

**Ministry of Defence**  
**Design Rights and Patents**  
**(Sub-Contractor's Agreement)**

THIS AGREEMENT is made the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

BETWEEN

whose registered office is at

(hereinafter called "the Sub-Contractor") of the one part and THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE (hereinafter called "the Secretary of State") of the other part

WHEREAS:-

1. The Secretary of State has placed with \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called "the main contractor") a contract bearing the reference number \_\_\_\_\_ (hereinafter called "the main contract") for the design and development of \_\_\_\_\_ the effect of which is that the costs of such design and development (including the cost referable to any sub-contracts hereinafter referred to) will be substantially borne by the Secretary of State.
2. The main contractor contemplates that the design development and supply of certain components needed for performance of the main contract will be undertaken by various third parties in pursuance of sub-contracts made between them and the main contractor.
3. With a view to securing to the Secretary of State rights as regards inventions designs and other related matters in respect of any sub-contract the main contract provides that the main contractor shall not enter into any sub-contract for any component aforesaid without obtaining the prior approval of the Secretary of State.
4. The main contractor has now informed the Secretary of State that for the purpose of performing the main contract they wish to place with the Sub-Contractor a sub-contract for the design and development of the items described in the First Schedule (hereinafter called "the sub-contracted items") and has requested the Secretary of State's approval of the sub-contract accordingly.
5. The Secretary of State has signified its willingness to approve the sub-contract on condition that in consideration of it giving approval the Sub-Contractor enters into a direct Agreement with the Secretary of State concerning the matters hereinafter appearing and the Sub-Contractor has signified their willingness to enter into such an agreement.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT made in consideration of the premises and of the rights and liabilities hereunder mutually granted and undertaken WITNESSETH AND IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED as follows:-

1. The Sub-Contractor and the Secretary of State hereby agree to be bound to each other by the provisions of the Conditions as set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

2. No extension alteration or variation in the terms of the sub-contract between the main contractor and the sub-contractor and no other agreement between the main contractor and the sub-contractor relating to the work to be done under the sub-contract or any modification now or hereafter made thereto shall prejudice the operation of this Agreement which shall in all respects apply to the sub-contract as so extended altered varied supplemented or modified as if such extension alteration variation supplementation or modification had been originally provided for in the sub-contract and the expression "the sub-contract items" shall have effect accordingly.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have set their hands the day and years first before written

Signed on behalf of  
the Sub-Contractor

(in capacity of )

Signed on behalf of  
The Secretary of  
State for Defence

## THE FIRST SCHEDULE

The Sub-Contract Items are:-

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## THE SECOND SCHEDULE

The Clauses which apply to this Agreement are:-

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except that:

- (i) Where "the Contractor" is stated "the Sub-Contractor" shall be substituted.
- (ii) Where "the Authority" is stated "the Secretary of State" shall be substituted.
- (iii) Where "Contract" is stated "sub-contract" shall be substituted.
- (iv) Where "sub-contractor" is stated "further sub-contractor" shall be substituted.
- (v) Where "sub-contract" is stated "further sub-contract" shall be substituted.