilities and ensure that such change does not have an adverse impact on the performance of the Services and is performed without any increase in Charges to the Authority;
- (e) ensure that any replacement for a Key Role:
 - (i) has a level of qualifications and experience appropriate to the relevant Key Role;
 - (ii) is fully competent to carry out the tasks assigned to the Key Personnel whom he or she has replaced; and
 - (iii) has, if the Authority so requests, been interviewed and approved by the Authority. The Supplier, Sub-contractor or incoming personnel must provide the Authority with any and all information relevant to the application as the Authority may reasonably require; and

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- (f) reimburse the Authority for:
 - (i) the cost of any additional clearances required due to absence or change of Key Personnel; and
 - (ii) losses incurred by the Authority due to any failure by the Supplier to comply with the timescales set out in Clauses 14.6(a) to 14.6(c).

Employment Indemnity

14.7 The Parties agree that:

- (a) the Supplier shall both during and after the Term indemnify the Authority against all Employee Liabilities that may arise as a result of any claims brought against the Authority by any person where such claim arises from any act or omission of the Supplier or any Supplier Personnel; and
- (b) the Authority shall both during and after the Term indemnify the Supplier against all Employee Liabilities that may arise as a result of any claims brought against the Supplier by any person where such claim arises from any act or omission of the Authority or any of the Authority's employees, agents, consultants and contractors.

Income Tax and National Insurance Contributions

14.8 Where the Supplier or any Supplier Personnel are liable to be taxed in the UK or to pay national insurance contributions in respect of consideration received under this Agreement, the Supplier shall:

- (a) at all times comply with the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 and all other statutes and regulations relating to income tax, and the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and all other statutes and regulations relating to national insurance contributions, in respect of that consideration; and
- (b) indemnify the Authority against any income tax, national insurance and social security contributions and any other liability, deduction, contribution,

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assessment or claim arising from or made in connection with the provision of the Services by the Supplier or any Supplier Personnel.

Staff Transfer

14.9 The Parties agree that:

- (a) Part C of Schedule 9.1 (Staff Transfer) shall apply and Parts A and B of Schedule 9.1 (Staff Transfer) shall not apply; and
- (b) Part D of Schedule 9.1 (Staff Transfer) shall apply on the expiry or termination of the Services or any part of the Services.

15. Supply Chain Rights and Protections

Advertising Sub-contract Opportunities

15.1 The Supplier shall:

- (a) subject to Clause 15.3 use its own procurement function processes for opportunities arising from or in connection with the provision of the Goods and/or Services above a minimum threshold of [REDACTED];
- (b) on and from the first anniversary of the Effective Date, implement a solution to monitor the number, type and value of the Sub-contract opportunities made available/ offered using its own procurement function processes and awarded in its supply chain from the first anniversary of the Effective Date and thereafter during the Term in compliance with the terms of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 8.4 (Reports and Records Provisions).
- (c) on and from the earlier of: (a) the date of implementation of the solution described in Clause 15.1(b); and (b) the second anniversary of the Effective Date, provide reports on the information at Clause 15.1(b) to the Authority in the format and frequency specified in Schedule 8.4 (Reports and Records Provisions).

15.2 Each advert referred to in Clause 15.1 above shall provide a full and detailed description of the Sub-contract opportunity.

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15.3 The obligation at Clause 15.1(a) shall only apply in respect of Sub-contract opportunities arising after the Effective Date.

Appointment of Sub-contractors

15.4 The Supplier shall exercise due skill and care in the selection and appointment of any Sub-contractors (which shall include without limitation a requirement to undertake a competitive tendering process for the selection of any Sub-contractor) to ensure that the Supplier is able to:

- (a) manage any Sub-contractors in accordance with Good Industry Practice;
- (b) comply with its obligations under this Agreement in the delivery of the Services; and
- (c) assign, novate or otherwise transfer to the Authority or any Replacement Supplier any of its rights and/or obligations under each Sub-contract that relates exclusively to this Agreement.

15.5 Prior to sub-contracting any of its obligations under this Agreement, the Supplier shall notify the Authority in writing of:

- (a) the proposed Sub-contractor's name, registered office and company registration number;
- (b) the scope of any Services to be provided by the proposed Sub-contractor;
- (c) where the proposed Sub-contractor is an Affiliate of the Supplier, evidence that demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the Authority that the proposed Sub-contract has been agreed on "arm's-length" terms;
- (d) confirmation that it has included suitable provisions in its Sub-contract to flow down obligations under this Agreement, including those specified in Schedule 2.4 (Security Management); and
- (e) details of the competitive tendering process used by the Supplier as required under Clause 15.4 for the selection of the Sub-contractor.

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15.6 If requested by the Authority within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of the Supplier's notice issued pursuant to Clause 15.5, the Supplier shall also:

- (a) provide a copy of the proposed Sub-contract. The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that any conflict between the provisions of the Sub-contract and this Agreement shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligations under this Agreement, nor shall the Authority's receipt of a copy of the Sub-contract amount to any waiver of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) facilitate such inspection of the premises of any prospective Sub-contractor, as the Authority may at any time reasonably require, and shall procure the prospective Sub-contractor's co-operation with any such inspection and with the disclosure of any requisite information to the Authority; and
- (c) provide any further information reasonably requested by the Authority (with the Parties acknowledging and agreeing that any Authority requests to see further details concerning the information provided by the Supplier under Clause 15.5(d) shall always be reasonable).

15.7 The Authority may, within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of the Supplier's notice issued pursuant to Clause 15.5 (or, if later, receipt of any further information requested pursuant to Clause 15.6), object to the appointment of the relevant Sub-contractor (in its sole discretion which shall not be disputed) if it considers that:

- (a) the appointment of a proposed Sub-contractor may prejudice the provision of the Services and/or may be contrary to the interests of the Authority;
- (b) the proposed Sub-contractor is unreliable and/or has not provided reasonable services to its other customers (and reasonable services shall include meeting the requirements of such customer contracts or providing the services in accordance with Good Industry Practice); and/or
- (c) the proposed Sub-contractor employs unfit persons, in which case, the Supplier shall not proceed with the proposed appointment.

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15.8 If:

- (a) the Authority has not notified the Supplier that it objects to the proposed Sub-contractor's appointment by the later of ten (10) Working Days of receipt of:
 - (i) the Supplier's notice issued pursuant to Clause 15.5; and
 - (ii) any further information requested by the Authority pursuant to Clause 15.6; and
- (b) the proposed Sub-contract is not a Key Sub-contract (which shall require the written consent of the Authority in accordance with Clause 15.9 (Appointment of Key Sub contractors)),

the Supplier may proceed with the proposed appointment and, where the Sub-contract is entered into exclusively for the purpose of delivery of the Services, may notify the Authority that the relevant Sub-contract shall constitute a Third Party Contract for the purposes of Schedule 4.4 (Third Party Contracts).

Appointment of Key Sub-contractors

15.9 Where the Supplier wishes to enter into a Key Sub-contract or replace a Key Sub contractor, it must obtain the prior written consent of the Authority, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. For these purposes, the Authority may withhold its consent to the appointment of a Key Sub-contractor if it reasonably considers that:

- (a) the appointment of a proposed Key Sub-contractor may prejudice the provision of the Services or may be contrary to the interests of the Authority;
- (b) the proposed Key Sub-contractor is unreliable and/or has not provided reasonable services to its other customers; and/or
- (c) the proposed Key Sub-contractor employs unfit persons.

15.10 The Authority consents to the appointment of the Key Sub-contractors listed in Schedule 4.3 (Sub-contractors).

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15.11 Except where the Authority has given its prior written consent, the Supplier shall ensure that each Key Sub-contract shall include:

- (a) provisions which will enable the Supplier to discharge its obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) a right under CRTPA for the Authority to enforce any provisions under the Key Sub contract which are capable of conferring a benefit upon the Authority;
- (c) a provision enabling the Authority to enforce the Key Sub-contract as if it were the Supplier;
- (d) a provision enabling the Supplier to assign, novate or otherwise transfer any of its rights and/or obligations under the Key Sub-contract to the Authority or any Replacement Supplier without restriction (including any need to obtain any consent or approval) or payment by the Authority;
- (e) obligations no less onerous on the Key Sub-contractor than those imposed on the Supplier under this Agreement in respect of:
 - (i) obligations to mitigate its losses;
 - (ii) data protection requirements set out in Clauses 19 (Authority Data and Security Requirements) and 22 (Protection of Personal Data));
 - (iii) FOIA requirements set out in Clause 21 (Freedom of Information);
 - (iv) security requirements (as set out in Schedule 2.4 (Security Management));
 - (v) the obligation not to embarrass the Authority or otherwise bring the Authority into disrepute set out in Clause 5.6(o) (Supplier covenants);
 - (vi) the keeping of records in respect of the services being provided under the Key Sub-contract, including the maintenance of Open Book Data; and

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- (vii) the conduct of Audits set out in Part C of Schedule 7.5 (Financial Reports and Audit Rights);
- (f) provisions enabling the Supplier to terminate the Key Sub-contract on notice on terms no more onerous on the Supplier than those imposed on the Authority under Clauses 32.1(a) (Termination by the Authority) and 33.4 (Payments by the Authority) and Schedule 7.2 (Payments on Termination) of this Agreement;
- (g) a provision restricting the ability of the Key Sub-contractor to Sub-contract all or any part of the services provided to the Supplier under the Key Sub-contract without first seeking the written consent of the Authority;
- (h) a provision enabling the Supplier or the Authority to appoint a Remedial Adviser on substantially the same terms as are set out in Clause 28 (Remedial Adviser);
- (i) a provision enabling the Supplier, the Authority or any other person on behalf of the Authority to step-in on substantially the same terms as are set out in Clause 29 (Step-In Rights); and
- (j) a provision requiring the Key Sub-contractor to participate in, and if required by the Authority in the relevant Multi-Party Procedure Initiation Notice to procure the participation of all or any of its Sub contractors in, the Multi-Party Dispute Resolution Procedure; and
- (k) a provision requiring the Key Sub-contractor to:
 - (i) promptly notify the Supplier and the Authority in writing of any of the following of which it is, or ought to be, aware:
 - (aa) the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event in relation to the Key Sub-contractor; or
 - (bb) any fact, circumstance or matter of which it is aware which could cause the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event in relation to the Key Sub-contractor,

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and in any event, provide such notification within ten (10) Working Days of the date on which the Key Sub-contractor first becomes aware of such; and

- (ii) co-operate with the Supplier and the Authority in order to give full effect to the provisions of Schedule 7.4 (Financial Distress), including meeting with the Supplier and the Authority to discuss and review the effect of the Financial Distress Event on the continued performance and delivery of the Services, and contributing to and complying with the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan, and providing the information specified at Paragraph 3.5(c)(ii) of Schedule 7.4 (Financial Distress).

15.12 The Supplier shall not terminate or materially amend the terms of any Key Sub-contract without the Authority's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

Supply Chain Protection

15.13 The Supplier shall ensure that all ESN Sub-contracts entered into on or after the Effective Date contain a provision:

- (a) giving the Supplier a right to terminate the Sub-contract if the Sub-contractor fails to comply in the performance of the Sub-contract with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour Law;
- (b) requiring the Supplier or other party receiving goods or services under the contract to consider and verify invoices under that contract in a timely fashion;
- (c) providing that undue delay in considering and verifying an invoice in accordance with Clause (b)15.13(b) shall not be sufficient justification for failing to regard an invoice as valid and undisputed;
- (d) requiring the Supplier or other party to pay any undisputed sums which are due from it to the Sub-contractor within a specified period not exceeding thirty (30) days from the receipt of a valid invoice;

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- (e) granting a right for the Authority to publish the Supplier's compliance with its obligation to pay undisputed invoices within the specified payment period; and
- (f) requiring the Sub-contractor to include a clause to the same effect as this Clause 15.13 in any contracts it enters into after the date of the Sub-contractor entering into the relevant ESN Sub-contract which are made wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing or contributing to the performance of the whole or any part of this Agreement.

15.14 The Supplier shall ensure that all ESN Sub-contracts entered into before the Effective Date contain provisions:

- (a) giving the Supplier a right to terminate the Sub-contract if the Sub-contractor fails to comply in the performance of the Sub-contract with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour Law;
- (b) requiring the Supplier or other party receiving goods or services under the contract to consider and verify invoices under that contract in a timely fashion;
- (c) providing that undue delay in considering and verifying an invoice in accordance with Clause 15.14(b) shall not be sufficient justification for failing to regard an invoice as valid and undisputed;
- (d) requiring the Supplier or other party to pay any undisputed sums which are due from it to the Sub-contractor within a specified period not exceeding thirty (30) days of verifying that the invoice is valid and undisputed;
- (e) giving the Authority a right to publish the Supplier's compliance with its obligation to pay undisputed invoices within the specified payment period; and
- (f) requiring the Sub-contractor to include a clause to the same effect as this Clause 15.14 in any contracts it enters into wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing or contributing to the performance of the whole or any part of this Contract.

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Flow Down Relief and Rectification Process

15.14A The Supplier shall be granted Temporary Specified Relief in respect of the Specified Clauses contained in the Specified Sub-contracts for the Relief Period as further detailed in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 4.3 (Sub-contracts).

15.15 The following payment terms shall apply:

- (a) the Supplier shall pay any undisputed sums which are due from it to a:
 - (i) Key Sub-contractor;
 - (ii) ESN Sub-contractor;
 - (iii) Commodity Sub-contractor,

in accordance with the terms of the relevant Sub-contract and within thirty (30) days of receipt of a Valid SC Invoice; and
- (b) in respect of payment of any undisputed sums which are due:
 - (i) from the Supplier to a Sub-contractor (other than those specified in Clause 15.15(a)) the Supplier shall pay within thirty (30) days of receipt of a Valid SC Invoice for services provided to the Supplier which relate to ESN;
 - (ii) from the Supplier to a Sub-contractor (other than those specified in Clause 15.15(a)) the Supplier shall pay in accordance with Clause 15.16 for any services provided to the Supplier which do not relate to ESN;
- (c) in respect of any undisputed sums which are due:
 - (i) from the Supplier to an Unconnected Sub-contractor, the Supplier shall pay the Unconnected Sub-contractor within thirty (30) of receipt of a Valid SC Invoice for services provided to the Supplier which relate to ESN; and
 - (ii) from the Supplier to an Unconnected Sub-contractor, the Supplier shall pay the Unconnected Sub-contractor in accordance with

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Clause 15.16 for any services provided to the Supplier which do not relate to ESN;

- (d) in respect of any undisputed sums which are due:
 - (i) from the Supplier to an Excluded Sub-contractor, the Supplier shall pay the Excluded Sub-contractor within 30 days of receipt of a Valid SC Invoice in accordance with Clauses 15.15(a); 15.15(b)(i); or 15.15(c)(i) in respect of any services provided by the Excluded Sub-contractor which fall within those clauses; and
 - (ii) from the Supplier to an Excluded Sub-contractor, the Supplier shall pay the Excluded Sub-contractor in accordance with Clause 15.17A for all other services (other than those referred to in Clause 15.15(d)(i)) provided to the Supplier by the Excluded Sub-contractor, (acknowledging in each of Clauses 15.15(b), (c) and (d) that the Supplier may engage a Sub-contractor, Unconnected Sub-contractor or Excluded Sub-contractor under one contract for various services, some of which may not relate to this Agreement or ESN).

Unconnected Sub-contractors

15.16 Without prejudice to Clauses 15.15 and 15.17A, the Supplier shall, by no later than thirty six (36) months from and including the Effective Date and for the remainder of the Term pay at least 95% of undisputed sums which are due from it to any Sub-contractor or Unconnected Sub-contractor in at least one of the previous two six (6) month periods pursuant to any Valid SC Invoice on the earlier of:

- (a) the date set out for payment in the relevant Sub-contract or Unconnected Sub-contract; or
- (b) the date that falls sixty (60) days after the day on which the Supplier receives a Valid SC Invoice.

15.16A The Supplier shall:

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- (a) include once every six (6) months within the Performance Monitoring Reports produced by it pursuant to Schedule 2.2 (Performance Levels) reporting on:
 - (i) any decisions taken by EEL to pay Sub-contractors and/ or Unconnected Sub-contractors within the payment periods specified in Procurement Policy Note 10/23 and any subsequent replacement PPN; and
 - (ii) any decisions taken by the Supplier or BT Group plc to pay all its contracts with suppliers within the payment periods specified in Procurement Policy Note 10/23 and any subsequent replacement PPN; and
- (b) notify the Authority within ten (10) Working Days of the ESN Finance Lead becoming aware of BT Group plc directing EEL to pay all its Sub-contractors and/ or Unconnected Sub-contractors within the periods specified in Procurement Policy Note 10/23 and any subsequent replacement PPN.

Excluded Sub-contractors

15.17 A list of the Sub-contractors and Unconnected Sub-contractors in the Supplier's supply chain whose industry standard payment terms agreed with the Supplier are greater than 60 days (the "**Excluded Sub-contractors**") is attached at Schedule 4.3 (Sub-contractors), Annex 1, which shall constitute the Supplier's Commercially Sensitive Information. The Parties have agreed a specific list of Excluded Sub-contractors for each of EEL and BT Plc, as set out in Schedule 4.3 (Sub-contractors), Annex 1.

15.17A Without prejudice to Clause 15.15(d)(i), the Supplier shall pay any undisputed sums which are due from it to an Excluded Sub-contractor according to the payment period agreed between the Supplier and the Excluded Sub-contractor following receipt of a Valid SC Invoice and the Parties agree that the provisions of Clause 15.16 shall not apply to Excluded Sub-contractors.

15.18 Subject to Clause 15.26, changes to the list of Excluded Sub-contractors in Schedule 4.3 (Sub-contractors), Annex 1 must be made in accordance with the Change Control Procedure (under which the Supplier shall provide the rationale for and details of the

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proposed change) and the Authority may, in its absolute discretion, reject any request to make changes to the list of Excluded Sub-contractors.

Payment Monitoring

15.19 The Supplier shall include once every six (6) months within the Performance Monitoring Reports produced by it pursuant to Schedule 2.2 (Performance Levels) a summary of the Supplier's progress and compliance with Clause 15.15 (other than Clause 15.15(d)(ii)) and Clause 15.16 from the Effective Date, such data to be certified every six (6) months by the Supplier Finance Lead (Senior Manager ESN Finance) set out in Schedule 9.2 as being accurate and not misleading.

15.20 If any Performance Monitoring Report produced by it each six (6) months pursuant to Schedule 2.2 (Performance Levels) shows that in either of the last two six (6) month periods the Supplier failed to pay 95% or above of all its undisputed Sub-contractor or Unconnected Sub-contractor Valid SC Invoices within sixty (60) days of receipt the Supplier shall upload to the Virtual Library within fifteen (15) Working Days of submission of the latest Performance Monitoring Report provided in accordance with this Clause 15 an action plan (the “**Action Plan**”) for improvement to the Authority. Payment of Excluded Sub-contractors referred to in Clause 15.15(d)(ii) shall not form part of the pool of Unconnected Sub-contractors used for this 95% calculation. The Action Plan shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) identification of the primary causes of failure to pay 95% or above of all its Sub-contractor or Unconnected Sub-contractor (other than Excluded Sub-contractors referred to in Clause 15.15(d)(ii)) undisputed and Valid SC Invoices within sixty (60) days of receipt in either of the last two six (6) month periods;
- (b) actions to address each of the causes set out in Clause 15.20(a); and
- (c) a mechanism for and commitment to regular reporting on progress to the Supplier Board.

15.21 The Action Plan shall be certificated by the Supplier Senior Responsible Industry Executive (SRIE) | Supplier Representative (Managing Director ESN) listed in Schedule 9.2 who is a duly authorised on behalf of the Supplier.

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- 15.22 Where the Supplier fails to pay any sums due to any of its Sub-contractors or Unconnected Sub-contractors (other than Excluded Sub-contractors referred to in Clause 15.15(d)(ii)) in accordance with the terms set out in the relevant Sub-contract or Unconnected Sub-contract, the Action Plan shall include details of the steps the Supplier will take to address this.
- 15.23 The Supplier shall comply with the Action Plan or any similar action plan connected to the payment of its Sub-contractors or its Unconnected Sub-contractors which is required to be submitted to the Authority.
- 15.24 Notwithstanding any provision of Clauses 20 (Confidentiality) and 23 (Publicity and Branding), if the Supplier notifies the Authority (whether in a Performance Monitoring Report or otherwise) that the Supplier has failed to pay an undisputed invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt in accordance with Clauses 15.15(a), 15.15(b)(i), 15.15(c)(i) and 15.15(d)(i), or that it has failed to pay 95% or above of its Sub-Contractors or Unconnected Sub-contractors (other than Excluded Sub-contractors referred to in Clause 15.15(d)(ii)) within sixty (60) days after the day on which the Supplier receives an undisputed Valid SC Invoice or the Authority otherwise discovers the same, the Authority shall be entitled to publish aggregated and anonymous details of the late or non-payment by the Supplier (including on government websites and in the press).
- 15.25 Notwithstanding any provision of Clauses 20 (Confidentiality) and 23 (Publicity and Branding), the Supplier shall provide once every 6 months in the Performance Monitoring Report under Clause 15.20 details of the payment of the Excluded Sub-contractors referred to in Clause 15.15(d)(ii) (in accordance with the Supplier's reporting practice complying with the Reporting on Payment Practices and Performance Regulations 2017 (including as amended, extended, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time)) and the Authority shall be entitled to publish aggregated and anonymous details of the payment of the Excluded Sub-contractors referred to in Clause 15.15(d)(ii) (including on government websites and in the press), which may be published in regard to EEL and BT Plc separately.
- 15.26 The Authority may only disclose copies of the list of Excluded Sub-contractors in Schedule 4.3 (Sub-contractors), Annex 1 (as updated) and changes to such list proposed by the Supplier under Clause 15.18 in accordance with Clauses 20.3 and

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20.6 and shall notify the Supplier in advance of such disclosure where it is able to do so.

15.27 For the purpose of Clauses 15.15 – 15.28 a **"Valid SC Invoice"** means an invoice provided in accordance with the terms of any relevant Sub-contract, Unconnected Sub-contract or Excluded Sub-contract (as applicable) and, where there is a taxable supply, shall also mean a valid VAT invoice provided this is detailed in any relevant Sub-contract, Unconnected Sub-contract or Excluded Sub-contract.

15.28 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, despite the use of a Performance Monitoring Report in clauses 15.16A, 15.19 and 15.20 as a reporting mechanism, each Party acknowledges and agrees that the requirements of clauses 15.16A, 15.19 and 15.20 are not Performance Indicators to be measured in accordance with Schedule 2.2 and any element of a Performance Monitoring Report given by the Supplier in accordance with clauses 15.16A, 15.19 and 15.20 is not subject to Authority approval under Paragraph 9.2.1 of Schedule 2.2.

Termination of Sub-contracts

15.29 The Authority may require the Supplier to terminate:

- (a) a Sub-contract:
 - (i) where the acts or omissions of the relevant Sub-contractor have caused or materially contributed to the Authority's right of termination pursuant to Clause 32.1(b) (Termination by the Authority);
 - (ii) where the relevant Sub-contractor or any of its Affiliates have embarrassed the Authority or otherwise brought the Authority into disrepute by engaging in any act or omission which is reasonably likely to diminish the trust that the public places in the Authority, regardless of whether or not such act or omission is related to the Sub-contractor's obligations in relation to the Services or otherwise;
 - (iii) in the following circumstances:

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- (a) in respect of each Specified Sub-contractor during the applicable Relief Period (as further detailed in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 4.3 (Sub-contractors)), in the circumstances set out at Paragraph 3.3.2(c) of Schedule 4.3 (Sub-contractors); and
- (b) in respect of:
 - (I) Sub-contractors (other than the Specified Sub-contractors) from the Effective Date; and/ or
 - (II) each Specified Sub-contractor after the Relief Period,

the relevant Sub-contractor or Specified Sub-contractor (as applicable) has failed to comply in the performance of its Sub-contract with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour law and such failure has not been remedied within thirty (30) days of notice by the Authority; and/or
- (iv) the Authority has found grounds for exclusion of the Sub-contractor in accordance with Clause 15.34; and
- (b) a Key Sub-contract where there is a change of Control of the relevant Key Sub-contractor, unless:
 - (i) the Authority has given its prior written consent to the particular change of Control, which subsequently takes place as proposed; or
 - (ii) the Authority has not served its notice of objection within 6 months of the later of the date the Change of Control took place or the date on which the Authority was given notice of the change of Control.

Competitive Terms

15.30 If the Authority is able to obtain from any Sub-contractor or any other third party (on a like-for-like basis) more favourable prices or commercial terms with respect to the

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supply of any goods, software or services used by the Supplier or the Supplier Personnel in the supply of the Services, then the Authority may:

- (a) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- (b) require the Supplier to replace its existing commercial terms with that person with the more favourable commercial terms obtained by the Authority in respect of the relevant item; or
- (c) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

15.31 If the Authority exercises either of its options pursuant to Clause 15.30, then the Charges shall be reduced by an amount that is agreed in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

15.32 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Retention of Legal Obligations

15.33 Notwithstanding the Supplier's right to sub-contract pursuant to this Clause 15, the Supplier shall remain responsible for all acts and omissions of its Sub-contractors and the acts and omissions of those employed or engaged by the Sub-contractors as if they were its own.

Exclusion of Sub-contractors

15.34 If the Authority finds there are grounds for the exclusion of a Sub-contractor from a procurement procedure under Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (whether such findings are made before or after completion of the procurement

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process, relating to acts committed prior to completion of the procurement process), then:

- (a) if the Authority finds that there are compulsory grounds for exclusion of a Sub-contractor then, upon written notice by the Authority setting out reasonable details of the same (acknowledging that in certain circumstances the Authority may not be able to share details where it is subject to confidentiality restrictions or legal restrictions), the Supplier shall replace or shall not appoint the Sub-contractor;
- (b) if the Authority finds there are non-compulsory grounds for exclusion, within five (5) Working Days of the Authority notifying the Supplier of the same in writing, the Supplier shall report to the Authority on the acts giving rise to the non-compulsory ground together with the potential impact on the Services and ESMCP. The Parties shall meet to discuss the report and plan next steps to minimise the impact on the Services and ESMCP and the Supplier shall give particular consideration to limiting reputational impacts and damage to public trust and confidence in ESMCP and the Emergency Services Network. The Supplier shall have regard to the Authority's position but any next steps to be taken are at the Supplier's discretion.

15.34A The provisions of clause 15.34 shall also apply in circumstances where the Supplier has appointed a Sub-contractor using its own procurement functions but there would be grounds for exclusion of that Sub-contractor under Regulation 57 had a procurement procedure been used.

15.34B The provisions of clause 15.34 and 15.34A shall apply in relation to the appointment of any replacement or new Sub-contractors during the Term.

Reporting SME/VCSE Sub-contracts

15.35 The Supplier shall, within 12 months of the Effective Date, implement a solution to enable it to provide Supply Chain Transparency Reports

15.36 Subject to Clause 15.38, the Supplier agrees that it shall, at no charge, provide timely, full, accurate and complete Supply Chain Transparency Reports to the Authority by providing all of the information described in the Supply Chain Transparency Information

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Template in the format set out in Annex 5 of Schedule 8.4 (Reports and Records Provisions) and in accordance with any guidance issued by the Authority from time to time.

- 15.37 The Authority may update the Supply Chain Transparency Information Template from time to time (including the data required and/or format) by issuing a replacement version with at least thirty (30) days' notice to the Supplier and specifying the date from which it must be used.
- 15.38 The first Supply Chain Transparency Report shall be provided by the Supplier to the Authority within 12 months of the Supplier's solution referred to in Clause 15.35 being implemented and by no later than 24 months from the Effective Date. Thereafter, Supply Chain Transparency Reports shall be provided to the Authority each year within thirty (30) days of the anniversary of the first Supply Chain Transparency Report.

SECTION F – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, DATA AND CONFIDENTIALITY**16. Intellectual Property Rights****16.1 Except as expressly set out in this Agreement:**

- (a) subject to Clause 16.1(c), the Authority shall not acquire any right, title or interest in or to the Intellectual Property Rights of the Supplier or its licensors, including:
- (i) the Supplier Software;
 - (ii) the Third Party Software;
 - (iii) the Third Party IPRs;
 - (iv) the Project Specific IPRs;
 - (v) the Specially Written Software; and
 - (vi) the Supplier Background IPRs;

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- (b) the Supplier shall not acquire any right, title or interest in or to the Intellectual Property Rights of the Authority or its licensors, including:
 - (i) the Authority Software;
 - (ii) the Authority Data; and
 - (iii) the Authority Background IPRs.
- (c) If within six (6) months of expiry of the Initial Term of this Agreement or earlier termination, the Intellectual Property Rights in the Specially Written Software (except any Supplier Background IPRs and Third Party COTS Software) and/or the Project Specific IPRs
 - (i) will not be used by the Supplier internally or commercially exploited because it is bespoke to the Authority;
 - (ii) is either documentation or, if software, it is reasonably detachable from the Supplier product for which it is a customisation;
 - (iii) it would have a commercial use independent of the Supplier product for which it is a customisation;
 - (iv) has been created exclusively for the Authority; and
 - (v) has been funded entirely by the Authority,

the Supplier shall on written request by the Authority promptly assign the Intellectual Property Rights in the Specially Written Software (except any Supplier Background IPRs and Third Party COTS Software) and/or the Project Specific IPRs to the Authority. [REDACTED]

16.2 Where the Authority, EEL or BT Plc acquires, by operation of law, title to Intellectual Property Rights that is inconsistent with the allocation of title set out in Clause 16.1, the relevant Party or Parties shall assign in writing such Intellectual Property Rights as it has acquired to the Party specified as owning the Intellectual Property Rights in Clause 16.1 on its request (whenever made).

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- 16.3 The Supplier shall waive or procure a waiver of any moral rights in any works comprising Intellectual Property Rights assigned to the Authority under this Agreement.
- 16.4 Neither Party shall have any right to use any of the other Party's names, logos, trade marks, service marks or any other intellectual property rights on, or in relation to, any of its products or services without the other Party's prior written consent save as set out in Clauses 16.5 - 16.20 below.
- 16.4A Where Intellectual Property Rights are jointly owned by EEL and BT Plc, the obligations on the Supplier in respect of those Intellectual Property Rights under this Agreement are obligations on EEL and BT Plc as the joint owners such that EEL and BT Plc hereby expressly;(i) consent to the licencing, assignment, novation, sub-contracting and grant of any rights by the Supplier in those jointly owned Intellectual Property Rights provided for in this Agreement; and (ii) agree to be bound by any restriction on the use, exploitation or grant of permissions in those jointly owned Intellectual Property Rights imposed on the Supplier in this Agreement. EEL and BT Plc each will do all things necessary including execution of documents to give effect to the obligations of the Supplier in respect of those jointly owned Intellectual Property Rights under this Agreement.

Agreement to enter into a Trade Mark Licence

- 16.5 Within the Trade Mark Interim Period, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith and enter into a Trade Mark Licence based on the draft set out in Schedule 14 (**Draft Trade Mark Licence**), with such changes as each party may reasonably require and agree. The Parties acknowledge that such amendments to the Draft Trade Mark Licence may include changes to comply with governance requirements from either side.
- 16.6 Under the Trade Mark Licence, the Authority will grant the Supplier a non-exclusive, royalty free licence to use the Authority's Trade Marks for the duration of the Trade Mark Licence for the purposes of identifying the Supplier as an authorised provider to the ESMCP [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 16.7 If during the Trade Mark Interim Period either Party considers progress towards agreeing the Trade Mark Licence has stalled, either Party may on written request

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escalate resolution of the matter to the Supplier's Managing Director of the ESN Programme and the Authority's Programme Director respectively ("**Trade Mark Representatives**"). The Parties' Trade Mark Representatives shall meet as often as either Party reasonably deems necessary in order to discuss and negotiate the outstanding issues in good faith in an effort to resolve the matters of difference and enter into the Trade Mark Licence within the Trade Mark Interim Period.

- 16.8 If the Parties have not entered into or executed a Trade Mark Licence by expiry of the Trade Mark Interim Period, all the Authority's existing consents to use the Authority's Trade Marks automatically terminate save as set out in Clause 16.11A and the Supplier's continued, or future use, of the Authority's Trade Marks shall be subject to the Supplier obtaining the Authority's prior written consent. All requests for the Authority's consent under this Clause shall be made in writing and submitted to the Authority Representative.

Use of Authority's Trade Marks during the Trade Mark Interim Period

- 16.9 The rights to the Authority's Trade Marks (and the goodwill attaching to them) shall remain the absolute property of the Authority and Supplier and its Affiliates shall acquire no rights, title or interest in the Authority Trade Marks (or goodwill attaching to them) as a consequence of the right to use the Authority's Trade Marks under licence during the Trade Mark Interim Period as granted in Clauses 16.9 - 16.11 of this Agreement.
- 16.10 The Supplier agrees that any use of the Authority's Trade Marks by it, during the Trade Mark Interim Period, shall be subject to the Authority's prior written consent subject to Clauses 16.11, 16.11A and 16.12 below. All requests for the Authority's consent under this Clause shall be made in writing and submitted to the Authority Representative. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed where Supplier's use complies with the Brand Guidelines and where such use materially complies with the conditions of use set out in clauses 2.2, 2.3, 4.5 and 5.1 of the Draft Trade Mark Licence (as amended in accordance with Clause 16.5). Any changes to the Brand Guidelines shall not apply retrospectively to non-digital assets that complied with the Brand Guidelines at the time they were created and the Supplier reasonably deems it would be impractical to include. The Supplier shall have up to sixty (60) days to fully comply with any such amendments or additions.

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16.11 Where Supplier can demonstrate it is using the Authority's Unregistered ESN Trade Marks, in media and materials other than for Internal Use that have previously been approved by the Authority, the Supplier may continue to use the Authority's Unregistered ESN Trade Marks in those materials during the Trade Mark Interim Period, without seeking further consent subject to Clause 16.12.

16.11A During the Interim Period Supplier may use the Authority's Unregistered ESN Trade Marks in materials for Internal Use without seeking consent from Authority where such use is reasonably required to identify the Supplier as an authorised contractor to ESMCP or to refer to the Emergency Services Network provided by the Authority.

16.12 [REDACTED]

16.13 [REDACTED]

16.14 Nothing in Clauses 16.9 to 16.12 permits Supplier to use the Authority's Trade Marks after the end of the Trade Mark Interim Period outside the scope of the Trade Mark Licence executed between the Parties.

16.15 During the Trade Mark Interim Period the Parties shall agree the process for seeking approvals required under the Trade Mark Licence and to implement that process under the terms of the Trade Mark Licence.

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16.17 From the Effective Date, the Supplier undertakes not to apply to register any new trade mark or new domain name incorporating the Authority's Trade Marks.

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Use of Supplier Trade Marks

16.19 From the Effective Date, EEL will grant the Authority a non-exclusive, royalty free licence to use the Supplier's Trade Marks for the purposes of identifying the Supplier as an authorised provider to the ESMCP subject to the Authority's compliance with the Supplier Conditions of Use of the Supplier's Trade Marks attached at Schedule 15 (EE Trademark Conditions of Use) to this Agreement and the Authority's compliance with the applicable Supplier Brand Guidelines and Joint Brand Guidelines.

16.20 The Supplier's Trade Marks shall not incorporate or include any of the Supplier ESN Trade Marks, the Subject Domain Name, or any of the Authority's Trade Marks.

17. Licences Granted by the Supplier

Specially Written Software and Project Specific IPRs

17.1 The Supplier hereby grants to the Authority, or shall procure the direct grant to the Authority of, a perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free, non-exclusive and irrevocable licence to use (which shall include the right to load, execute, interpret, store, transmit, display, copy (for the purposes of loading, execution, interpretation, storage, transmission, display, distribution or sub-licencing), modify, adapt, enhance, reverse compile, decode and translate):

- (a) the Documentation, Source Code and the Object Code of the Specially Written Software;

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- (b) all build instructions, test instructions, test scripts, test data, operating instructions and other documents and tools necessary for maintaining and supporting the Specially Written Software (together the "**Software Supporting Materials**"); and
- (c) the Project Specific IPRs including but not limited to the right to copy, adapt, publish (including on the IT Environment) and distribute such Project Specific IPRs.

17.1A For the purposes of the Programme, the Supplier hereby grants to the Authority a perpetual royalty-free non-exclusive licence to use (subject to [REDACTED] any Know-How, trade secrets or Confidential Information contained within the Specially Written Software and the Project Specific IPRs.

17.2 The Supplier:

- (a) shall:
 - (i) inform the Authority of all Specially Written Software that constitutes a modification or enhancement to Supplier Software or Third Party Software; and
 - (ii) deliver to the Authority the Specially Written Software in both Source Code and Object Code forms together with relevant Documentation and all related Software Supporting Materials within seven (7) days of the issue of a Milestone Achievement Certificate in respect of the relevant Deliverable and shall provide updates of the Source Code and of the Software Supporting Materials promptly following each new release of the Specially Written Software, in each case on media that is reasonably acceptable to the Authority; and
- (b) acknowledges and agrees that the ownership of the media referred to in Clause 17.2(a)(ii) shall vest in the Authority upon their receipt by the Authority; and
- (c) shall not commercially exploit the:
 - (i) Specially Written Software; or

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- (ii) limb (a) of Project Specific IPRs (except that "commercial exploitation" in this clause 17.2(c)(ii) does not include incorporation of the same in the Supplier's public mobile network),

without prior written approval from the Authority, subject to the agreement of a suitable gainshare mechanism for the profit generated by such exploitation, such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

- 17.3 The Supplier shall, within ten (10) Working Days of the Effective Date, deposit the Source Code of the Specially Written Software (the "**Deposited Software**") in escrow on the basis of the appropriate standard agreement or on such other terms as the Authority, the Supplier and the escrow agent shall agree. The Supplier shall ensure that the deposited version of the Source Code is the current version of the Deposited Software and that the deposited version is kept up-to-date as the Deposited Software is modified or upgraded. The Supplier shall pay the initial storage fees under the escrow agreement and the Authority shall pay the release fees.
- 17.4 Where the Supplier is unable to procure compliance with the provisions of Clause 17.3 in respect of any Third Party Software, it shall provide the Authority with written evidence of its inability to comply with these provisions and shall agree with the Authority a suitable alternative to escrow that affords the Authority the nearest equivalent protection. The Supplier shall be excused from its obligations under Clause 17.3 only to the extent that the Parties have agreed on a suitable alternative.
- 17.5 In circumstances where the Authority obtains the release of the Source Code from escrow, the Supplier hereby grants to the Authority a perpetual, assignable, royalty-free and non-exclusive licence to use and support the Source Code version of the Deposited Software to the extent necessary for the receipt of the Services or any Replacement Services or the Authority's normal business undertakings.
- 17.5A Should the Supplier become aware at any time during the Term and any Termination Assistance Period that the Specially Written Software and/or the Project Specific IPRs contain any Intellectual Property Rights for which the Authority does not have a suitable licence for use of the Specially Written Software and/or the Project Specific IPRs as contemplated and licensed under this Agreement, then the Supplier must notify the

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Authority within ten (10) days of what those rights are and which parts of the Specially Written Software and the Project Specific IPRs they are found in.

Patents

17.5B Where a patent owned by the Supplier is infringed by the use of the Specially Written Software or Project Specific IPRs by the Authority, the Supplier Personnel or any Replacement Supplier using the Specially Written Software or Project Specific IPRs as contemplated and licensed under this Agreement, the Supplier agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Authority and any Replacement Supplier against all losses incurred in regard to any claim of infringement of those relevant patents owned by the Supplier arising out of or in connection with the Authority, the Supplier Personnel or any Replacement Supplier's use of the Specially Written Software and Project Specific IPRs as contemplated and licensed under this Agreement.

Supplier Software and Supplier Background IPRs

17.6 The Supplier hereby grants to the Authority:

- (a) perpetual, royalty-free and non-exclusive licences to use (including but not limited to the right to load, execute, store, transmit, display and copy (for the purposes of archiving, backing-up, loading, execution, storage, transmission or display):
 - (i) the Supplier Non-COTS Software for any purpose relating to the Services (or substantially equivalent services) or for any purpose relating to the exercise of the Authority's (or any other Central Government Body's) business or function; and
 - (ii) the Supplier Non-COTS Background IPRs for any purpose relating to the Services (or substantially equivalent services) or for any purpose relating to the exercise of the Authority's (or any other Central Government Body's) business or function; and
- (b) a licence to use the Supplier COTS Software and Supplier COTS Background IPRs on the licence terms identified in a letter in or substantially in the form set out in Annex 1 to Schedule 5 (Software) which shall be signed

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by or on behalf of the Authority and the owner of the relevant Supplier COTS Software and Supplier COTS Background IPRs (and which shall include the completion of Appendix 1 referred to in Annex 1 of Schedule 5) on or before the first anniversary of the Effective Date provided always that the Authority shall remain entitled to sub-license and to assign and novate the Supplier COTS Software and Supplier COTS Background IPRs on equivalent terms to those set out in Clauses 17.10 and 17.11(b) in relation to the Supplier Non-COTS Software and Supplier Non-COTS Background IPRs.

- 17.7 At any time during the Term or following termination or expiry of this Agreement, the Supplier may terminate the licence granted in respect of the Supplier Non-COTS Software under Clause 17.6(a)(i) or in respect of or the Supplier Non-COTS Background IPRs under Clause 17.6(a)(ii) by giving thirty (30) days' notice in writing (or such other period as agreed by the Parties) if the Authority or any person to whom the Authority grants a sub-licence pursuant to Clause 17.10 (Authority's right so sub-licence) commits any material breach of the terms of Clause 17.6(a)(i) or 17.6(a)(ii) (as the case may be) which, if the breach is capable of remedy, is not remedied within twenty (20) Working Days after the Supplier gives the Authority written notice specifying the breach and requiring its remedy.
- 17.8 In the event the licence of the Supplier Non-COTS Software or the Supplier Non-COTS Background IPRs is terminated pursuant to Clause 17.7, the Authority shall:
- (a) immediately cease all use of the Supplier Non-COTS Software or the Supplier Non-COTS Background IPRs (as the case may be);
 - (b) at the discretion of the Supplier, return or destroy documents and other tangible materials to the extent that they contain any of the Supplier Non-COTS Software and/or the Supplier Non-COTS Background IPRs, provided that if the Supplier has not made an election within 6 months of the termination of the licence, the Authority may destroy the documents and other tangible materials that contain any of the Supplier Non-COTS Software and/or the Supplier Non-COTS Background IPRs (as the case may be); and

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- (c) ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, that any Supplier Non-COTS Software and/or Supplier Non-COTS Background IPRs that are held in electronic, digital or other machine-readable form ceases to be readily accessible (other than by the information technology staff of the Authority) from any computer, word processor, voicemail system or any other device containing such Supplier Non-COTS Software and/or Supplier Non-COTS Background IPRs.

Authority's right to sub-license

17.9 The Authority shall be freely entitled to sub-license the rights granted to the Authority pursuant to Clause 17.1 (Specially Written Software and Project Specific IPRs).

17.10 The Authority may sub-license:

- (a) the rights granted under Clause 17.6(a) (Supplier Software and Supplier Background IPRs) to a third party (including for the avoidance of doubt, any Replacement Supplier) provided that:
 - (i) the sub-licence is on terms no broader than those granted to the Authority;
 - (ii) the sub-licence authorises the third party to use the rights licensed in Clause 17.6(a) (Supplier Software and Supplier Background IPRs) only for purposes relating to the Services (or substantially equivalent services) or for any purpose relating to the exercise of the Authority's (or any other Central Government Body's) business or function; and
 - (iii) the sub-licensee shall have executed a confidentiality undertaking in favour of either EEL or BT Plc as owner of the relevant rights granted under Clause 17.6(a) in or substantially in the form set out in Annex 2 to Schedule 5 (Software); and
- (b) the rights granted under Clause 17.6(a) (Supplier Software and Supplier Background IPRs) to any Approved Sub-Licensee to the extent necessary

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to use and/or obtain the benefit of the Specifically Written Software and/or the Project Specific IPRs provided that:

- (i) the sub-licence is on terms no broader than those granted to the Authority; and
- (ii) either EEL or BT Plc as owner of the relevant rights granted under Clause 17.6(a) has received a confidentiality undertaking in its favour in or substantially in the form set out in Annex 2 to Schedule 5 (Software) duly executed by the Approved Sub-Licensee.

Authority's right to assign/novate licences

17.11 The Authority:

- (a) shall be freely entitled to assign, novate or otherwise transfer its rights and obligations under the licence granted to the Authority pursuant to Clause 17.1 (Specially Written Software and Project Specific IPRs); and
- (b) may assign, novate or otherwise transfer its rights and obligations under the licences granted pursuant to Clause 17.6(a) (Supplier Software and Supplier Background IPRs) to:
 - (i) a Central Government Body; or
 - (ii) to any body (including any private sector body) which performs or carries on any of the functions and/or activities that previously had been performed and/or carried on by the Authority.

17.12 Any change in the legal status of the Authority which means that it ceases to be a Central Government Body shall not affect the validity of any licence granted in Clause 17.1 (Specially Written Software and Project Specific IPRs) and/or Clause 17.6 (Supplier Software and Supplier Background IPRs). If the Authority ceases to be a Central Government Body, the successor body to the Authority shall still be entitled to the benefit of the licences granted in Clause 17.1 (Specially Written Software and Project Specific IPRs) and Clause 17.6 (Supplier Software and Supplier Background IPRs).

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17.13 If a licence granted in Clause 17.1 (Specially Written Software and Project Specific IPRs) and/or Clause 17.6 (Supplier Software and Supplier Background IPRs) is novated under Clause 17.11 (Authority's right to assign/novate licences) or there is a change of the Authority's status pursuant to Clause 17.12, the rights acquired on that novation or change of status shall not extend beyond those previously enjoyed by the Authority.

Third Party IPRs and Third Party Software

17.14 The Supplier shall not use in the provision of the Services any Third Party Non-COTS Software or Third Party Non-COTS IPRs unless in each case it has:

- (a) first procured that the owner or an authorised licensor of any Third Party Non-COTS IPRs or Third Party Non-COTS Software (as the case may be) in each case which is exclusively used for the provision of Services procured for the ESN, has granted a direct licence to the Authority a royalty-free basis to the Authority and on terms no less favourable to the Authority than those set out in Clause 17.6(a) and 17.7 (Supplier Software and Supplier Background IPRs) and Clause 17.11(b) (Authority's right to assign/novate licences); or
- (b) complied with the provisions of Clause 17.15.

17.15 If the Supplier cannot obtain for the Authority a licence in respect of any Third Party Non-COTS Software and/or Third Party Non-COTS IPRs in accordance with the licence terms set out in Clause 17.14(a), the Supplier shall:

- (a) notify the Authority in writing giving details of what licence terms can be obtained from the relevant third party and whether there are alternative software providers which the Supplier could seek to use; and
- (b) use the relevant Third Party Non-COTS Software and/or Third Party Non-COTS IPRs only if the Authority has first approved in writing the terms of the licence from the relevant third party.

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17.16 The Supplier shall:

- (a) notify the Authority in writing of all Third Party COTS Software and Third Party COTS IPRs that it uses exclusively for the provision of Services procured for the ESN and the terms on which it uses them; and
- (b) unless instructed otherwise in writing by the Authority in any case within twenty (20) Working Days of notification pursuant to Clause 17.16(a), use all reasonable endeavours to procure in each case that the owner or an authorised licensor of the relevant Third Party COTS Software and Third Party COTS IPRs grants a direct licence to the Authority on terms no less favourable (including as to indemnification against IPRs Claims) than those on which such software is usually made commercially available by the relevant third party.

Termination and Replacement Suppliers

17.17 For the avoidance of doubt, the termination or expiry of this Agreement shall not of itself result in any termination of any of the licences granted by the Supplier or relevant third party pursuant to or as contemplated by this Clause 17. The Parties acknowledge that some licences granted during the Term of the Terminated Agreement continue into the Term of this Agreement in accordance with Clause 17.17 of the Terminated Agreement.

17.18 Notwithstanding the obligations on the Supplier in respect of Transferable Assets (as set out in Schedule 8.5 (Exit Management)) the Supplier shall, if requested by the Authority in accordance with Schedule 8.5 (Exit Management) and at the Supplier's cost:

- (a) grant (or procure the grant) to any Replacement Supplier of:
 - (i) a licence to use any Supplier Non-COTS Software, Supplier Non-COTS Background IPRs, Third Party Non-COTS IPRs and/or Third Party Non-COTS Software which is exclusively used for the provision of the Services procured for the ESN on a royalty-free basis to the Replacement Supplier and on terms no less favourable than those granted to the Authority in respect of the relevant Software and/or IPRs pursuant to or as contemplated by this Clause

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17 subject to receipt by the Supplier of a confidentiality undertaking in its favour in or substantially in the form set out in Annex 2 to Schedule 5 (Software) duly executed by the Replacement Supplier; and

(ii) a licence to use any Supplier COTS Software and/or Supplier COTS Background IPRs, on terms no less favourable (including as to indemnification against IPRs Claims) than those on which such software is usually made commercially available by the Supplier; and/or

(b) use all reasonable endeavours to procure the grant to any Replacement Supplier of a licence to use any Third Party COTS Software and/or Third Party COTS IPRs in each case which are exclusively used for the provision of the Services procured for the ESN on terms no less favourable (including as to indemnification against IPRs Claims) than those on which such software is usually made commercially available by the relevant third party.

17.19 The Authority hereby grants to the Supplier a royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-transferable licence during the Term to use the Authority Software, the Authority Background IPRs and the Authority Data solely to the extent necessary for performing the Services in accordance with this Agreement, including (but not limited to) the right to grant sub-licences to Sub-contractors provided that:

(a) any relevant Sub-contractor has entered into a confidentiality undertaking with the Supplier on the same terms as set out in Clause 20 (Confidentiality); and

(b) the Supplier shall not without the Authority's prior written consent use the licensed materials for any other purpose or for the benefit of any person other than the Authority.

17.20 In the event of the termination or expiry of this Agreement, the licence granted pursuant to Clause 17.19 and any sub-licence granted by the Supplier in accordance with Clause

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17.19 shall terminate automatically on the date of such termination or expiry and the Supplier shall:

- (a) immediately cease all use of the Authority Software, the Authority Background IPRs and the Authority Data (as the case may be);
- (b) at the discretion of the Authority, return or destroy documents and other tangible materials that contain any of the Authority Software, the Authority Background IPRs and the Authority Data, provided that if the Authority has not made an election within 6 months of the termination of the licence, the Supplier may destroy the documents and other tangible materials that contain any of the Authority Software, the Authority Background IPRs and the Authority Data (as the case may be); and
- (c) ensure, so far as reasonably practicable, that any Authority Software, Authority Background IPRs and Authority Data that are held in electronic, digital or other machine-readable form ceases to be readily accessible from any Supplier computer, word processor, voicemail system or any other Supplier device containing such Authority Software, Authority Background IPRs and/or Authority Data.

18. IPRS Indemnity

18.1 The Supplier shall at all times, during and after the Term, on written demand indemnify the Authority and each other Indemnified Person, and keep the Authority and each other Indemnified Person indemnified, against all Losses incurred by, awarded against or agreed to be paid by an Indemnified Person arising from an IPRs Claim.

18.2 If an IPRs Claim is made, or the Supplier anticipates that an IPRs Claim might be made, the Supplier may, at its own expense and sole option, either:

- (a) procure for the Authority or other relevant Indemnified Person the right to continue using the relevant item which is subject to the IPRs Claim; or

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- (b) replace or modify the relevant item with non-infringing substitutes provided that:
 - (i) the performance and functionality of the replaced or modified item is at least equivalent to the performance and functionality of the original item;
 - (ii) the replaced or modified item does not have an adverse effect on any other services or the IT Environment;
 - (iii) there is no additional cost to the Authority or relevant Indemnified Person (as the case may be); and
 - (iv) the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to the replaced or modified Services.

18.3 If the Supplier elects to procure a licence in accordance with Clause 18.2(a) or to modify or replace an item pursuant to Clause 18.2(b), but this has not avoided or resolved the IPRs Claim, then:

- (a) the Authority may terminate this Agreement (if subsisting) with immediate effect by written notice to the Supplier; and
- (b) without prejudice to the indemnity set out in Clause 18.1, the Supplier shall be liable for all reasonable and unavoidable costs of the substitute items and/or services including the additional costs of procuring, implementing and maintaining the substitute items.

19. Authority Data and Security Requirements

- 19.1 The Supplier shall not delete or remove any proprietary notices contained within or relating to the Authority Data.
- 19.2 Without prejudice to Clause 22, the Supplier shall not store, copy, disclose, or use the Authority Data except as necessary for the performance by the Supplier of its obligations under this Agreement or as otherwise expressly authorised in writing by the Authority.

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- 19.3 To the extent that Authority Data is held and/or processed by the Supplier, the Supplier shall supply that Authority Data to the Authority as requested by the Authority in the format specified in Schedule 2.1 (Services Description).
- 19.4 Without prejudice to Clause 22, the Supplier shall preserve the integrity of Authority Data and prevent the corruption or loss of Authority Data at all times that the relevant Authority Data is under its control or the control of any Sub-contractor.
- 19.5 The Supplier shall perform secure back-ups of all Authority Data in accordance with the BCDR Plan. The Supplier shall ensure that such back-ups are available to the Authority (or to such other person as the Authority may direct) at all times upon request and are delivered to the Authority at no less than 6 monthly intervals (or such other intervals as may be agreed in writing between the Parties) via a secure encrypted method.
- 19.6 The Supplier shall ensure that any system on which the Supplier holds any Authority Data, including back-up data, is a secure system that complies with the Security Management Plan.
- 19.7 If the Authority Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded as a result of the Supplier's Default so as to be unusable, the Authority may:
- (a) require the Supplier (at the Supplier's expense) to restore or procure the restoration of Authority Data to the extent and in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedule 8.6 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery) and the Supplier shall do so as soon as practicable but not later than five (5) Working Days from the date of receipt of the Authority's notice; and/or
 - (b) itself restore or procure the restoration of Authority Data, and shall be repaid by the Supplier any reasonable expenses incurred in doing so to the extent and in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedule 8.6 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery).
- 19.8 Without prejudice to Clause 22, if at any time the Supplier suspects or has reason to believe that Authority Data has or may become corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded

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in any way for any reason, then the Supplier shall notify the Authority immediately and inform the Authority of the remedial action the Supplier proposes to take.

- 19.9 The Supplier shall comply with the requirements of Schedule 2.4 (Security Management) and Schedule 8.6 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery).
- 19.10 The Authority shall notify the Supplier of any changes or proposed changes to the Baseline Security Requirements.
- 19.11 If the Supplier believes that a change or proposed change to the Baseline Security Requirements will have a material and unavoidable cost implication to the Services it may submit a Change Request. In doing so, the Supplier must support its request by providing evidence of the cause of any increased costs and the steps that it has taken to mitigate those costs. Any change to the Charges shall then be agreed in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.
- 19.12 Until and/or unless a change to the Charges is agreed by the Authority pursuant to Clause 19.11 the Supplier shall continue to perform the Services in accordance with its existing obligations.

Malicious Software

- 19.13 The Supplier shall, as an enduring obligation throughout the Term, use the latest versions of anti-virus definitions and software available from an industry accepted anti-virus software vendor (unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Parties) to check for, contain the spread of, and minimise the impact of Malicious Software in the IT Environment (or as otherwise agreed by the Parties).
- 19.14 Notwithstanding Clause 19.13, if Malicious Software is found, the Parties shall co-operate to reduce the effect of the Malicious Software and, particularly if Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of Authority Data, assist each other to mitigate any Losses and to restore the Services to their desired operating efficiency.

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20. Confidentiality

20.1 For the purposes of this Clause 20, the term "**Disclosing Party**" shall mean a Party which discloses or makes available directly or indirectly its Confidential Information and "**Recipient**" shall mean the Party which receives or obtains directly or indirectly Confidential Information.

20.2 Except to the extent set out in this Clause 20 or where disclosure is expressly permitted elsewhere in this Agreement, the Recipient shall:

- (a) treat the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information as confidential and keep it in secure custody (which is appropriate depending upon the form in which such materials are stored and the nature of the Confidential Information contained in those materials);
- (b) not disclose the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information to any other person except as expressly set out in this Agreement or without obtaining the owner's prior written consent;
- (c) not use or exploit the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information in any way except for the purposes anticipated under this Agreement; and
- (d) immediately notify the Disclosing Party if it suspects or becomes aware of any unauthorised access, copying, use or disclosure in any form of any of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information.

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20.3 The Recipient shall be entitled to disclose the Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party where:

- (a) the Recipient is required to disclose the Confidential Information by law, provided that Clause 21 (Freedom of Information) shall apply to disclosures required under the FOIA or the EIRs;
- (b) the need for such disclosure arises out of or in connection with:
 - (i) any legal challenge or potential legal challenge against the Authority arising out of or in connection with this Agreement;
 - (ii) the purpose of the examination and certification of the Authority's accounts (provided that the disclosure is made on a confidential basis) or for any examination pursuant to section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority is making use of any Services provided under this Agreement; or
 - (iii) the conduct of a Central Government Body review in respect of this Agreement; or
- (c) the Recipient has reasonable grounds to believe that the Disclosing Party is involved in activity that may constitute a criminal offence under the Bribery Act 2010 and the disclosure is being made to the Serious Fraud Office.

20.4 If the Recipient is required by Law to make a disclosure of Confidential Information, the Recipient shall as soon as reasonably practicable and to the extent permitted by Law notify the Disclosing Party of the full circumstances of the required disclosure including the relevant Law and/or regulatory body requiring such disclosure and the Confidential Information to which such disclosure would apply.

20.5 The Supplier may disclose the Confidential Information of the Authority on a confidential basis only to:

- (a) Supplier Personnel who are directly involved in the provision of the Services and need to know the Confidential Information to enable performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement;

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- (b) Network Sharing Partners who: (i) are directly involved in the provision of the Services and need to know the Confidential Information to enable performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement; and (ii) have given and are subject to appropriate non-disclosure or confidentiality undertakings;
- (c) its auditors; and
- (d) its professional advisers for the purposes of obtaining advice in relation to this Agreement.

Where the Supplier discloses Confidential Information of the Authority pursuant to this Clause 20.5, it shall remain responsible at all times for compliance with the confidentiality obligations set out in this Agreement by the persons to whom disclosure has been made.

20.5A For the purposes of Clause 20.5(b), the Supplier shall:

- (a) ensure that the Network Sharing Partners are informed of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information of the Authority which may be in general terms and which reiterates the non-disclosure or confidentiality undertakings referred to in Clause 20.5(b) at the outset of the relationship;
- (b) disclose the Confidential Information of the Authority (which includes that which identifies a User and/or relates to User information) to the Network Sharing Partners only to the extent necessary to enable the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) take such steps that would be reasonable and proportionate to the Supplier in the context of an on-going strategic network sharing relationship to enforce any obligation of confidence imposed or required to be imposed on the Network Sharing Partners by Clause 20.5(b)(ii) provided that in no event shall this clause 20.5A(c) require the Supplier to commence legal proceedings before a court or tribunal (including arbitration); or any ancillary functions in relation to such proceedings (such as entering appearances to actions); or alternative dispute resolution or any early neutral evaluation proceedings, in each case in relation to its Network Sharing Partners.

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20.6 The Authority may disclose the Confidential Information of the Supplier:

- (a) on a confidential basis to any Central Government Body for any proper purpose of the Authority or of the relevant Central Government Body;
- (b) to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary reporting requirement;
- (c) to the extent that the Authority (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions;
- (d) on a confidential basis to a professional adviser, consultant, supplier or other person engaged by the Authority or any of the entities described in Clause 20.6(a) (including any benchmarking organisation) for any purpose relating to or connected with this Agreement or for the purpose of ESMCP;
- (e) on a confidential basis for the purpose of the exercise of its rights under this Agreement, including the Audit Rights, its step-in rights pursuant to Clause 29 (Step-In Rights), its rights to appoint a Remedial Adviser pursuant to Clause 28 (Remedial Adviser) and Exit Management rights; or
- (f) on a confidential basis to a proposed Successor Body in connection with any assignment, novation or disposal of any of its rights, obligations or liabilities under this Agreement,

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 Clause 20 (Confidentiality).

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20.7 Nothing in this Clause 20 shall prevent a Recipient from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of this Agreement in the course of its normal business to the extent that this use does not result in a disclosure of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information or an infringement of Intellectual Property

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Rights. Relevant sections of this Agreement may be disclosed to a User Organisation where necessary for compliance with and enforcement of the terms of the User Organisation Order Contract. For the avoidance of doubt, any provisions containing information which is sensitive to the Authority, including without limitation, those related to Clause 22A () and anything notified by the Authority to the Supplier as being confidential to the Authority in relation to the Optional Services Catalogue shall not be shared with any User Organisations without the prior written consent of the Authority.

Transparency

20.8 The Parties acknowledge that:

- (a) the Transparency Reports;
 - (b) the content of this Agreement, including any changes to this Agreement agreed from time to time, except for:
 - (i) any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, which shall be determined by the Authority; and
 - (ii) Commercially Sensitive Information; and
 - (c) the Publishable Performance Information
- (together, the “**Transparency Information**”) are not Confidential Information.

20.9 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Supplier hereby gives its consent for the Authority to publish to the general public the Transparency Information in its entirety (but with any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA redacted). The Authority shall, prior to publication, consult with the Supplier on the manner and format of publication and to inform its decision regarding any redactions but shall have the final decision in its absolute discretion. The Supplier shall assist and co-operate with the Authority to enable the Authority to publish the Transparency Information, including the preparation of the

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Transparency Reports in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Schedule 8.4 (Reports and Records Provisions).

- 20.10 If the Authority believes that publication of any element of the Transparency Information would be contrary to the public interest, the Authority shall be entitled to exclude such information from publication. The Authority acknowledges that it would expect the public interest by default to be best served by publication of the Transparency Information in its entirety. Accordingly, the Authority acknowledges that it will only exclude Transparency Information from publication in exceptional circumstances and agrees that where it decides to exclude information from publication it will provide a clear explanation to the Supplier.
- 20.11 The Authority shall publish the Transparency Information in a format that assists the general public in understanding the relevance and completeness of the information being published to ensure the public obtain a fair view on how the Agreement is being performed, having regard to the context of the wider commercial relationship with the Supplier.
- 20.12 The Supplier agrees that any Information it holds that is not included in the Transparency Reports but is reasonably relevant to or that arises from the provision of the Services shall be provided to the Authority on request unless the cost of doing so would exceed the appropriate limit prescribed under section 12 of the FOIA. The Authority may disclose such information under the FOIA and the EIRs and may (except for Commercially Sensitive Information, Confidential Information (subject to Clause 20.6(c)) and Open Book Data) publish such Information. The Supplier shall:
- 20.12.1 provide to the Authority within five (5) Working Days (or such other period as the Authority may reasonably specify) any such Information requested by the Authority;
 - 20.12.2 inform the Authority which (if any) parts of the Information is Commercially Sensitive Information at the time it is provided for consideration by the Authority; and
 - 20.12.3 where relevant, provide reasons as to why the Commercially Sensitive Information should not be disclosed,

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provided that the Supplier has responded within the required timescales and does not risk the Authority breaching the timescales set out in the FOIA and the EIRs, the Authority shall take the Supplier's response under Clauses 20.12.1 – 20.12.3 into account to inform the Authority's decision to disclose the information. The Authority shall have the final decision in its absolute discretion.

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21. Freedom of Information

21.1 The Supplier acknowledges that the Authority is subject to the requirements of the FOIA and the EIRs. The Supplier shall:

- (a) provide all necessary assistance and cooperation as reasonably requested by the Authority to enable the Authority to comply with its obligations under the FOIA and EIRs;
- (b) transfer to the Authority all Requests For Information relating to this Agreement or the Terminated Agreement that it receives as soon as practicable and in any event within two (2) Working Days of receipt;

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- (c) provide the Authority with a copy of all Information belonging to the Authority requested in the Request For Information which is in its possession or control in the form that the Authority requires within five (5) Working Days (or such other period as the Authority may reasonably specify) of the Authority's request for such Information; and
- (d) not respond directly to a Request For Information unless authorised in writing to do so by the Authority.

21.2 The Supplier acknowledges that, notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Authority may be required under the FOIA and EIRs to disclose Information (including Commercially Sensitive Information), including in circumstances without consulting or obtaining consent from the Supplier. The Authority shall take reasonable steps to notify the Supplier of a Request For Information (in accordance with the Secretary of State's section 45 Code of Practice on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the FOIA) to the extent that it is permissible and reasonably practical for it to do so but (notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement including, for the avoidance of doubt, Clauses 20.8 – 20.12 (**Transparency**)) the Authority shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any Commercially Sensitive Information and/or any other information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the FOIA and/or the EIRs.

22. Protection of Personal Data

22.1 The Parties acknowledge that for the purposes of the Data Protection Legislation, the nature of the activity carried out by each of them in relation to their respective obligations under this Agreement will determine the status of each Party under the Data Protection Legislation. A Party may act as:

- (a) "Controller" (where the other Party acts as the "Processor" or an "Independent Controller");
- (b) "Processor" (where the other Party acts as the "Controller");
- (c) "Joint Controller" (where both Parties are considered to jointly control the same Personal Data);

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- (d) "Independent Controller" of the Personal Data where the other Party is also "Controller" of the same Personal Data in its own right (but there is no of joint control of the relevant Processing activity);

As at the Effective Date, the Parties' current understanding is that each will act as an Independent Controller in relation to the Personal Data which they Process in the performance of their obligations under this Agreement, except to the extent identified in Schedule 11 (Processing Personal Data). In order to ensure that the Details of Processing in Part A, Part B, Part C (if applicable) and Part D of Schedule 11 (Processing Personal Data) ("**Details of Processing**") reflect the relevant activities under this Agreement and to ensure appropriate ongoing protections for Data Subjects, the Parties agree to use their reasonable endeavours to jointly review and update the Details of Processing within six (6) months of the Effective Date, and, as an outcome of that exercise, to update the Details of Processing in Schedule 11 (Processing Personal Data) accordingly with the relevant agreed Processing activities. Subject to Clause 22.15, the Parties further agree that, as at the Effective Date, they are not Joint Controllers of Personal Data under this Agreement.

Where one Party is a Controller and the other Party is its Processor

22.2 Each Party acknowledges and agrees that in relation to Personal Data Processed under or in connection with this Agreement:

- (a) the Supplier will Process Personal Data on behalf of the Authority as Processor in the circumstances described in Part A and Part B of Schedule 11 (Processing Personal Data) (which has been agreed by the Parties);
- (b) the Authority will Process Personal Data on behalf of the Supplier as Data Processor in the circumstances described in Part C of Schedule 11 (Processing Personal Data) (which has been agreed by the Parties).

Accordingly, in this Clause, "Processor" and "Controller" may refer to either Party, as the context requires.

22.3 The Processor shall notify the Controller without undue delay if it considers that any of the Controller's instructions infringe the Data Protection Legislation.

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22.4 If reasonably requested by the Controller and required by Data Protection Legislation, the Processor shall provide reasonable assistance to the Controller in the preparation of any Data Protection Impact Assessment prior to starting any Processing to be carried out by the Processor. Such assistance may, at the Controller's discretion, include, to the extent applicable to the Processing to be carried out by the Processor:

- (a) a systematic description of the envisaged Processing operations;
- (b) supporting the Controller where the Controller conducts an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the processing operations in relation to the Services;
- (c) an assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects; and
- (d) the measures envisaged to address the risks, including safeguards, security measures and mechanisms to ensure the protection of Personal Data taking into account the rights and legitimate interests of Data Subjects and other persons concerned;

22.5 The Processor shall, in relation to any Personal Data Processed in connection with its obligations under this Agreement;

- (a) Process that Personal Data only in accordance with the relevant provisions of Schedule 11 (Processing Personal Data), which shall constitute the Controller's instructions in respect of the Processing, unless the Processor is required to do otherwise by law. If it is so required the Processor shall notify the relevant Controller of that legal requirement before Processing the Personal Data unless prohibited by law on important grounds of public interest;
 - (i) ensure that it has in place Protective Measures which are appropriate to protect against a Data Loss Event;
- (b) ensure that:
 - (i) the Processor personnel do not Process Personal Data except in accordance with this Agreement (and in particular Schedule 11 (Processing Personal Data));

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- (ii) it takes all reasonable steps to ensure the reliability and integrity of any personnel who have access to Personal Data and ensure that they:
 - (a) are aware of and comply with the Processor's duties under this Clause 22 (Protection of Personal Data), Clause 20 (Confidentiality) and Clause 19 (Authority Data and Security Requirements);
 - (b) are subject to appropriate confidentiality undertakings or under an appropriate statutory obligation of confidentiality with the Processor or any Sub-processor;
 - (c) are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and do not publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data to any third party unless directed in writing to do so by the Controller or as otherwise permitted by this Agreement; and
 - (d) have undergone appropriate training in the use, care, protection and handling of the Personal Data.
- (c) where the Personal Data is subject to UK GDPR, not transfer such Personal Data outside of the UK to a country or international organisation not deemed adequate for the purposes of Article 45 of the UK GDPR (or section 73 of DPA 2018), unless the prior written consent of the Controller has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - (i) the Controller or the Processor has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer (whether in accordance with Article 46 of the UK GDPR or DPA 2018 Section 75) which could include relevant parties entering into the International Data Transfer Agreement or International Data Transfer Agreement Addendum to the European Commission's SCCs as published by the Information Commissioner's Office under section 119A(1) of the DPA 2018 from time to time, as well as any additional necessary measures agreed by the Parties;

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- (ii) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;
 - (iii) the Processor complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred; and
 - (iv) subject to Paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 of Schedule 11 (Processing Personal Data), the Processor complies with any reasonable instructions as notified to it in advance by the Controller in writing with respect to the transfer of the Personal Data;
- (d) where the Personal Data is subject to EU GDPR, not transfer such Personal Data outside of the EU to a country or international organisation not deemed adequate for the purposes of Article 45 of the EU GDPR unless the prior written consent of the Controller has been obtained and the following conditions are fulfilled:
- (i) the Controller or the Processor has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer in accordance with Article 46 of the EU GDPR which could include relevant parties entering into Standard Contractual Clauses in the European Commission's decision 2021/914/EU or such updated version of such Standard Contractual Clauses as are published by the European Commission from time to time as well as any additional necessary measures agreed by the Parties;
 - (ii) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies;
 - (iii) the Processor complies with its obligations under the EU GDPR by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred; and
 - (iv) subject to Paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 of Schedule 11 (Processing Personal Data), the Processor complies with any reasonable written

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instructions notified to it in advance by the Controller with respect to the transfer of the Personal Data; and

- (e) at the written direction of the Controller, delete (to the extent technically practicable) or return Personal Data (and any copies of it) to the Controller on termination of this Agreement except if the Processor is required by law to retain the Personal Data or retains such Personal Data in order to establish, exercise or defend any actual or possible legal claims, in which case it shall do so as a Data Controller;

22.5A The Controller agrees that it shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its consent requested by the Processor in connection with Clauses 22.5(c) and 22.5(d).

22.6 Subject to Clause 22.7, the Processor shall notify the Controller within 5 Working Days (or in the case of Clause 22.6(f), without undue delay), if, in respect of Processing of Personal Data on the Controller's behalf pursuant to this Agreement it:

- (a) receives a Data Subject Access Request (or purported Data Subject Access Request);
- (b) receives a request to rectify, block or erase any Personal Data;
- (c) receives any other request, complaint or communication relating to the other Party's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation;
- (d) receives any communication from the Information Commissioner's Office or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data Processed under this Agreement;
- (e) receives a request from any third party for disclosure of Personal Data where compliance with such request is required or purported to be required by applicable law; or
- (f) becomes aware of a Data Loss Event.

22.7 The Processor's obligation to notify under Clause 22.6 includes the provision of further information to the Controller in phases as details become available, as reasonably requested by the Controller.

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22.8 Taking into account the nature of the Processing, the Processor shall provide the Controller with full assistance in relation to any complaint, communication or request made under Clause 22.6 (and insofar as possible within the timescales reasonably required by the Controller) including by promptly providing:

- (a) the Controller with full details and copies of the complaint, communication or request;
- (b) such assistance as is reasonably requested by the Controller to enable the Controller to comply with a Data Subject Access Request within the relevant timescales set out in the Data Protection Legislation;
- (c) the Controller, at its request, with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject;
- (d) assistance as reasonably requested by the Controller following any Data Loss Event; and
- (e) assistance as reasonably requested by the Controller with respect to any request from the Information Commissioner's Office or any other regulatory authority, or any consultation by the Controller with the Information Commissioner's Office or any other regulatory authority.
- (f) Each Party shall maintain complete and accurate records and information to demonstrate its compliance with this Clause 22.

22.9 Without prejudice to any other right of audit available to the Authority under this Agreement, the Processor shall allow for audits of its Processing activity by the Controller or the Controller's designated auditor to demonstrate compliance with the Processor's obligations under the Data Protection Legislation and this Clause 22, provided that in respect of any audit by the Controller in connection with Data Protection Legislation and this Clause 22.9:

- (a) the Supplier shall not be obliged to provide the Authority or its authorised auditors with access to the MS Network (or any network of a shared network provider) or the Supplier System if the Supplier reasonably believes that doing so would cause the Supplier to breach any Law (but agrees that it

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shall answer reasonable questions and/or provide reports in relation to them as may reasonably be required by the Authority for the purposes of any audit);

(b) each audit shall:

- (i) be subject to the confidentiality obligations set out in Clause 20;
- (ii) be conducted during regular business hours of the Processor; and
- (iii) Paragraphs 1.2, 2.1, 2.4 and 2.5 of Part C of Schedule 7.5 (Financial Reports and Audit Rights) shall apply in respect of any audit carried out by or on behalf of the Authority; and

nothing in this Clause 22.9 shall require the Supplier to breach any Law nor any duties of confidentiality owed to any of its customers, Supplier Personnel, Sub-contractors or network sharing partner.

22.10 In respect of any audit carried out by the Supplier:

- (a) nothing in this Clause 22.10 shall require the Authority to breach any law nor any duties of confidentiality owed to any third party;
- (b) except where an audit is imposed on the Supplier by a regulatory body or where the Supplier has reasonable grounds for believing that the Authority has not complied with its obligations under Data Protection Legislation and this Clause 22, the Supplier may not conduct an audit of the Authority more than once in any Contract Year;
- (c) the Supplier shall ensure that the conduct of each audit does not unreasonably disrupt the Authority;
- (d) except where an audit is imposed on the Supplier by a regulatory body, the Supplier shall provide at least ten (10) Working Days' notice of its intention to conduct an audit subject always to the Parties having agreed (acting reasonably) the scope of the audit prior to the Supplier providing such notice;

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- (e) all audits shall be conducted by appropriately security-cleared Supplier Personnel authorised by the Authority (acting reasonably); and
- (f) be limited to such Authority Systems which are used solely and exclusively by or on behalf of the Authority and its Processors pursuant to this Agreement.

22.11 The Processor shall designate a Data Protection Officer if required by the Data Protection Legislation.

22.12 The Controller agrees that the Processor may engage third party providers including any advisers, contractors, or auditors to Process Personal Data on the Controller's behalf ("**Sub-Processors**"), provided that before allowing any Sub-processor to Process any Personal Data in connection with this Agreement after the Effective Date ("**New Sub-Processor**"):

- (a) the Supplier shall comply with its obligations (and have the rights) as set out at Clauses 15.4 – 15.8 (Appointment of Sub-contractors) and the Authority shall comply with the Process at Clauses 15.7 and 15.8 and, to the extent applicable, any appointment by the Supplier of any New Sub-Processor will be subject to Clause 15; and
- (b) the Authority shall inform the Supplier of the engagement of any New Sub-Processor by sending an email notification to the Supplier's Data Protection Officer and the Supplier may object to the engagement of such New Sub-Processor by notifying the Authority within ten (10) Working Days of the Authority's email, provided that such objection must be on reasonable, substantial grounds, directly related to such New Sub-Processor's ability to comply with substantially similar obligations to those set out in this Clause. If the Supplier does not so object, the engagement of the New Sub-Processor shall be deemed accepted by the Supplier.

The Parties hereby consent to each Party's appointment of those Sub-processors engaged by the relevant Party as at the Effective Date.

22.13 The Processor shall remain fully liable for the acts and omissions of its Sub-processors.

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22.14 The Processor shall ensure that its contracts with Sub-Processors shall include obligations substantially similar to those imposed on the Processor under this Clause 22, in particular, in relation to requiring appropriate technical and organisational data security measures.

Where the Parties are Joint Controllers of Personal Data

22.15 To the extent that the Parties determine (or it is otherwise established, including as part of the joint review to be conducted in accordance with Clause 22.1) during the Term that in respect of any Processing of Personal Data under this Agreement they are Joint Controllers, then:

- (a) Article 26 of the UK GDPR relating to Joint Controllers will apply and each Party agrees to provide to each other Party such cooperation as may reasonably be required to assist that other Party in its compliance with Article 26; and
- (b) each Party will cooperate in good faith and acting reasonably in a timely manner to update this Clause 22 and Schedule 11 (Processing Personal Data) with such clauses as are reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with Article 26 of the UK GDPR.

Where the Parties are Independent Controllers of Personal Data

22.16 With respect to Personal Data provided by one Party to another Party for which each Party acts as Controller but which is not under the Joint Control of the Parties, each Party undertakes to:

- (a) comply with the applicable Data Protection Legislation in respect of their Processing of such Personal Data as Controller; and
- (b) use its reasonable endeavours to assist the other Party to comply with such Data Protection Legislation as reasonably required and shall not perform its obligations under this Agreement in such a way as to cause the other Party to breach any of its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation to the extent the Party is aware, or ought reasonably to have been aware, that the same would be a breach of such obligations.

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22.17 Each Party shall Process the Personal Data in compliance with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation and not do anything to cause the other Party to be in breach of it.

22.18 Where a Party has provided Personal Data to the other Party in accordance with Clause 22.16, the recipient of the Personal Data will provide all such relevant documents and information relating to its data protection policies and procedures as the other Party may reasonably require.

22.19 The Parties shall only provide Personal Data to each other:

- (a) to the extent necessary to perform the respective obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) in compliance with the Data Protection Legislation (including by ensuring all required fair processing information has been given to affected Data Subjects);
- (c) where the provision of Personal Data from one Party to another involves transfer of such data to outside the UK to a country or international organisation not deemed adequate for the purposes of Article 45 of the UK GDPR (or section 73 of DPA 2018) and/or the EEA to a country or international organisation not deemed adequate for the purposes of Article 45 of the EU GDPR, if the prior written consent of the non-transferring Party has been obtained (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and the following conditions are fulfilled:
 - (i) the transferring Party has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer (whether in accordance with Article 46 of the UK GDPR or DPA 2018 Section 75) which could include the International Data Transfer Agreement or International Data Transfer Agreement Addendum to the European Commission's SCCs as published by the Information Commissioner's Office as well as any additional necessary measures determined by the transferring Party;

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- (ii) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies; and
 - (iii) the transferring Party complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred;
- (d) where the Personal Data is subject to EU GDPR and where the provision of Personal Data from one Party to another involves transfer of such data to outside the EU to a country or international organisation not deemed adequate for the purposes of Article 45 of the EU GDPR, if the prior written consent of the non-transferring Party has been obtained (not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) and the following conditions are fulfilled:
- (i) the transferring Party has provided appropriate safeguards in relation to the transfer in accordance with Article 46 of the EU GDPR which could include relevant parties entering into Standard Contractual Clauses in the European Commission's decision 2021/914/EU or such updated version of such Standard Contractual Clauses as are published by the European Commission from time to time as well as any additional necessary measures determined by the transferring Party;
 - (ii) the Data Subject has enforceable rights and effective legal remedies; and
 - (iii) the transferring Party complies with its obligations under the Data Protection Legislation by providing an adequate level of protection to any Personal Data that is transferred.

22.20 Taking into account the state of the art, the costs of implementation and the nature, scope, context and purposes of Processing as well as the risk of varying likelihood and severity for the rights and freedoms of natural persons, each Party shall, with respect to its Processing of Personal Data as independent Controller, implement and maintain appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to that risk, including, as appropriate, the measures referred to in Article 32(1)(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the UK GDPR, and the measures shall, at a minimum,

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comply with the requirements of the Data Protection Legislation, including Article 32 of the UK GDPR. A Party Processing Personal Data for the purposes of this Agreement shall maintain a record of its Processing activities in accordance with Article 30 of the UK GDPR and shall make the record available to the other Party upon reasonable request.

22.21 Where a Party receives a request by any Data Subject to exercise any of their rights under the Data Protection Legislation in relation to the Personal Data provided to it by the other Party pursuant to this Agreement (**“the Request Recipient”**):

- (a) the other Party shall provide any information and/or assistance as reasonably requested by the Request Recipient to help it respond to the request or correspondence, at the cost of the Request Recipient; or
- (b) where the request or correspondence is directed to the other Party and/or relates to the other Party's Processing of the Personal Data, the Request Recipient will:
 - (i) promptly, and in any event within five (5) Working Days of receipt of the request or correspondence, inform the other Party that it has received the same and shall forward such request or correspondence to the other Party; and
 - (ii) provide any information and/or assistance as reasonably requested by the other Party to help it respond to the request or correspondence in the timeframes specified by Data Protection Legislation.

22.22 Each Party shall promptly notify the other Party upon it becoming aware of any Personal Data Breach relating to Personal Data provided by the other Party pursuant to this Agreement and shall:

- (a) do all such things as reasonably necessary to assist the other Party in mitigating the effects of the Personal Data Breach;
- (b) implement any measures necessary to restore the security of any compromised Personal Data;

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- (c) work with the other Party to make any required notifications to the Information Commissioner's Office or any other regulatory authority and affected Data Subjects in accordance with the Data Protection Legislation (including the timeframes set out therein); and
- (d) not do anything which may damage the reputation of the other Party or that Party's relationship with the relevant Data Subjects, save as required by law.

22.23 Notwithstanding the general application of Clauses 22.2 to 22.14 to Personal Data, where the Supplier is required to exercise its regulatory and/or legal obligations in respect of Personal Data, it shall act as an Independent Controller of Personal Data in accordance with Clause 22.16 to 22.22.

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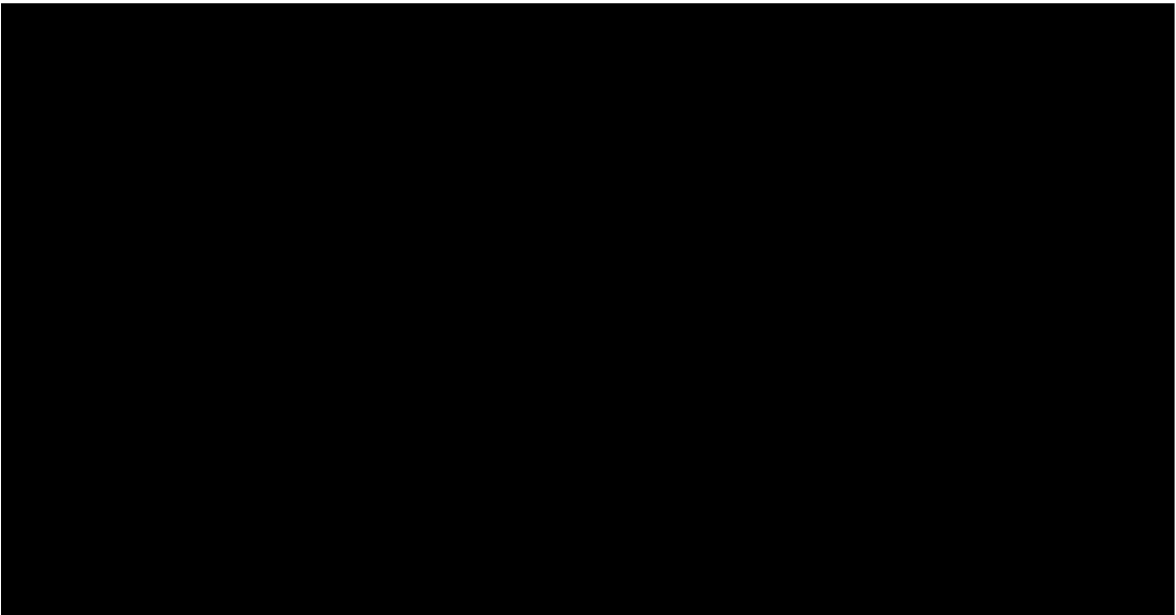
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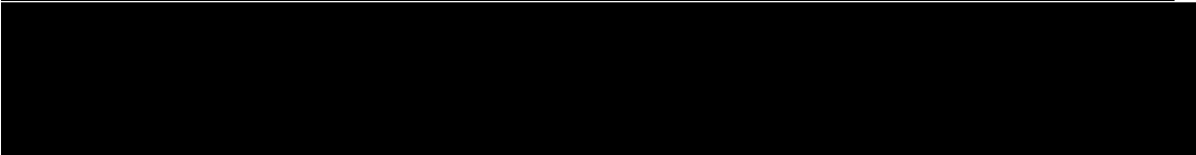
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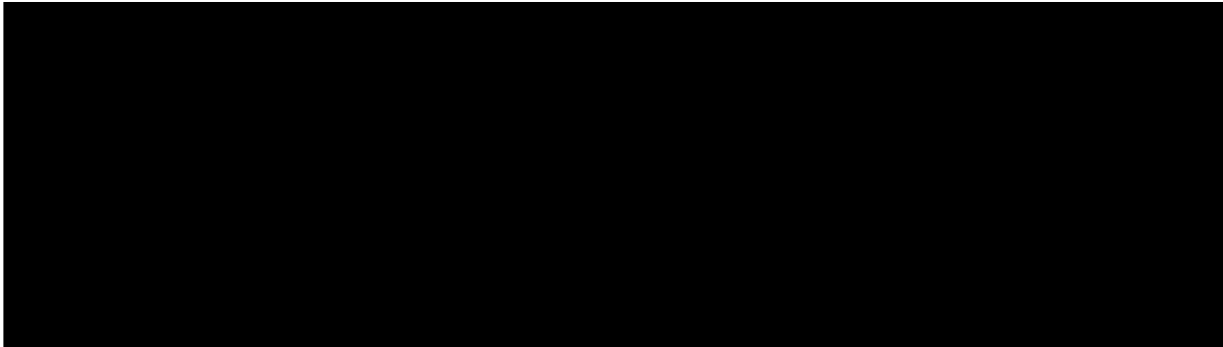
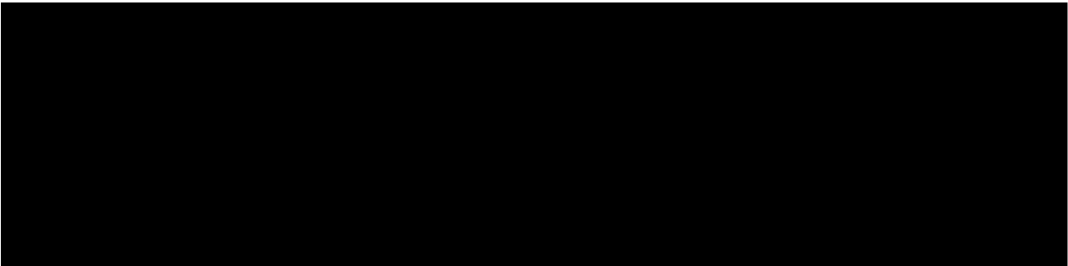
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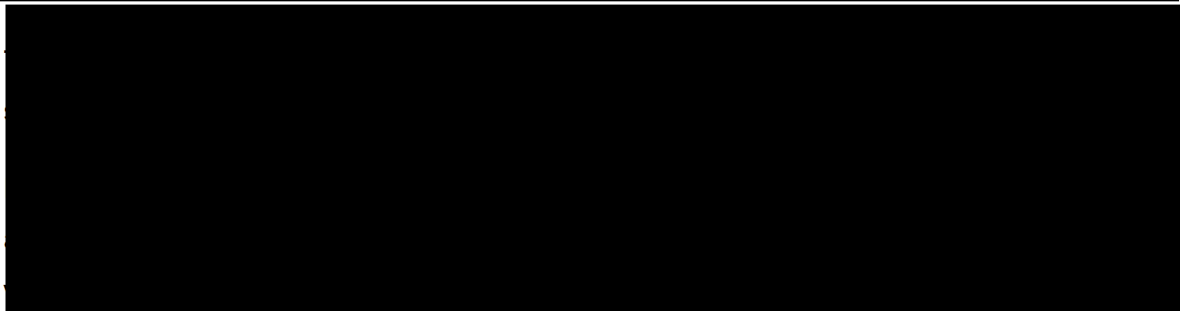


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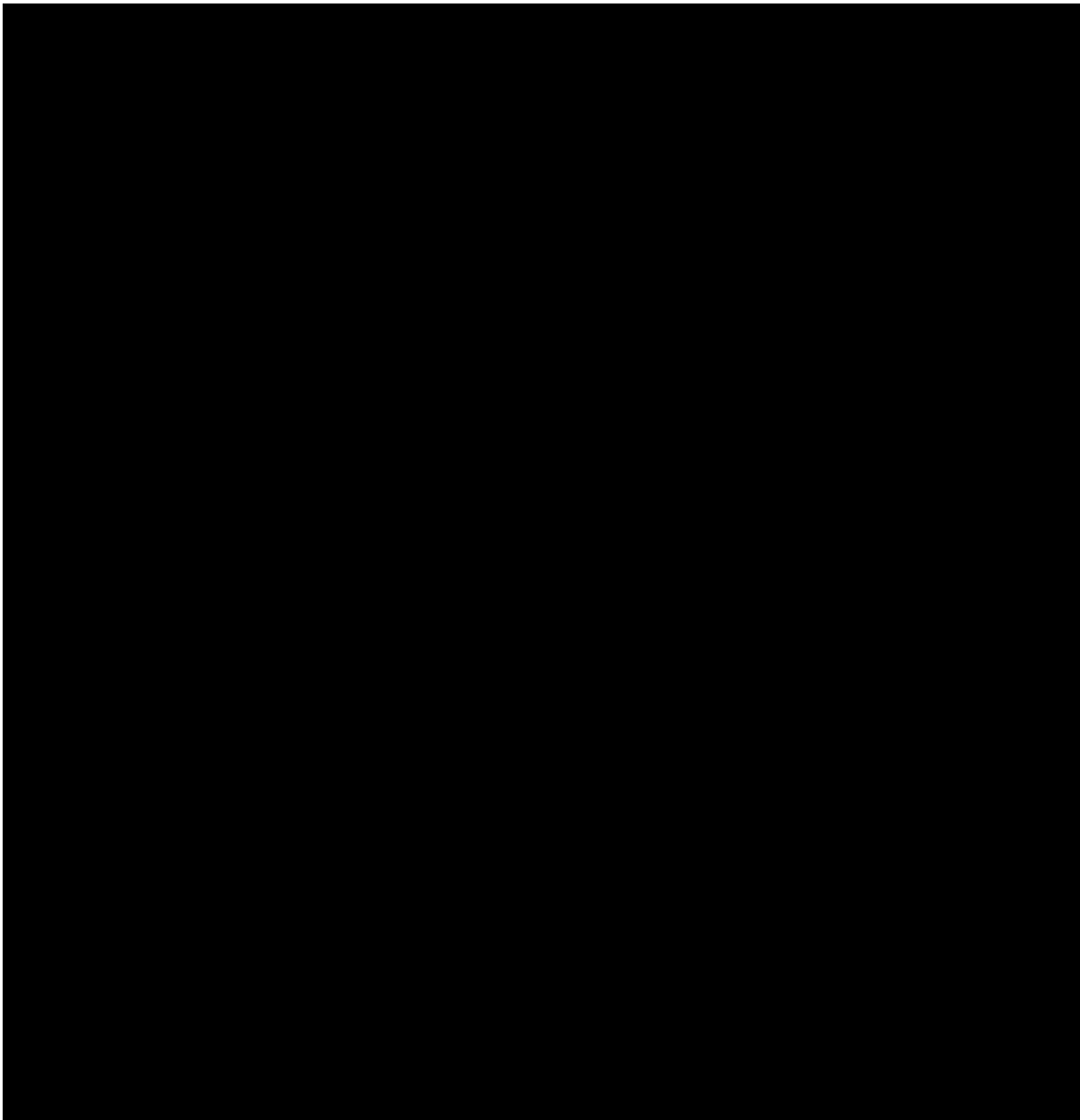
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23. Publicity and Branding

23.1 The Supplier shall not:

- (a) make any press announcements or publicise this Agreement or its contents in any way without the prior written consent of the Authority to the timing, placement and wording of the announcement, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed; or
- (b) except in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or as authorised under the terms of the Trade Mark Licence entered into or executed between the Parties under Clause 16.5 or otherwise with the prior written consent of the Authority, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed;
 - (i) use the Authority's name or use the Authority's Trade Marks, in any marketing, promotional or advertising materials of the Supplier; or
 - (ii) use the Authority's name or brand in any promotion or marketing or announcement of orders.

23.2

23.3 Each Party acknowledges to the other that nothing in this Agreement either expressly or by implication constitutes an endorsement of any products or services of the other Party (including the Services, the Supplier System and the Authority System) and each Party agrees not to conduct itself in such a way as to imply or express any such approval or endorsement. This shall not restrict Supplier using the Authority's Trade Marks to identify the Supplier as an authorised provider to the ESMCP providing the Supplier's use is in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or the terms of the Trade Mark Licence entered into or executed between the Parties under Clause 16.5.

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SECTION G – LIABILITY, INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE**24. Limitations on Liability****Unlimited Liability****24.1 Neither Party limits its liability for:**

- (a) death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or that of its employees, agents or Sub-contractors (as applicable);
- (b) fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or its employees;
- (c) breach of any obligation as to title implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982;
- (d) breach of any obligation under the Official Secrets Act 1989 or the National Security Act 2023; or
- (e) any liability to the extent it cannot be limited or excluded by Law.

24.2 The Supplier's liability in respect of the indemnities in Clause 10.6 (VAT), Clause 14.7 (Employment Indemnity), Clause 14.8 (Income Tax and National Insurance Contributions), Clause 18 (IPRS Indemnity), and Schedule 9.1 (Staff Transfer) shall be unlimited.

24.3 The Authority's liability in respect of the indemnities in Clause 14.7 (Employment Indemnity), and Schedule 9.1 (Staff Transfer) shall be unlimited.

24.3A The liabilities and obligations of EEL and BT Plc under this Agreement are joint and several. Any failure; Default; or breach of this Agreement by either EEL or BT Plc shall be respectively deemed a failure; Default; or breach by the Supplier.

Financial and other limits

24.4 Subject to Clauses 24.1 and 24.2 (Unlimited Liability) and Clauses 24.7 and 24.8 (Consequential losses):

- (a) the Supplier's aggregate liability in respect of loss of or damage to the Authority Premises or other property or assets of the Authority (including

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technical infrastructure, assets or equipment but excluding any loss or damage to the Authority's Data or any other data) that is caused by Defaults of the Supplier occurring in each and any Contract Year [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

(b) the Supplier's aggregate liability in respect of all:

- (i) Service Credits; and
- (ii) Compensation for Unacceptable KPI Failure;

incurred in any rolling period of 12 months shall be subject to the Service Credit Cap; and

(c) subject to Clause 24A, the Supplier's aggregate liability in respect of all other Losses incurred by the Authority under or in connection with this Agreement as a result of Defaults by the Supplier shall in no event exceed:

- (i) in relation to Defaults occurring in the first Contract Year or in the second Contract Year, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- (ii) in relation to Defaults occurring during any subsequent Contract Year, an amount equal to [REDACTED] of the Charges paid and/or due to be paid to the Supplier under this Agreement in the Contract Year immediately preceding the occurrence of the Default; and
- (iii) in relation to Defaults occurring after the end of the Term, an amount equal to [REDACTED] of the Charges paid and/or due to be paid to the Supplier in the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the last day of the Term,

provided that where any Losses referred to in Clause 24.4(c) have been incurred by the Authority as a result of the Supplier's abandonment of this Agreement or the Supplier's wilful default, wilful breach of a fundamental term of this Agreement or wilful repudiatory breach of this Agreement, [REDACTED]
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and references in such Clause to [REDACTED] shall be deemed to be references to [REDACTED].

24.5 Deductions from Charges shall not be taken into consideration when calculating the Supplier's liability under Clause 24.4(c).

24.6 Subject to Clauses 24.1 and 24.3 (Unlimited Liability) and Clause 24.7 (Consequential Losses) and without prejudice to the Authority's obligation to pay the Charges as and when they fall due for payment:

(a) the Authority's total aggregate liability in respect of all Losses incurred by the Supplier under or in connection with this Agreement as a result of early termination of this Agreement by the Authority pursuant to Clause 32.1(a) (Termination by the Authority) or by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 32.3(a) (Termination by the Supplier) shall in no event exceed the following amounts:

(i) in relation to the Unrecovered Payment, the amount set out in Paragraph 4 of Schedule 7.2 (Payments on Termination);

(ii) in relation to the Breakage Costs Payment, the amount set out in Paragraph 3.2 of Schedule 7.2 (Payments on Termination); and

(iii) in relation to the Compensation Payment, the amount set out in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7.2 (Payments on Termination);

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- (b) the Authority's aggregate liability in respect of all Losses incurred by the Supplier under or in connection with this Agreement as a result of Defaults of the Authority shall in no event exceed:
- (i) in relation to Defaults occurring in the first Contract Year or in the second Contract Year, [REDACTED]
 - (ii) in relation to Defaults occurring during any subsequent Contract Year, an amount equal to the [REDACTED] paid and/or due to be paid under this Agreement in the Contract Year immediately preceding the occurrence of the Default; and
 - (iii) in relation to Defaults occurring after the end of the Term, an amount equal to the [REDACTED] paid and/or due to be paid to the Supplier in the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the last day of the Term.

Consequential Losses

24.7 Subject to Clauses 24.1, 24.2 and 24.3 (Unlimited Liability) and Clause 24.8, neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for:

- (a) any indirect, special or consequential Loss; or
- (b) any loss of profits, turnover, business opportunities or damage to goodwill (in each case whether direct or indirect),

[REDACTED]

24.8 Notwithstanding Clause 24.7 but subject to Clause 24.4, the Supplier acknowledges that the Authority may, amongst other things, recover from the Supplier the following

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Losses incurred by the Authority to the extent that they arise as a result of a Default by the Supplier:

- (a) any additional operational and/or administrative costs and expenses incurred by the Authority, including costs relating to time spent by or on behalf of the Authority in dealing with the consequences of the Default;
- (b) any wasted expenditure or charges;
- (c) the additional cost of procuring Replacement Services for the remainder of the Term and/or replacement Deliverables, which shall include any incremental costs associated with such Replacement Services and/or replacement Deliverables above those which would have been payable under this Agreement;
- (d) any compensation or interest paid to a third party by the Authority;
- (e) any fine or penalty incurred by the Authority pursuant to Law and any costs incurred by the Authority in defending any proceedings which result in such fine or penalty;
- (f) any anticipated savings identified in Schedule 7.6 (Anticipated Savings);
- (g) the losses (excluding indirect, special or consequential losses of the same nature as those referred to in Clause 24.7) of any Authority Sub-contractors sustained as a result of the Supplier's breach of this Agreement; and
- (h) any losses arising directly from any infringement of third party Intellectual Property Rights or breach of any obligations under this Agreement relating to intellectual property, confidentiality, security, or pursuant to an indemnity (without prejudice to any such indemnities given).

Conduct of indemnity claims

24.9 Where under this Agreement one Party indemnifies the other Party, the Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 8.7 (Conduct of Claims) in relation to the conduct of claims made by a third person against the Party having (or claiming to have) the benefit of the indemnity.

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Mitigation

24.10 Each Party shall use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate any loss or damage suffered arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, including any Losses for which the relevant Party is entitled to bring a claim against the other Party pursuant to the indemnities in this Agreement.

No Double Recovery

24.11 Neither Party shall be entitled to recover damages whether in contract, tort (including negligence), equity or otherwise, or claim Service Credits, or Delay Payments or bring a claim under any indemnity in this Agreement, or otherwise obtain restitution more than once, in respect of the same loss.

24A Supplier Aggregate Liability in respect of general claims made by the Authority and User Organisations

24A.1 The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Supplier's aggregate liability to the Authority and all User Organisations is subject to the relevant limitations set out in this Clause 24A and Paragraph 10 of Schedule 12 (*ESN User Organisation Purchase Terms*).

24A.2 Subject to Clauses 24.1 and 24.2 (*Unlimited Liability*) and Clause 24.7 and 24.8 (*Consequential Losses*) and excluding any liability that is covered by:

24A.2.1 Clause 24.4(a) of this Agreement;

24A.2.2 Clause 24.4(b) of this Agreement;

24A.2.3 Paragraph 10 (*Aggregate Supplier Liability in Respect of Property Claims Made by User Organisations*) of Schedule 12 (*ESN User Organisation Purchase Terms*); and

24A.2.4 [REDACTED]

the Supplier's aggregate liability in respect of:

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(a) all liability that arises under Clause 24.4(c) occurring in the applicable Contract Year; and

(b) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and

(c) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED],

shall in no event exceed the Aggregate General Liability Cap.

24A.3 The Supplier shall report to the Authority within ten (10) Working Days of the end of each three-month period ending at the end of February, May, August and November during each Contract Year with details of:

24A.3.1 any claim including any relevant dispute that has arisen and/or any letter before claim that has been made by any User Organisation against the Supplier since the previous quarterly report was submitted (or for the purposes of the first such report since the Effective Date) that would fall within or be claimed against the Aggregate General Liability Cap including:

- (a) the nature and detail of the claim including how the claim arose;
- (b) the date of the occurrence that gave rise the claim and the relevant Contract Year to which the claim attaches; and
- (c) the value of the claim made by any User Organisation (if any); and

24A.3.2 any ongoing claims that are in progress that have previously been made by any User Organisation against the Supplier that would fall within or be claimed against the Aggregate General Liability Cap including:

- (a) an update on the status of each claim and any new or additional relevant details that have become known about the claim;

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- (b) any updated value (if any) attached to each claim as made by any User Organisation;
- (c) confirmation of the date of the occurrence that gave rise to each claim and the relevant Contract Year to which each claim relates; and
- (d) the Supplier's latest view of each claim and any alternative value, if any, attached to the relevant claim.

24A.4 In the quarterly report submitted by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 24A.3 the Supplier shall report separately in respect of each and every Contract Year to date:

24A.4.1 the aggregate value of any and all claims already paid to the Authority and any User Organisation by the Supplier that fall within the relevant Aggregate General Liability Cap (the "**Paid General Claim Value**");

24A.4.2 the aggregate value of any new and ongoing claims that would be paid (if successful) from the relevant Aggregate General Liability Cap where the value of such claim(s) shall be the value claimed by the Authority and any User Organisation concerned rather than the Supplier's assessment of the value of the claim(s) (save that where no value has been claimed by the Authority and/or any User Organisation concerned the Supplier shall use its reasonable estimate for such value and provide a brief explanation of its rationale for arriving at such estimate within the quarterly report) (such aggregate sum being the "**Ongoing General Claim Value**"); and

24A.4.3 the total aggregate value of the Paid General Claim Value and the Ongoing General Claim Value where such aggregate value for a Contract Year shall be known as the "**Contract Year General Claim Value**".

24A.5 Where at any time the Supplier becomes aware (or where informed by the Authority) that either:

24A.5.1 the Paid General Claim Value (as calculated pursuant to Paragraph 24A.4.1) for any Contract Year is greater than or equal to [REDACTED] of the Aggregate General Liability Cap for the Contract Year in question;

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and/or

24A.5.2 the Contract Year General Claim Value (as calculated pursuant to Paragraph 24A.4.3) for any Contract Year is greater than or equal to [REDACTED] of the Aggregate General Liability Cap for the Contract Year in question;

then such occurrence (the “**Aggregate General Liability Cap Trigger**”) shall constitute a material Default for the purposes of Clause 26.1(c) and the remaining provisions of Clause 26 shall apply provided that:

- (a) where the Aggregate General Liability Cap Trigger is in relation to a previous Contract Year, the Supplier shall (acting reasonably) consider and take into account in the draft Rectification Plan any relevant claims history in relation to the relevant Contract Year (including any lessons learnt from such claims) and whether any underlying issues have been resolved; and
- (b) where the Aggregate General Liability Cap Trigger is in relation to the current Contract Year:
 - (i) Clause 26.6(c) shall be construed as the steps which the Supplier proposes to take to prevent such Notifiable Default from recurring and any further encroachment into Aggregate General Liability Cap, including timescales for such steps; and
 - (ii) in proposing such steps, the Supplier shall: (aa) (acting reasonably) consider the nature and extent of the claims arising; and (bb) propose any interim steps that the Supplier considers appropriate (acting reasonably) to reduce the likelihood the occurrence of similar claims in the fulfilment of the agreed Rectification Plan.

24A.6 The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that it will be necessary for any User Organisation contemplating ordering UO Services from the Supplier to be able to understand the availability or otherwise of the Aggregate General Liability Cap in each Contract Year. Accordingly, the Supplier has agreed to make available (at not less than a three-monthly basis) for display on the Self-Service Interface the current status of the Aggregate General Liability Cap in the current Contract Year and each

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preceding Contract Year. Where a User Organisation wishes to purchase UO Services (other than a survey) under a new User Organisation Order Contract (or additional UO Services under an existing User Organisation Order Contract) the Supplier shall ensure that it makes such User Organisation aware of the current status of the availability or otherwise of the Aggregate General Liability Cap in the Contract Year in question so that a User Organisation can make an informed choice over whether to proceed with, no longer proceed with or delay such order.

24A.8 In circumstances where the trigger in Clause 24A.5.2 is met in any Contract Year the consequences set out in Clause 24A.5 shall apply. However, where the Supplier becomes aware that the trigger set out in Clause 24A.5.2 is no longer met for a Contract Year due to the settlement or withdrawal of a claim(s) it shall notify the Authority providing full details settling out why the trigger is no longer met. The Authority shall consider such information and where it is satisfied (acting reasonably) that the trigger in Clause 24A.5.2 no longer applies then the Rectification Plan Process in respect of such trigger shall be paused. The Supplier agrees that the Rectification Plan Process shall recommence at any time where the Supplier becomes aware (or the Supplier is informed by the Authority) that the trigger in Clause 24A.5.2 has again been met for the applicable Contract Year.

24A.9 The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Supplier shall be entitled to settle and/or accept liability under User Organisation Order Contracts [REDACTED] that would fall to be included in the Aggregate General Liability Cap. The Supplier shall inform relevant User Organisations as to the availability or otherwise of the Aggregate General Liability Cap and the relevance of this to the Supplier's its ability to make financial payments in settling claims.

25. Insurance

The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 2.5 (Insurance Requirements) in relation to obtaining and maintaining insurance.

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SECTION H – REMEDIES AND RELIEF

26. Rectification Plan Process

26.1 In the event that:

- (a) there is, or is reasonably likely to be, a Delay; or
- (b) in any Service Period there has been
 - (i) a Material KPI Failure; and/or
 - (ii) a Material PI Failure; and/or
- (c) the Supplier commits a material Default that is capable of remedy (and for these purposes a material Default may be a single material Default or a number of Defaults or repeated Defaults (whether of the same or different obligations and regardless of whether such Defaults are remedied) which taken together constitute a material Default); and/or
- (d) in respect of a Rejected Block, if the circumstances in Paragraph 1.22(a) of Part A of Annex 1B (Block Site Process & Additional Mobilisation Milestones) of Schedule 6.1 (Implementation Plan) apply;

(each a "**Notifiable Default**"), the Supplier shall notify the Authority of the Notifiable Default as soon as practicable but in any event within three (3) Working Days of becoming aware of the Notifiable Default, detailing the actual or anticipated effect of the Notifiable Default and, unless the Notifiable Default also constitutes a Rectification Plan Failure or other Supplier Termination Event, the Authority may not terminate this Agreement in whole or in part on the grounds of the Notifiable Default without first following the Rectification Plan Process.

Notification

26.2 If:

- (a) the Supplier notifies the Authority pursuant to Clause 26.1 that a Notifiable Default has occurred; or

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- (b) the Authority notifies the Supplier that it considers that a Notifiable Default has occurred (setting out sufficient detail so that it is reasonably clear what the Supplier has to rectify),

then, unless the Notifiable Default also constitutes a Supplier Termination Event and the Authority serves a Termination Notice, the Supplier shall comply with the Rectification Plan Process.

- 26.3 Where the Supplier disputes that there has been a Notifiable Default, the Parties shall refer this to the Dispute Resolution Procedure, but shall continue to follow the Rectification Plan Process against the Notifiable Default as set out by the Authority, notwithstanding the Dispute.
- 26.4 The Rectification Plan Process shall be as set out in Clauses 26.5 (Submission of the draft Rectification Plan) to 26.10 (Agreement of the Rectification Plan).

Submission of the draft Rectification Plan

- 26.5 The Supplier shall submit a draft Rectification Plan to the Authority for it to review as soon as possible and in any event within ten (10) Working Days (or such other period as may be agreed between the Parties) after the original notification pursuant to Clause 26.2 (Notification). The Supplier shall submit a draft Rectification Plan even if the Supplier disputes that it is responsible for the Notifiable Default.
- 26.6 The draft Rectification Plan shall set out:
- (a) full details of the Notifiable Default that has occurred, including a root cause analysis;
 - (b) the actual or anticipated effect of the Notifiable Default;
 - (c) the steps which the Supplier proposes to take to rectify the Notifiable Default (if applicable) and to prevent such Notifiable Default from recurring, including timescales for such steps and for the rectification of the Notifiable Default (where applicable); and
- 26.7 The Supplier shall promptly provide to the Authority any further documentation that the Authority reasonably requires to assess the Supplier's root cause analysis. If the

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Parties do not agree on the root cause set out in the draft Rectification Plan, either Party may refer the matter to be determined by an expert in accordance with Paragraph 5 of Schedule 8.3 (Dispute Resolution Procedure).

Agreement of the Rectification Plan

26.8 The Authority may reject the draft Rectification Plan by notice to the Supplier if, acting reasonably, it considers that the draft Rectification Plan is inadequate, for example because:

- (a) it is insufficiently detailed to be capable of proper evaluation;
- (b) it will take too long to complete;
- (c) it will not prevent reoccurrence of the Notifiable Default; and/or
- (d) it will rectify the Notifiable Default but in a manner which is unacceptable to the Authority.

26.9 The Authority shall notify the Supplier whether it consents to the draft Rectification Plan as soon as reasonably practicable. If the Authority rejects the draft Rectification Plan, the Authority shall give reasons for its decision and the Supplier shall take the reasons into account in the preparation of a revised Rectification Plan. The Supplier shall submit the revised draft of the Rectification Plan to the Authority for review within five (5) Working Days (or such other period as agreed between the Parties) of the Authority's notice rejecting the first draft.

26.10 If the Authority consents to the Rectification Plan:

- (a) the Supplier shall immediately start work on the actions set out in the Rectification Plan;
- (b) the Authority may no longer terminate this Agreement in whole or in part on the grounds of the relevant Notifiable Default.

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27. Delay Payments

27.1 If a Key Milestone has not been Achieved by its relevant Milestone Date, the provisions of Paragraph 3 of Part 2 of Schedule 7.1 (Charges and Invoicing) shall apply in relation to the payment of Delay Payments.

27.2 Delay Payments shall be the Authority's exclusive financial remedy for the Supplier's failure to Achieve a Key Milestone by its Milestone Date except where:

(a) the Authority is entitled to or does terminate this Agreement pursuant to Clause 32.1(b) (Termination by the Authority); or

(b) the Delay exceeds the Delay Deduction Period,

and in which circumstances the Authority may seek to recover any additional loss and damage.

28. Remedial Adviser

28.1 If:

(a) any of the Intervention Trigger Events occur; or

(b) the Authority reasonably believes that any of the Intervention Trigger Events are likely to occur,

(each an "**Intervention Cause**"), the Authority may give notice to the Supplier (an "**Intervention Notice**") giving reasonable details of the Intervention Cause and requiring:

(i) a meeting between the Authority Representative and the Supplier Representative to discuss the Intervention Cause; and/or

(ii) the appointment as soon as practicable by the Supplier of a Remedial Adviser, as further described in this Clause 28.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the Intervention Cause is also a Supplier Termination Event, the Authority has no obligation to exercise its rights under this Clause 28.1 prior to or instead of exercising its right to terminate this Agreement.

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28.2 If the Authority gives notice that it requires the appointment of a Remedial Adviser:

- (a) the Remedial Adviser shall be:
 - (i) a person selected by the Supplier and approved by the Authority; or
 - (ii) if none of the persons selected by the Supplier have been approved by the Authority (or no person has been selected by the Supplier) within ten (10) Working Days following the date on which the Intervention Notice is given, a person identified by the Authority;
- (b) the terms of engagement and start date agreed with the Remedial Adviser must be approved by the Authority; and
- (c) any right of the Authority to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Clause 32.1(b) (Termination by the Authority) for the occurrence of that Intervention Cause shall be suspended for sixty (60) Working Days from (and including) the date of the Intervention Notice (or such other period as may be agreed between the Parties) (the "**Intervention Period**").

28.3 The Remedial Adviser's overall objective shall be to mitigate the effects of, and (to the extent capable of being remedied) to remedy, the Intervention Cause and to avoid the occurrence of similar circumstances in the future. In furtherance of this objective (but without diminishing the Supplier's responsibilities under this Agreement), the Parties agree that the Remedial Adviser may undertake any one or more of the following actions:

- (a) observe the conduct of and work alongside the Supplier Personnel to the extent that the Remedial Adviser considers reasonable and proportionate having regard to the Intervention Cause;
- (b) gather any information the Remedial Adviser considers relevant in the furtherance of its objective;
- (c) write reports and provide information to the Authority in connection with the steps being taken by the Supplier to remedy the Intervention Cause;

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- (d) make recommendations to the Authority and/or the Supplier as to how the Intervention Cause might be mitigated or avoided in the future; and/or
- (e) take any other steps that the Authority and/or the Remedial Adviser reasonably considers necessary or expedient in order to mitigate or rectify the Intervention Cause.

28.4 The Supplier shall:

- (a) work alongside, provide information to, co-operate in good faith with and adopt any reasonable methodology in providing the Services recommended by the Remedial Adviser;
- (b) ensure that the Remedial Adviser has all the access it may require in order to carry out its objective, including access to the Assets;
- (c) submit to such monitoring as the Authority and/or the Remedial Adviser considers reasonable and proportionate in respect of the Intervention Cause; and
- (d) implement any reasonable recommendations made by the Remedial Adviser that have been approved by the Authority within the timescales given by the Remedial Adviser; and
- (e) not terminate the appointment of the Remedial Adviser prior to the end of the Intervention Period without the prior consent of the Authority (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld).

28.5 The Supplier shall be responsible for:

- (a) the costs of appointing, and the fees charged by, the Remedial Adviser; and
- (b) its own costs in connection with any action required by the Authority and/or the Remedial Adviser pursuant to this Clause 28.

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28.6 If:

(a) the Supplier:

(i) fails to perform any of the steps required by the Authority in an Intervention Notice; and/or

(ii) is in Default of any of its obligations under Clause 28.4; and/or

(b) the relevant Intervention Trigger Event is not rectified by the end of the Intervention Period,

(each a "**Remedial Adviser Failure**"), the Authority shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Clause 32.1(b) (Termination by the Authority).

29. Step-In Rights

29.1 The Supplier shall develop, within thirty (30) Working Days of the Effective Date, a detailed step-in plan in the form reasonably requested by the Authority ("**Step-In Plans**").

29.2 The Supplier shall obtain the Authority Representative's written approval of the Step-In Plans, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. The Supplier acknowledges and accepts that the Authority's approval shall not act as an endorsement of the Step-in Plans and shall not relieve the Supplier of its responsibility for ensuring that the Services are provided to the standard required by this Agreement.

29.3 On the occurrence of a Step-In Trigger Event, the Authority may serve notice on the Supplier (a "**Step-In Notice**") that it will be taking action under this Clause 29 (Step-In Rights), either itself or with the assistance of a third party (provided that the Supplier may require any third parties to comply with a confidentiality undertaking equivalent to Clause 20 (Confidentiality)). The Step-In Notice shall set out the following:

(a) the action the Authority wishes to take and in particular the Services that it wishes to control (the "**Required Action**");

(b) the Step-In Trigger Event that has occurred and whether the Authority believes that the Required Action is due to the Supplier's Default;

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- (c) the date on which it wishes to commence the Required Action;
- (d) the time period which it believes will be necessary for the Required Action;
- (e) whether the Authority will require access to the Supplier's premises and/or the Sites; and
- (f) to the extent practicable, the impact that the Authority anticipates the Required Action will have on the Supplier's obligations to provide the Services during the period that the Required Action is being taken.

29.4 Following service of a Step-In Notice, the Authority shall:

- (a) take the Required Action set out in the Step-In Notice and any consequential additional action as it reasonably believes is necessary to achieve the Required Action;
- (b) keep records of the Required Action taken and provide information about the Required Action to the Supplier;
- (c) co-operate wherever reasonable with the Supplier in order to enable the Supplier to continue to provide the Services in relation to which the Authority is not assuming control; and
- (d) act reasonably in mitigating the cost that the Supplier will incur as a result of the exercise of the Authority's rights under this Clause 29.

29.5 For so long as and to the extent that the Required Action is continuing, then:

- (a) the Supplier shall not be obliged to provide the Services to the extent that they are the subject of the Required Action;
- (b) no Deductions shall be applicable in relation to Charges in respect of Services that are the subject of the Required Action and the provisions of Clause 29.6 shall apply to Deductions from Charges in respect of other Services;

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- (c) the Authority shall pay to the Supplier the Charges after subtracting any applicable Deductions and the Authority's costs of taking the Required Action.

29.6 If the Supplier demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the Authority that the Required Action has resulted in:

- (a) the degradation of any Services not subject to the Required Action; or
- (b) the non-Achievement of a Milestone,

beyond that which would have been the case had the Authority not taken the Required Action, then the Supplier shall be entitled to an agreed adjustment of the Charges.

29.7 Before ceasing to exercise its step in rights under this Clause 29 the Authority shall deliver a written notice to the Supplier (a "**Step-Out Notice**"), specifying:

- (a) the Required Action it has actually taken; and
- (b) the date on which the Authority plans to end the Required Action (the "**Step-Out Date**") subject to the Authority being satisfied with the Supplier's ability to resume the provision of the Services and the Supplier's plan developed in accordance with Clause 29.8.

29.8 The Supplier shall, following receipt of a Step-Out Notice and not less than twenty (20) Working Days prior to the Step-Out Date, develop for the Authority's approval a draft plan (a "**Step-Out Plan**") relating to the resumption by the Supplier of the Services, including any action the Supplier proposes to take to ensure that the affected Services satisfy the requirements of this Agreement.

29.9 If the Authority does not approve the draft Step-Out Plan, the Authority shall inform the Supplier of its reasons for not approving it. The Supplier shall then revise the draft Step-Out Plan taking those reasons into account and shall re-submit the revised plan to the Authority for the Authority's approval. The Authority shall not withhold or delay its approval of the draft Step-Out Plan unnecessarily.

29.10 The Supplier shall bear its own costs in connection with any step-in by the Authority under this Clause 29, provided that the Authority shall reimburse the Supplier's

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reasonable additional expenses incurred directly as a result of any step-in action taken by the Authority under:

- (a) limbs (c) or (d) of the definition of a Step-In Trigger Event; or
- (b) limbs (e), (f) and (g) of the definition of a Step-In Trigger Event (insofar as the primary cause of the Authority serving the Step-In Notice is identified as not being the result of the Supplier's Default);

and the Supplier acknowledges and agrees that expenses shall not include direct or indirect loss of profit.

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30. Authority Cause

30.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the Supplier has failed to:

- (a) Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date;
- (b) provide the Services in accordance with the Minimum Service Thresholds; and/or
- (c) comply with its obligations under this Agreement,

(each a "**Supplier Non-Performance**"),

and can demonstrate that the Supplier Non-Performance would not have occurred but for an Authority Cause, then (subject to the Supplier fulfilling its obligations in this Clause 30):

- (i) the Supplier shall not be treated as being in breach of this Agreement to the extent the Supplier can demonstrate that the Supplier Non-Performance was caused by the Authority Cause;

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- (ii) the Authority shall not be entitled to exercise any rights that may arise as a result of that Supplier Non-Performance:
 - (aa) to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Clause 32.1(b) (Termination by the Authority); or
 - (bb) to take action pursuant Clauses 28 (Remedial Adviser) or 29 (Step-In Rights);
- (iii) where the Supplier Non-Performance constitutes the failure to Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date:
 - (a) the Milestone Date shall be postponed by a period equal to the period of Delay that the Supplier can demonstrate was caused by the Authority Cause;
 - (b) if the Authority, acting reasonably, considers it appropriate, the Implementation Plan shall be amended to reflect any consequential revisions required to subsequent Milestone Dates resulting from the Authority Cause;
 - (c) if the Milestone is a Key Milestone, the Supplier shall have no liability to pay any Delay Payments associated with the Key Milestone to the extent that the Supplier can demonstrate that such failure was caused by the Authority Cause; and
 - (d) the Supplier shall be entitled to claim compensation subject to and in accordance with the principles set out in Paragraph 4 of Part 2 of Schedule 7.1 (Charges and Invoicing); and/or
- (iv) where the Supplier Non-Performance constitutes a Performance Failure:
 - (aa) the Supplier shall not be liable to accrue Service Credits;

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- (bb) the Authority shall not be entitled to withhold any of the Service Charges pursuant to Clause 7.2(d)(ii) (Performance Failures);
- (cc) the Authority shall not be entitled to withhold and retain any Compensation for Unacceptable KPI Failure pursuant to Clause 7.4(a) (Unacceptable KPI Failure); and
- (dd) the Supplier shall be entitled to invoice for the Service Charges for the relevant Services directly affected by the Authority Cause,

in each case, to the extent that the Supplier can demonstrate that the Performance Failure was directly caused by the Authority Cause.

30.2 In order to claim any of the rights and/or relief referred to in Clause 30.1, the Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event within ten (10) Working Days) after becoming aware that an Authority Cause has caused, or is reasonably likely to cause, a Supplier Non-Performance, give the Authority notice (a "**Relief Notice**") setting out details of:

- (a) the Supplier Non-Performance;
- (b) the Authority Cause and its effect, or likely effect, on the Supplier's ability to meet its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) any steps which the Authority can take to eliminate or mitigate the consequences and impact of such Authority Cause; and
- (d) the relief and/or compensation claimed by the Supplier.

30.3 Following the receipt of a Relief Notice, the Authority shall as soon as reasonably practicable consider the nature of the Supplier Non-Performance and the alleged Authority Cause and whether it agrees with the Supplier's assessment set out in the Relief Notice as to the effect of the relevant Authority Cause and its entitlement to relief and/or compensation, consulting with the Supplier where necessary.

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30.4 The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to eliminate or mitigate the consequences and impact of an Authority Cause, including any Losses that the Supplier may incur and the duration and consequences of any Delay or anticipated Delay.

30.5 Without prejudice to Clause 5.10 (Continuing obligation to provide the Services), if a Dispute arises as to:

- (a) whether a Supplier Non-Performance would not have occurred but for an Authority Cause; and/or
- (b) the nature and/or extent of the relief and/or compensation claimed by the Supplier,

either Party may refer the Dispute to the Dispute Resolution Procedure. Pending the resolution of the Dispute, both Parties shall continue to resolve the causes of, and mitigate the effects of, the Supplier Non-Performance.

30.6 Any Change that is required to the Implementation Plan or to the Charges (or any other part of this Agreement) pursuant to this Clause 30 shall be implemented in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

31. Force Majeure

31.1 Subject to the remaining provisions of this Clause 31 (and, in relation to the Supplier, subject to its compliance with its obligations in Schedule 8.6 (Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery)), a Party may claim relief under this Clause 31 from liability for failure to meet its obligations under this Agreement for as long as and only to the extent that the performance of those obligations is directly affected by a Force Majeure Event. Any failure or delay by the Supplier in performing its obligations under this Agreement which results from a failure or delay by an agent, Sub-contractor or supplier shall be regarded as due to a Force Majeure Event only if that agent, Sub-contractor or supplier is itself impeded by a Force Majeure Event from complying with an obligation to the Supplier.

31.2 The Affected Party shall as soon as reasonably practicable issue a Force Majeure Notice, which shall include details of the Force Majeure Event, its effect on the

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obligations of the Affected Party and any action the Affected Party proposes to take to mitigate its effect.

31.3 If the Supplier is the Affected Party, it shall not be entitled to claim relief under this Clause 31 to the extent that consequences of the relevant Force Majeure Event:

- (a) are capable of being mitigated by any of the Services including the BCDR Services, but the Supplier has failed to do so; and/or
- (b) should have been foreseen and prevented or avoided by a prudent provider of services similar to the Services, operating to the standards required by this Agreement.

31.4 Subject to Clause 31.5, as soon as practicable after the Affected Party issues the Force Majeure Notice, and at regular intervals thereafter, the Parties shall consult in good faith and use reasonable endeavours to agree any steps to be taken and an appropriate timetable in which those steps should be taken, to enable continued provision of the Services affected by the Force Majeure Event.

31.5 The Parties shall at all times following the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event and during its subsistence use their respective reasonable endeavours to prevent and mitigate the effects of the Force Majeure Event. Where the Supplier is the Affected Party, it shall take all steps in accordance with Good Industry Practice to overcome or minimise the consequences of the Force Majeure Event.

31.6 Where, as a result of a Force Majeure Event:

- (a) an Affected Party fails to perform its obligations in accordance with this Agreement, then during the continuance of the Force Majeure Event:
 - (i) the other Party shall not be entitled to exercise any rights to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part as a result of such failure other than pursuant to Clause 32.1(c) (Termination by the Authority) or Clause 32.3(b) (Termination by the Supplier); and
 - (ii) neither Party shall be liable for any Default arising as a result of such failure;

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(b) the Supplier fails to perform its obligations in accordance with this Agreement:

(i) the Authority shall not be entitled:

- (aa) during the continuance of the Force Majeure Event to exercise its rights under Clause 28 (Remedial Adviser) and/or Clause 29 (Step-In Rights) as a result of such failure;
- (bb) to receive Delay Payments pursuant to Clause 27 (Delay Payments) to the extent that the Achievement of any Milestone is affected by the Force Majeure Event; and
- (cc) to receive Service Credits, to withhold any of the Service Charges pursuant to Clause 7.2(d)(ii) (Performance Failures) or withhold and retain any of the Service Charges as compensation pursuant to Clause 7.4(a) (Unacceptable KPI Failure) to the extent that a Performance Failure has been caused by the Force Majeure Event; and

(ii) the Supplier shall be entitled to receive payment of:

- (a) the Charges [REDACTED] (or a proportional payment of them) only to the extent that the Services (or part of the Services) continue to be performed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement during the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event; and
- (b) to the extent applicable, the Tariff Charges (or a proportional payment of them) only to the extent that the relevant Services (or part of the Services) continue to be performed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement during the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event.

31.7 The Affected Party shall notify the other Party as soon as practicable after the Force Majeure Event ceases or no longer causes the Affected Party to be unable to comply with its obligations under this Agreement.

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31.8 Relief from liability for the Affected Party under this Clause 31 shall end as soon as the Force Majeure Event no longer causes the Affected Party to be unable to comply with its obligations under this Agreement and shall not be dependent on the serving of notice under Clause 31.7.

SECTION I – TERMINATION AND EXIT MANAGEMENT**32. Termination Rights****Termination by the Authority**

32.1 The Authority may terminate this Agreement by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier:

- (a) for convenience at any time;
- (b) if a Supplier Termination Event occurs;
- (c) if a Force Majeure Event endures for a continuous period of more than ninety (90) days; or
- (d) if the Agreement has been substantially amended to the extent that the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 require a new procurement procedure,

and this Agreement shall terminate on the date specified in the Termination Notice.

32.2 Where the Authority:

- (a) is terminating this Agreement under Clause 32.1(b) due to the occurrence of either limb (b) and/or (g) of the definition of Supplier Termination Event, it may rely on a single material Default or on a number of Defaults or repeated Defaults (whether of the same or different obligations and regardless of whether such Defaults are cured) which taken together constitute a material Default; and/or
- (b) has the right to terminate this Agreement under Clause 32.1(b) or Clause 32.1(c), it may, prior to or instead of terminating the whole of this Agreement, serve a Termination Notice requiring the partial termination of

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this Agreement to the extent that it relates to any part of the Services which are materially affected by the relevant circumstances.

Termination by the Supplier

32.3 The Supplier may, by issuing a Termination Notice to the Authority, terminate:

- (a) this Agreement if the Authority fails to pay an undisputed sum due to the Supplier under this Agreement which in aggregate exceeds [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and such amount remains outstanding sixty (60) Working Days after the receipt by the Authority of a notice of non-payment from the Supplier; or
- (b) any Services that are materially impacted by a Force Majeure Event that endures for a continuous period of more than ninety (90) days,

and this Agreement or the relevant Services (as the case may be) shall then terminate on the date specified in the Termination Notice (which shall not be less than twenty (20) Working Days from the date of the issue of the Termination Notice). If the operation of Clause 32.3(b) would result in a Partial Termination, the provisions of Clause 32.4 (Partial Termination) shall apply.

Partial Termination

32.4 If the Supplier notifies the Authority pursuant to Clause 32.3(b) (Termination by the Supplier) that it intends to terminate this Agreement in part and the Authority, acting reasonably, believes that the effect of such Partial Termination is to render the remaining Services incapable of meeting a significant part of the Authority Requirements, then the Authority shall be entitled to terminate the remaining part of this Agreement by serving a Termination Notice to the Supplier within 1 month of receiving the Supplier's Termination Notice. For the purpose of this Clause 32.4, in assessing the significance of any part of the Authority Requirements, regard shall be had not only to the proportion of that part to the Authority Requirements as a whole, but also to the importance of the relevant part to the Authority.

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32.5 The Parties shall agree the effect of any Change necessitated by a Partial Termination in accordance with the Change Control Procedure, including the effect the Partial Termination may have on any other Services and the Charges, provided that:

- (a) the Supplier shall not be entitled to an increase in the Charges in respect of the Services that have not been terminated if the Partial Termination arises due to the occurrence of a Supplier Termination Event;
- (b) any adjustment to the Charges (if any) shall be calculated in accordance with the Financial Model and must be reasonable; and
- (c) the Supplier shall not be entitled to reject the Change.

32.6 In the event of a Partial Termination, the Parties will implement the parts of Schedule 8.5 (Exit Management) relevant to the Partial Termination and take that into account in the process set out in Clause 32.5.

33. Consequences of Expiry or Termination

General Provisions on Expiry or Termination

33.1 The provisions of Clauses 5.9, 10.5 and 10.6, 10.7 and 10.9, 12, 14.7, 14.8, 16, 17, 18.1, 20, 21, 22, 24, 32.6, 39, 41, 42, 44 and 45 and the provisions of Schedules 1 (Definitions), 7.1 (Charges and Invoicing), 7.2 (Payments on Termination), 7.5 (Financial Reports and Audit Rights), 8.3 (Dispute Resolution Procedure), 8.4 (Reports and Records Provisions), 8.5 (Exit Management) and 9.1 (Staff Transfer), shall survive the termination or expiry of this Agreement.

Exit Management

33.2 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 8.5 (Exit Management) and any current Exit Plan in relation to orderly transition of the Services to the Authority or a Replacement Supplier.

Payments by the Authority

33.3 Subject to the provisions of Clause 33.15 if this Agreement is terminated by the Authority pursuant to Clause 32.1(a) (Termination by the Authority) or by the Supplier

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pursuant to Clause 32.3(a) (Termination by the Supplier), the Authority shall pay the Supplier the following payments (which shall be the Supplier's sole remedy for the termination of this Agreement):

- (a) the Termination Payment;
- (b) the Compensation Payment;

if either of the following periods is less than three hundred and sixty five (365) days:

- (i) the period from (but excluding) the date that the Termination Notice is given by the Authority pursuant to Clause 32.1(a) (Termination by the Authority) to (and including) the Termination Date; or
- (ii) the period from (and including) the date of the non-payment by the Authority referred to in Clause 32.3(a) (Termination by the Supplier) to (and including) the Termination Date; and

(c)

[REDACTED]

(i)

(ii)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

33.4 If this Agreement is terminated (in part or in whole) by the Authority pursuant to Clauses 32.1(b), 32.1(c) and/or 32.2 (Termination by the Authority), or the Term expires, the

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only payments that the Authority shall be required to make as a result of such termination (whether by way of compensation or otherwise) are:

- (a) payments in respect of any Assets or apportionments in accordance with Schedule 8.5 (Exit Management); and
- (b) payments in respect of unpaid Charges for Services received up until the Termination Date.

33.5 The costs of termination incurred by the Parties shall lie where they fall if either Party terminates or partially terminates this Agreement for a continuing Force Majeure Event pursuant to Clauses 32.1(c) or 32.2(b) (Termination by the Authority) or 32.3(b) (Termination by the Supplier) or the Authority terminates the Contract under Clause 32.1(c) (Termination by the Authority).

33.6 [REDACTED]

33.7 [REDACTED]

33.8 Not Used.

Payments by the Supplier

33.9 In the event of termination or expiry of this Agreement, the Supplier shall repay to the Authority all Charges it has been paid in advance in respect of Services not provided by the Supplier as at the date of expiry or termination.

33.10 Not Used.

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33.11 Not used.

33.12 Not used.

33.13 Not used.

33.14 Not used.

33.15 In no event shall the amount payable under Clause 33.3. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SECTION J – MISCELLANEOUS AND GOVERNING LAW

34. Compliance

Health and Safety

34.1 The Supplier shall perform its obligations under this Agreement (including those in relation to the Services) in accordance with:

- (a) all applicable Law regarding health and safety; and
- (b) the Health and Safety Policy whilst at the Authority Premises.

34.2 Each Party shall notify the other as soon as practicable of any health and safety incidents or material health and safety hazards at the Authority Premises of which it becomes aware and which relate to or arise in connection with the performance of this Agreement. The Supplier shall instruct the Supplier Personnel to adopt any necessary associated safety measures in order to manage any such material health and safety hazards.

Equality and Diversity

34.3 The Supplier shall:

- (a) perform its obligations under this Agreement (including those in relation to the Services) in accordance with:

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- (i) all applicable equality Law (whether in relation to race, sex, gender reassignment, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, pregnancy, maternity or otherwise);
 - (ii) the Authority's equality and diversity policy as provided to the Supplier from time to time; and
 - (iii) any other requirements and instructions which the Authority reasonably imposes in connection with any equality obligations imposed on the Authority at any time under applicable equality Law; and
- (b) take all necessary steps, and inform the Authority of the steps taken, to prevent unlawful discrimination designated as such by any court or tribunal, or the Equality and Human Rights Commission or (any successor organisation).

Corporate Social Responsibility

- 34.4 The Supplier shall conduct an annual self-assessment of its corporate social responsibility policy to include equality & diversity and environmental and socio-economic practices. The Supplier shall report such findings to the Authority's Representative in such format as the Authority's Representative may request.
- 34.5 When complying with its obligations under Clause 34.4, the Supplier shall use any self assessment tool that the Authority, in its absolute discretion, shall provide to the Supplier.
- 34.6 The Supplier shall provide such information as the Authority may reasonable request relating to:
- (a) any strategy the Supplier has for engaging with SMEs or increasing spend on SMEs in the Supplier's supply chain; and
 - (b) the Supplier's quarterly expenditure on SMEs.

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Official Secrets Act and Finance Act

34.7 The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of:

- (a) the Official Secrets Act 1989;
- (b) the National Security Act 2023; and
- (c) section 182 of the Finance Act 1989.

Conflicts of Interest

34.8 The Supplier:

- (a) must take action to ensure that the Supplier, each member of the Supplier Group ([REDACTED]) and the Supplier Personnel are not placed in the position of an actual or potential Conflict of Interest; and
- (b) must promptly notify and provide details to the Authority upon becoming aware that an actual or potential Conflict of Interest happens or is expected to happen.

34.9 Where the Supplier provides a notification in accordance with Clause 34.8(b):

- (a) the Authority shall inform the Supplier if, in its reasonable opinion, the subject matter of the notification constitutes an actual or potential Conflict of Interest or the Authority may ask for further information;
- (b) the Supplier shall provide the Authority with a written proposal within fifteen (15) Working Days of the confirmation being provided by the Authority in accordance with Clause 34.9(a), or such other time as agreed in writing between both Parties, informing the Authority how it intends to remedy the actual or potential Conflict of Interest;
- (c) the Authority will consider the Supplier's proposal and notify the Supplier whether it considers the measures proposed by the Supplier to be sufficient to appropriately remedy the actual or potential Conflict of Interest and whether there are any additional reasonable measures that are required to be put in place. Where the measures are sufficient to appropriately remedy

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the actual or potential Conflict of Interest the Supplier shall implement such measures notified to it by the Authority;

- (d) if, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there are no sufficient measures available to appropriately remedy an actual or potential Conflict of Interest, the Authority may require the Supplier to provide the Authority with a written proposal within five (5) Working Days informing the Authority how it will manage the Conflict of Interest;
- (e) if the Authority receives a written proposal on how to manage the Conflict of Interest under Clause 34.9(d) it will notify the Supplier whether it considers the measures proposed by the Supplier to be sufficient to appropriately manage the actual or potential Conflict of Interest and whether there are any additional reasonable measures that are required to be put in place. Where the measures are sufficient to appropriately manage the actual or potential Conflict of Interest the Supplier shall implement such measures notified to it by the Authority;
- (f) if, in the reasonable opinion of the Authority, there are no sufficient measures available to appropriately manage an actual or potential Conflict of Interest, the Authority may (at its sole discretion) terminate this Agreement (in whole or in part) immediately by giving notice in writing to the Supplier where there is an actual Conflict of Interest or there is a substantial risk of a potential Conflict of Interest which is not immaterial; and
 - (i) Clauses 32.1(b) and 33.4 shall apply; and
 - (ii) the Authority shall pay to the Supplier: (i) payments in respect of any Assets or apportionments in accordance with Schedule 8.5 (Exit Management); and (ii) payments in respect of unpaid Charges for Services received up until the Termination Date.

34.9A If the Supplier:

- (a) fails to notify the Authority of an actual or potential Conflict of Interest in accordance with clause 34.8(b) which is not immaterial; or

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- (b) fails to put into place those measures reasonably required by the Authority to remedy the Conflict of Interest, as notified to the Supplier in accordance with clause 34.9(b) and 34.9(c) or manage the Conflict of Interest in accordance with Clause 34.9(d) and 34.9(e),

this shall constitute a material breach of the Supplier's obligations under the Agreement and the Authority shall have the right to terminate the Agreement (in whole or in part) in accordance with Clause 32.1(b) (Supplier Termination Event).

Modern Slavery

34.10 The Supplier:

- (a) shall not use, nor allow its sub-contractors to use forced, bonded or involuntary prison labour;
- (b) shall not require any Supplier Personnel or the personnel of any sub-contractors to lodge deposits or identity papers with their employer and shall be free to leave their employer after reasonable notice;
- (c) warrants and represents that it has not been convicted of any slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world;
- (d) warrants that to the best of its knowledge it is not currently under investigation, inquiry or enforcement proceedings in relation to any allegation of slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world;
- (e) shall make reasonable enquires to ensure that its officers, employees and sub-contractors have not been convicted of slavery or human trafficking offences anywhere around the world;
- (f) shall:
 - (i) have and maintain throughout the Term its own policies and procedures to ensure its compliance with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 which the Parties agree (subject to applicable Law) may be prepared and published and put in place by its ultimate parent

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company, BT Group Plc, on behalf of the Supplier for so long as BT Group Plc has a controlling interest in the Supplier; and

- (ii) include in its contracts with its sub-contractors anti-slavery and human trafficking provisions;
- (g) shall implement due diligence procedures to ensure that there is no slavery or human trafficking in any part of its supply chain performing obligations under the Contract;
- (h) has an obligation under s.54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 to publish a modern slavery statement (“**Modern Slavery Statement**”), which the Parties agree (subject to applicable Law) may be prepared and published by its ultimate parent company, BT Group Plc, on behalf of the Supplier for so long as BT Group Plc has a controlling interest in the Supplier provided that such Modern Slavery Statement shall:
 - (i) set out the actions taken by the members of the Supplier Group that meet the criteria to prevent and remedy slavery within those organisations and their supply chains;
 - (ii) clearly name the parent and subsidiary organisations the Modern Slavery Statement applies to; and
 - (iii) be published on the Supplier’s UK website;
- (i) shall take steps to address any slavery risks identified in its organisation or supply chain which may be completed on its behalf by its parent company BT Group Plc;
- (j) shall be liable to the Authority for any failure in compliance by BT Group Plc and/ or the Supplier with the provisions of Clauses 34.10(h) and 34.10(i).
- (k) shall not use, nor allow its employees or sub-contractors to use physical abuse or discipline, the threat of physical abuse, sexual or other harassment and verbal abuse or other forms of intimidation of its employees or sub-contractors;

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- (l) shall not use or allow child or slave labour to be used by its sub-contractors; and
- (m) shall report the discovery or suspicion of any slavery, trafficking, forced labour, child labour, involuntary prison labour or labour rights abuses by it or its sub-contractors to the Authority and the Modern Slavery Helpline and relevant national or local law enforcement agencies;
- (n) if the Supplier is in Default under Clauses 34.10(a) to 34.10(m) the Authority may by notice:
 - (i) require the Supplier to remove from performance of the Contract any sub-contractor, Supplier Personnel or other persons associated with it whose acts or omissions have caused the Default; or
 - (ii) save in circumstances where the Default and its effects are immaterial and has no negative impact on the reputation of the Authority, immediately terminate the Contract in accordance with Clause 32.1(b) (Supplier Termination Event); and
- (o) shall, if the Supplier or the Authority identifies any occurrence of modern slavery connected to this Contract, comply with any request of the Authority to follow the Rectification Plan Process to submit a remedial action plan which follows the form set out in Annex D of the Tackling Modern Slavery in Government Supply Chains guidance to PPN 02/23 (Tackling Modern Slavery in Government Supply Chains).

34.11 If the Supplier notifies the Authority pursuant to Clause 34.10(m) it shall respond promptly to the Authority's enquiries, co-operate with any investigation, and allow the Authority to audit any books, records and/or any other relevant documentation in accordance with the Contract.

34.12 If the Supplier is in Default under Clause 34.10 the Authority may by notice:

- (a) require the Supplier to remove from performance of the Contract any Sub-Contractor, Supplier Personnel or other persons associated with it whose acts or omissions have caused the Default; or

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- (b) save in circumstances where the Default and its effects are immaterial and has no negative impact on the reputation of the Authority, immediately terminate the Contract in accordance with Clause 32.1(b) (Supplier Termination Event).

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34.13 As soon as it is aware of it:

- (a) the Supplier must report to the Authority any actual or suspected breach by the Supplier and its directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors engaged in the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement (other than its Sub-contractors) of:
 - (i) law that is related to this Agreement or ESMCP;
 - (ii) law which is material but is not related to this Agreement or ESMCP but which has the potential to negatively impact the reputation of the Authority or ESMCP;
 - (iii) Clauses 34.1 to 34.11, (other than Clause 34.9(f), Clause 34.9A and Clause 34.10(j));
 - (iv) Clause 34.14; and
 - (v) Clause 38 (Prevention of Fraud and Bribery) (other than clause 38.7).
- (b) the Sub-contractor must report to the Supplier (who must report to the Authority as soon as it is aware of it) any actual or suspected breach by the Sub-contractor and its directors, officers, employees, agents, consultants and contractors engaged in the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement of:
 - (i) law that is related to this Agreement or ESMCP;
 - (ii) law which is material but is not related to this Agreement or ESMCP but which has the potential to negatively impact the reputation of the Authority or ESMCP;

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- (iii) Clauses 34.1 to 34.10 (other than Clause 34.9(f), Clause 34.9A) and 34.10(a), 34.10(b), 34.10(f), 34.10(k), 34.10(l) and 34.10(m) and
- (iv) Clause 38 (Prevention of Fraud and Bribery) (other than Clause 38.7).

34.14 The Supplier must not retaliate against any of the Supplier Personnel who in good faith reports a breach of:

- (a) Law where relevant to the Services;
- (b) Clauses 34.1 to 34.10 or 34.14; or
- (c) Clause 38 (Prevention of Fraud and Bribery).

to the Authority or a Prescribed Person.

35. Assignment and Novation

35.1 The Supplier shall not assign, novate or otherwise dispose of or create any trust in relation to any or all of its rights, obligations or liabilities under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Authority.

35.2 The Authority may at its discretion assign, novate or otherwise dispose of any or all of its rights, obligations and liabilities under this Agreement and/or any associated licences to:

- (a) any Central Government Body; or
- (b) to a body other than a Central Government Body (including any private sector body) which performs any of the functions that previously had been performed by the Authority,

and the Supplier shall, at the Authority's request, enter into a novation agreement in such form as the Authority shall reasonably specify in order to enable the Authority to exercise its rights pursuant to this Clause 35.2.

35.3 A change in the legal status of the Authority such that it ceases to be a Central Government Body shall not (subject to Clause 35.4) affect the validity of this Agreement and this Agreement shall be binding on any successor body to the Authority.

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35.4 If the Authority assigns, novates or otherwise disposes of any of its rights, obligations or liabilities under this Agreement to a body which is not a Central Government Body or if a body which is not a Central Government Body succeeds the Authority (any such body a "**Successor Body**"), the Supplier shall have the right to terminate for an Insolvency Event affecting the Successor Body identical to the right of termination of the Authority under limb (k) of the definition of Supplier Termination Event (as if references in that limb (k) to the Supplier and the Guarantor and references to a Party in the definition of Insolvency Event were references to the Successor Body).

36. Waiver and Cumulative Remedies

36.1 The rights and remedies under this Agreement may be waived only by notice and in a manner that expressly states that a waiver is intended. A failure or delay by a Party in ascertaining or exercising a right or remedy provided under this Agreement or by law shall not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of any right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

36.2 Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, rights and remedies under this Agreement are cumulative and do not exclude any rights or remedies provided by law, in equity or otherwise.

37. Relationship of the Parties

37.1 Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement, nor any actions taken by the Parties pursuant to this Agreement, shall create a partnership, joint venture or relationship of employer and employee or principal and agent between the Parties, or authorise either Party to make representations or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of any other Party.

37.2 At all times, each of EEL and BT Plc warrant and undertake that they each separately and jointly have the authority to bind the other under and in relation to this Agreement.

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38. Prevention of Fraud and Bribery

38.1 The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it, nor to the best of its knowledge any Supplier Personnel, have at any time prior to the Effective Date:

- (a) committed a Prohibited Act or been formally notified that it is subject to an investigation or prosecution which relates to an alleged Prohibited Act; and/or
- (b) been listed by any government department or agency as being debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or otherwise ineligible for participation in government procurement programmes or contracts on the grounds of a Prohibited Act.

38.2 The Supplier shall not during the term of this Agreement:

- (a) commit a Prohibited Act; and/or
- (b) do or suffer anything to be done which would cause the Authority or any of the Authority's employees, consultants, contractors, sub-contractors or agents to contravene any of the Relevant Requirements or otherwise incur any liability in relation to the Relevant Requirements.

38.3 The Supplier shall during the term of this Agreement:

- (a) establish, maintain and enforce, and require that its Sub-contractors establish, maintain and enforce, policies and procedures which are adequate to ensure compliance with the Relevant Requirements and prevent the occurrence of a Prohibited Act;
- (b) have in place reasonable prevention measures (as defined in sections 45(3) and 46(4) of the Criminal Finance Act 2017) to ensure that Associated Persons of the Supplier do not commit tax evasion facilitation offences as defined under that Act;
- (c) keep appropriate records of its compliance with its obligations under Clause 38.3(a) and make such records available to the Authority on request;

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- (d) take account of any guidance about preventing facilitation of tax evasion offences which may be published and updated in accordance with Section 47 of the Criminal Finances Act 2017.

38.4 The Supplier shall immediately notify the Authority in writing if it becomes aware of any breach of Clause 38.1 and/or 38.2, or has reason to believe that it has or any of the Supplier Personnel have:

- (a) been subject to an investigation or prosecution which relates to an alleged Prohibited Act;
- (b) been listed by any government department or agency as being debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or otherwise ineligible for participation in government procurement programmes or contracts on the grounds of a Prohibited Act; and/or
- (c) received a request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind in connection with the performance of this Agreement or otherwise suspects that any person or Party directly or indirectly connected with this Agreement has committed or attempted to commit a Prohibited Act.

38.5 If the Supplier makes a notification to the Authority pursuant to Clause 38.4, the Supplier shall respond promptly to the Authority's enquiries, co-operate with any investigation, and allow the Authority to Audit any books, Records and/or any other relevant documentation in accordance with Clause 12 (Records, Reports, Audits & Open Book Data).

38.6 If the Supplier is in Default under Clauses 38.1 and/or 38.2, the Authority may by notice:

- (a) require the Supplier to remove from performance of this Agreement any Supplier Personnel whose acts or omissions have caused the Default; or
- (b) immediately terminate this Agreement.

38.7 Any notice served by the Authority under Clause 38.6 shall specify the nature of the Prohibited Act, the identity of the Party who the Authority believes has committed the Prohibited Act and the action that the Authority has elected to take (including, where relevant, the date on which this Agreement shall terminate).

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39. Severance

- 39.1 If any provision of this Agreement (or part of any provision) is held to be void or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision (or part) shall to the extent necessary to ensure that the remaining provisions of this Agreement are not void or unenforceable be deemed to be deleted and the validity and/or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected.
- 39.2 In the event that any deemed deletion under Clause 39.1 is so fundamental as to prevent the accomplishment of the purpose of this Agreement or materially alters the balance of risks and rewards in this Agreement, either Party may give notice to the other Party requiring the Parties to commence good faith negotiations to amend this Agreement so that, as amended, it is valid and enforceable, preserves the balance of risks and rewards in this Agreement and, to the extent that is reasonably possible, achieves the Parties' original commercial intention.
- 39.3 If the Parties are unable to agree on the revisions to this Agreement within five (5) Working Days of the date of the notice given pursuant to Clause 39.2, the matter shall be dealt with in accordance with Paragraph 3 (Commercial Negotiation) of Schedule 8.3 (Dispute Resolution Procedure) except that if the representatives are unable to resolve the dispute within thirty (30) Working Days of the matter being referred to them, this Agreement shall automatically terminate with immediate effect. The costs of termination incurred by the Parties shall lie where they fall if this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Clause 39.3.

40. Further Assurances

Each Party undertakes at the request of the other, and at the cost of the requesting Party to do all acts and execute all documents which may be reasonably necessary to give effect to the meaning of this Agreement.

41. Entire Agreement

- 41.1 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in respect of its subject matter and supersedes and extinguishes all prior negotiations, arrangements, understanding, course of dealings or agreements made between the Parties in relation to its subject matter, whether written or oral.

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41.2 Neither Party has been given, nor entered into this Agreement in reliance on, any warranty, statement, promise or representation other than those expressly set out in this Agreement.

41.3 Nothing in this Clause 41 shall exclude any liability in respect of misrepresentations made fraudulently.

42. Third Party Rights

42.1 The provisions of Clause 18.1 (IPRs Indemnity), Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.3 of Part C and Paragraphs 1.4, 2.3, 2.8 and 2.13 of Part D of Schedule 9.1 (Staff Transfer) and the provisions of Paragraph 8.14 of Schedule 8.5 (Exit Management) (together "**Third Party Provisions**") confer benefits on persons named in such provisions other than the Parties (each such person a "**Third Party Beneficiary**") and are intended to be enforceable by Third Parties Beneficiaries by virtue of the CRTPA.

42.2 Subject to Clause 42.1, a person who is not a Party to this Agreement has no right under the CTRPA to enforce any term of this Agreement but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than pursuant to that Act.

42.3 No Third Party Beneficiary may enforce, or take any step to enforce, any Third Party Provision without the prior written consent of the Authority, which may, if given, be given on and subject to such terms as the Authority may determine.

42.4 Any amendments or modifications to this Agreement may be made, and any rights created under Clause 42.1 may be altered or extinguished, by the Parties without the consent of any Third Party Beneficiary.

43. Notices

43.1 Any notices sent under this Agreement must be in writing.

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43.2 Subject to Clause 43.4 and 43.5, the following table sets out the method by which notices may be served under this Agreement and the respective deemed time and proof of service:

Manner of Delivery	Deemed time of service	Proof of service
Personal delivery	On delivery, provided delivery is between 9.00am and 5.00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise, delivery will occur at 9.00am on the next Working Day.	Properly addressed and delivered as evidenced by signature of a delivery receipt.
Prepaid, Royal Mail Signed For™ 1st Class or other prepaid, next Working Day service providing proof of delivery.	At the time recorded by the delivery service, provided that delivery is between 9.00am and 5.00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise, delivery will occur at 9.00am on the same Working Day (if delivery is before 9.00am) or on the next Working Day (if delivery is after 5.00pm).	Properly addressed prepaid and delivered as evidenced by signature of a delivery receipt.
Email	at the time of transmission, provided that delivery is between 9.00am and 5.00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise, delivery will occur at 9.00am on the same Working Day (if delivery is before 9.00am) or on the next Working Day (if delivery is after 5.00pm). If an out of office response is received or	Properly addressed email evidenced as being sent from the sender's email account.

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	there is an automated response that the email is undelivered or undeliverable or other error message then the email shall not constitute a valid method of service and either personal delivery or Prepaid, Royal Mail Signed For™ 1st Class or other prepaid, next Working Day service providing proof of delivery must be used.	
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43.3 Without prejudice to Clauses 1.9 to 1.10 and to Clause 43.4, Notices shall be sent to the addresses set out below or at such other address as the relevant Party may give notice to the other Party for the purpose of service of notices under this Agreement in accordance with this Clause 43:

	Supplier: EEL	Supplier: BT Plc	Authority
Contact	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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43.4 The following notices may only be served as an attachment to an email if the original notice is then sent to the recipient by personal delivery or recorded delivery in the manner set out in the table in Clause 43.2:

- (a) Step-In Notices;
- (b) Force Majeure Notices;
- (c) notices issued by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 32.3 (Termination by the Supplier);
- (d) Termination Notices; and
- (e) Dispute Notices.

43.5 For the purposes of notices delivered under Clause 43.4, failure to send any original notice by personal delivery or recorded delivery in accordance with Clause 43.3 shall invalidate the service of the related e-mail transmission. Further, for the purposes of notices delivered under Clause 43.4, the deemed time of delivery of such notice shall be the deemed time of delivery of the original notice sent by personal delivery or Royal Mail Signed For™ 1st Class delivery (as set out in the table in Clause 43.2) or, if earlier, the time of response or acknowledgement by the other Party to the email attaching the notice.

43.6 This Clause 43 does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or, where applicable, any arbitration or other method of dispute resolution (other than the service of a Dispute Notice under Schedule 8.3 (Dispute Resolution Procedure)).

44. Disputes

44.1 The Parties shall resolve Disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

44.2 The Supplier shall continue to provide the Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement until a Dispute has been resolved.

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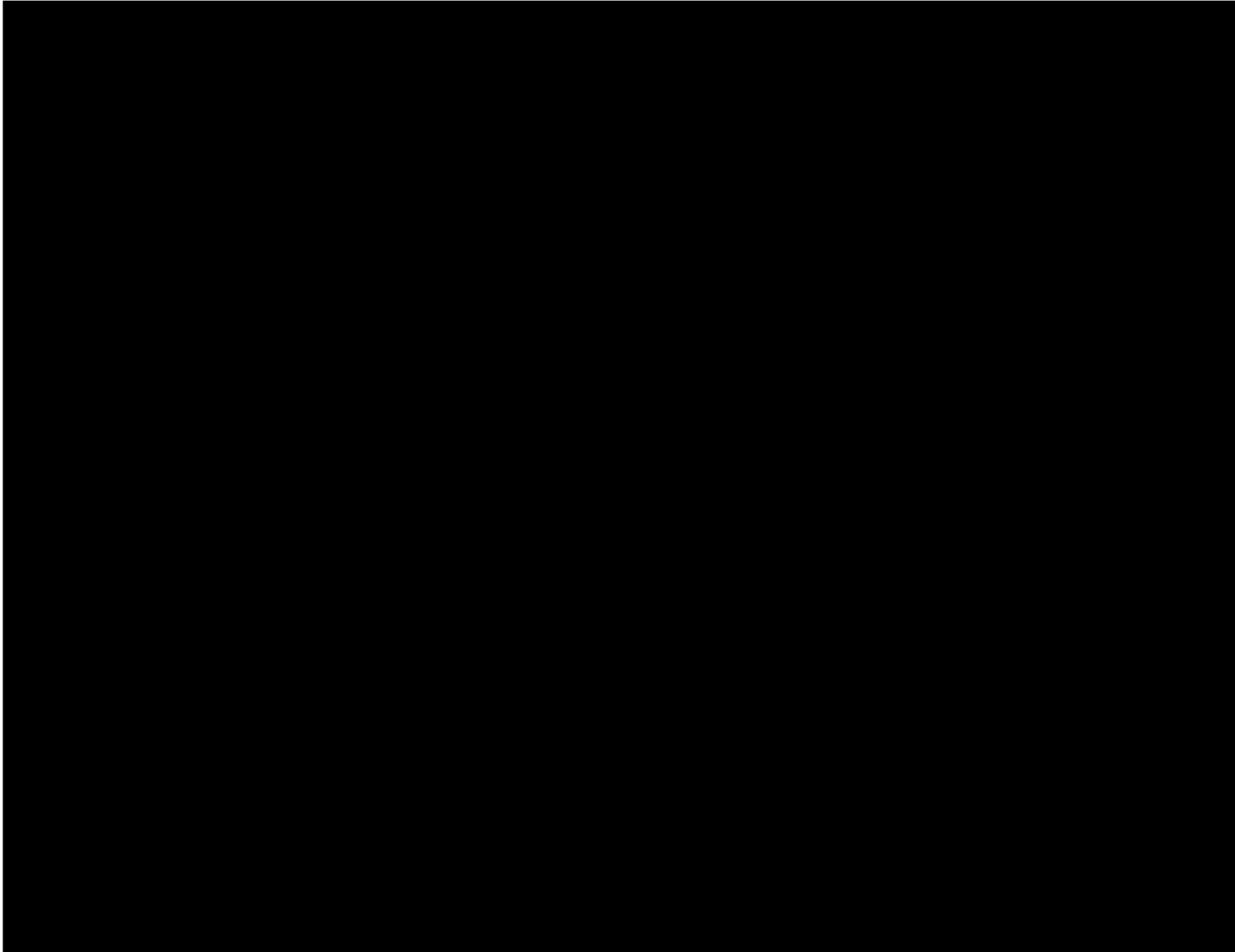
45. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

45.1 This Agreement and any issues, disputes or claims (whether contractual or non-contractual) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

45.2 Subject to Clause 44 (Disputes) and Schedule 8.3 (Dispute Resolution Procedure) (including the Authority's right to refer the dispute to arbitration), the Parties agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim (whether contractual or non-contractual) that arises out of or in connection with this Agreement or its subject matter or formation.

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IN WITNESS of which this Agreement has been duly entered into by the Parties on the date which appears at the head of its page 8.



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