

Contract No: S&MOCB/3380

For:

# Falkland Island SPM Maintenance Support

Between the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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And

**Contractor Name and address:** 

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## Standardised Contracting Terms SC2

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

#### 1. General

- a. The defined terms in the Contract shall be as set out in Schedule 1.
- b. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Legislation, whether specifically referenced in this Contract or not.
- c. The Contractor warrants and represents, that:
- (1) it has the full capacity and authority to enter into, and to exercise its rights and perform its obligations under, the Contract;
- (2) from the Effective Date of Contract and for so long as the Contract remains in force it shall give the Authority Notice of any litigation, arbitration (unless expressly prohibited from doing so in accordance with the terms of the arbitration), administrative or adjudication or mediation proceedings before any court, tribunal, arbitrator, administrator or adjudicator or mediator or relevant authority against itself or a Subcontractor which would adversely affect the Contractor's ability to perform its obligations under the Contract;
- (3) as at the Effective Date of Contract no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (nor, to the best of the knowledge of the Contractor, threatened) for its winding-up or dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, administrator, liquidator, trustee or similar officer in relation to any of its assets or revenues;
- (4) for so long as the Contract remains in force it shall give the Authority Notice of any proceedings or other steps that have been taken but not discharged (nor to the best of the knowledge of the Contractor, threatened) for its winding-up or dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrator, liquidator, trustee or similar officer in relation to any of its assets or revenues.
- d. Unless the context otherwise requires:
- (1) The singular includes the plural and vice versa, and the masculine includes the feminine and vice versa.
- (2) The words "include", "includes", "including" and "included" are to be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words "without limitation", except where explicitly stated otherwise.
- (3) The expression "person" means any individual, firm, body corporate, unincorporated association or partnership, government, state or agency of a state or joint venture.
- (4) References to any statute, enactment, order, regulation, or other similar instrument shall be construed as a reference to the statute, enactment, order, regulation, or instrument as amended, supplemented, replaced or consolidated by any subsequent statute, enactment, order, regulation, or instrument.
- (5) The heading to any Contract provision shall not affect the interpretation of that provision.
- (6) Any decision, act or thing which the Authority is required or authorised to take or do under the Contract may be taken or done only by the person (or their nominated deputy) authorised in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) to take or do that decision, act, or thing on behalf of the Authority.
- (7) Unless excluded within the Conditions of the Contract or required by law, references to submission of documents in writing shall include electronic submission.

#### 2. Duration of Contract

This Contract comes into effect on the Effective Date of Contract and will expire automatically on the date identified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) unless it is otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, or otherwise lawfully terminated.

## **Entire Agreement**

This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of the Contract. The Contract supersedes, and neither Party has relied upon, any prior negotiations, representations and undertakings, whether written or oral, except that this condition shall not exclude liability in respect of any fraudulent misrepresentation.

## **Governing Law**

d.

Subject to clause 4.d, the Contract shall be considered as a contract made in England a.

and subject to English Law.

Subject to clause 4.d and 40 (Dispute Resolution) and without prejudice to the dispute b. resolution process set out therein, each Party submits and agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of England to resolve, and the laws of England to govern, any actions proceedings, controversy or claim of whatever nature arising out of or relating to the Contract or breach thereof.

Subject to clause 4.d any dispute arising out of or in connection with the Contract shall be determined within the English jurisdiction and to the exclusion of all other jurisdictions save that other jurisdictions may apply solely for the purpose of giving effect to this condition 4 and for the enforcement of any judgment, order or award given under English jurisdiction.

If the Parties agree pursuant to the Contract that Scots Law should apply, then the

following amendments shall apply to the Contract:

Clause 4.a, 4.b and 4.c shall be amended to read: (1)

- The Contract shall be considered as a contract made in Scotland and subject to Scots Law.
- Subject to condition 40 (Dispute Resolution) and without prejudice to the dispute b. resolution process set out therein, each Party submits and agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Scotland to resolve, and the laws of Scotland to govern, any actions, proceedings, controversy or claim of whatever nature arising out of or relating to the Contract or breach thereof.
- Any dispute arising out of or in connection with the Contract shall be determined within the Scottish jurisdiction and to the exclusion of all other jurisdictions save that other jurisdictions may apply solely for the purpose of giving effect to this condition 4 and for the enforcement of any judgment, order or award given under Scottish jurisdiction."
- Clause 40.b shall be amended to read: (2)

"In the event that the dispute or claim is not resolved pursuant to clause 40.a the dispute shall be referred to arbitration. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties, the arbitration and this clause 40.b shall be governed by the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010. The seat of the arbitration shall be Scotland. For the avoidance of doubt, for the purpose of arbitration the tribunal shall have the power to make provisional awards pursuant to Rule 53 of the Scottish Arbitration Rules, as set out in Schedule 1 to the Arbitration (Scotland) Act 2010."

Each Party warrants to each other that entry into the Contract does not, and the

performance of the Contract will not, in any way violate or conflict with any provision of law, statute, rule, regulation, judgement, writ, injunction, decree or order applicable to it. Each Party also warrants that the Contract does not conflict with or result in a breach or termination of any provision of, or constitute a default under, any mortgage, contract or other liability, charge or encumbrance upon any of its properties or other assets.

f. Each Party agrees with each other Party that the provisions of this condition 4 shall survive any termination of the Contract for any reason whatsoever and shall remain fully

enforceable as between the Parties notwithstanding such a termination.

Where the Contractor's place of business is not in England or Wales (or Scotland where the Parties agree pursuant to this Contract that Scots Law should apply), the Contractor irrevocably appoints the solicitors or other persons in England and Wales (or Scotland where the Parties agree pursuant to the Contract that Scots Law should apply) detailed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) as its agents to accept on its behalf service of all process and other documents of whatever description to be served on the Contractor in connection with any litigation or arbitration within the English jurisdiction (or Scottish jurisdiction where the Parties agree pursuant to this Contract that Scots Law should apply) arising out of or relating to the Contract or any issue connected therewith.

#### 5. Precedence

a. If there is any inconsistency between the different provisions of the Contract the inconsistency shall be resolved according to the following descending order of precedence:

(1) Conditions 1 - 44 (and 45 - 47, if included in this Contract) of the Conditions of the Contract shall be given equal precedence with Schedule 1 (Definitions of Contract) and Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet);

(2) Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements) and Schedule 8 (Acceptance Procedure);

(3) the remaining Schedules; and

(4) any other documents expressly referred to in the Contract.

b. If either Party becomes aware of any inconsistency within or between the documents referred to in clause 5.a such Party shall notify the other Party forthwith and the Parties will seek to resolve that inconsistency on the basis of the order of precedence set out in clause 5.a. Where the Parties fail to reach agreement, and if either Party considers the inconsistency to be material to its rights and obligations under the Contract, then the matter will be referred to the dispute resolution procedure in accordance with condition 40 (Dispute Resolution).

### 6. Amendments to Contract

- a. Except as provided in condition 31 all amendments to this Contract shall be serially numbered, in writing, issued only by the Authority's Representative (Commercial), and agreed by both Parties.
- b. Where the Authority or the Contractor wishes to introduce a change which is not minor or which is likely to involve a change to the Contract Price, the provisions of Schedule 4 (Contract Change Control Procedure) shall apply. The Contractor shall not carry out any work until any necessary change to the Contract Price has been agreed and a written amendment in accordance with clause 6.a above has been issued.

#### 7. Variations to Specification

a. The Authority's Representative may, by Notice (following consultation with the Contractor as necessary), alter the Specification as from a date agreed by both Parties and to the extent specified by the Authority, provided that any such variations shall be limited to the extent that they do not alter the fit, form, function or characteristics of the Contractor Deliverables to be supplied under the Contract. The Contractor shall ensure that the Contractor Deliverables take account of any such variations. Such variations shall not require formal amendment of the Contract in accordance with the process set out in

condition 6 (Amendments to Contract) and shall be implemented upon receipt, or at the date specified in the Authority's Notice, unless otherwise specified.

Any variations that cause a change to: b.

fit, form, function or characteristics of the Contractor Deliverables; (1)

the cost; (2)

(3)Delivery Dates;

the period required for the production or completion; or (4)

other work caused by the alteration, (5)shall be the subject to condition 6 (Amendments to Contract). Each amendment under condition 6 shall be classed as a formal change.

## 8. Authority Representatives

Any reference to the Authority in respect of: a.

the giving of consent; (1)

the delivering of any Notices; or (2)

the doing of any other thing that may reasonably be undertaken by an individual acting (3) on behalf of the Authority, shall be deemed to be references to the Authority's

Representatives in accordance with this condition 8.

The Authority's Representatives detailed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) (or their b. nominated deputy) shall have full authority to act on behalf of the Authority for all purposes of the Contract. Unless notified in writing before such act or instruction, the Contractor shall be entitled to treat any act of the Authority's Representatives which is authorised by the Contract as being expressly authorised by the Authority and the Contractor shall not be required to determine whether authority has in fact been given.

In the event of any change to the identity of the Authority's Representatives, the Authority C. shall provide written confirmation to the Contractor, and shall update Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) in accordance with condition 6 (Amendments to Contract).

#### Severability

If any provision of the Contract is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable to any extent a.

such provision shall (to the extent that it is invalid, illegal or unenforceable) be given no (1) effect and shall be deemed not to be included in the Contract but without invalidating any

of the remaining provisions of the Contract; and

the Parties shall use all reasonable endeavours to replace the invalid, illegal or (2) unenforceable provision by a valid, legal and enforceable substitute provision the effect of which is as close as possible to the intended effect of the invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision.

#### 10. Waiver

No act or omission of either Party shall by itself amount to a waiver of any right or remedy a. unless expressly stated by that Party in writing. In particular, no reasonable delay in exercising any right or remedy shall by itself constitute a waiver of that right or remedy.

No waiver in respect of any right or remedy shall operate as a waiver in respect of any b.

other right or remedy.

## 11. Assignment of Contract

Neither Party shall be entitled to assign the Contract (or any part thereof) without the prior written

consent of the other Party.

12. Third Party Rights

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary elsewhere in the Contract, no right is granted to any person who is not a Party to the Contract to enforce any term of the Contract in its own right and the Parties to the Contract declare that they have no intention to grant any such right.

## 13. Transparency

a. Subject to clause 13.b but notwithstanding condition 14 (Disclosure of Information), the Contractor understands that the Authority may publish the Transparency Information to the general public. The Contractor shall assist and cooperate with the Authority to enable the Authority to publish the Transparency Information.

b. Before publishing the Transparency Information to the general public in accordance with clause 13.a, the Authority shall redact any Information that would be exempt from disclosure if it was the subject of a request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, and any Information which has been acknowledged by the Authority at Schedule 5 – Contractor's Commercially Sensitive Information.

c. The Authority may consult with the Contractor before redacting any Information from the Transparency Information in accordance with clause 13.b. The Contractor acknowledges and accepts that its representations on redactions during consultation may not be determinative and that the decision whether to redact Information is a matter in which the Authority shall exercise its own discretion, subject always to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

d. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this condition 13 shall affect the Contractor's rights at law.

### 14. Disclosure of Information

- a. Subject to clauses 14.d, 14.e, 14.h and condition 13 each Party:
- (1) shall treat in confidence all Information it receives from the other;
- (2) shall not disclose any of that Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld, except that the Contractor may disclose Information in confidence, without prior consent, to such persons and to such extent as may be necessary for the performance of the Contract;
- (3) shall not use any of that Information otherwise than for the purpose of the Contract; and
- (4) shall not copy any of that Information except to the extent necessary for the purpose of exercising its rights of use and disclosure under the Contract.
- b. The Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions necessary to ensure that all Information disclosed to the Contractor by or on behalf of the Authority under or in connection with the Contract:
- (1) is disclosed to its employees and Subcontractors, only to the extent necessary for the performance of the Contract; and
- (2) is treated in confidence by them and not disclosed except with the prior written consent of the Authority or used otherwise than for the purpose of performing work or having work performed for the Authority under the Contract or any subcontract.
- c. The Contractor shall ensure that its employees are aware of the Contractor's arrangements for discharging the obligations at clauses 14.a and 14.b before receiving Information and shall take such steps as may be reasonably practical to enforce such arrangements.
- d. Clauses 14.a and 14.b shall not apply to any Information to the extent that either Party:

- exercises rights of use or disclosure granted otherwise than in consequence of, or under, the Contract;
- has the right to use or disclose the Information in accordance with other Conditions of (2) the Contract; or
- can show:
- that the Information was or has become published or publicly available for use otherwise than in breach of any provision of the Contract or any other agreement between the
- that the Information was already known to it (without restrictions on disclosure or use) (b) prior to receiving the Information under or in connection with the Contract;
- that the Information was received without restriction on further disclosure from a third (c) party which lawfully acquired the Information without any restriction on disclosure; or
- from its records that the same Information was derived independently of that received (d) under or in connection with the Contract; provided that the relationship to any other Information is not revealed.
- Neither Party shall be in breach of this condition where it can show that any disclosure e. of Information was made solely and to the extent necessary to comply with a statutory, judicial or parliamentary obligation. Where such a disclosure is made, the Party making the disclosure shall ensure that the recipient of the Information is made aware of and asked to respect its confidentiality. Such disclosure shall in no way diminish the obligations of the Parties under this condition.
- The Authority may disclose the Information:
- on a confidential basis to any Central Government Body for any proper purpose of the (1) Authority or of the relevant Central Government Body, which shall include: disclosure to the Cabinet Office and/or HM Treasury for the purpose of ensuring effective cross-Government procurement processes, including value for money and related purposes;
- to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary (2)reporting requirement;
- to the extent that the Authority (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or (3)appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions;
- on a confidential basis to a professional adviser, consultant or other person engaged by (4) any of the entities defined in Schedule 1 (including benchmarking organisations) for any purpose relating to or connected with this Contract;
- on a confidential basis for the purpose of the exercise of its rights under the Contract; or (5)
- on a confidential basis to a proposed body in connection with any assignment, novation (6)or disposal of any of its rights, obligations or liabilities under the Contract; 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 condition.
- Before sharing any Information in accordance with clause 14.f, the Authority may redact g. the Information. Any decision to redact Information made by the Authority shall be final.
- The Authority shall not be in breach of the Contract where disclosure of Information is h. made solely and to the extent necessary to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act") or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (the "Regulations"). To the extent permitted by the time for compliance under the Act or the Regulations, the Authority shall consult the Contractor where the Authority is considering the disclosure of Information under the Act or the Regulations and, in any event, shall provide prior notification to the Contractor of any decision to disclose the Information. The Contractor acknowledges and accepts that its representations on disclosure during consultation may not be determinative and that the decision whether to disclose Information in order to comply with the Act or the Regulations is a matter in which the Authority shall exercise its own discretion, subject always to the provisions of the Act or the Regulations.
- Nothing in this condition shall affect the Parties' obligations of confidentiality where i.

Information is disclosed orally in confidence.

## 15. Publicity and Communications with the Media

The Contractor shall not and shall ensure that any employee or Subcontractor shall not communicate with representatives of the press, television, radio or other media on any matter concerning the Contract unless the Authority has given its prior written consent.

## 16. Change of Control of Contractor

a. The Contractor shall notify the Representative of the Authority at the address given in clause 16.b, as soon as practicable, in writing of any intended, planned or actual change in control of the Contractor. The Contractor shall not be required to submit any notice which is unlawful or is in breach of either any pre-existing non-disclosure agreement or any regulations governing the conduct of the Contractor in the UK or other jurisdictions where the Contractor may be subject to legal sanction arising from issuing such a notice.

b. Each notice of change of control shall be taken to apply to all contracts with the Authority. Notices shall be submitted to:

Mergers & Acquisitions Section

Strategic Supplier Management Team

Spruce 3b # 1301

MOD Abbey Wood,

Bristol, BS34 8JH

The Representative of the Authority shall consider the notice of change of control and advise the Contractor in writing of any concerns the Authority may have. Such concerns may include but are not limited to potential threats to national security, the ability of the Authority to comply with its statutory obligations or matters covered by the declarations made by the Contractor prior to Contract Award.

- The Authority may terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the Contractor within six months of the Authority being notified in accordance with clause 16.a. The Authority shall act reasonably in exercising its right of termination under this condition.
- d. If the Authority exercises its right to terminate in accordance with clause 16.c the Contractor shall be entitled to request the Authority to consider making a payment representing any commitments, liabilities or expenditure incurred by the Contractor in connection with the Contract up to the point of termination. Such commitments, liabilities or expenditure shall be reasonably and properly chargeable by the Contractor, and shall otherwise represent an unavoidable loss by the Contractor by reason of the termination of the Contract. Any payment under this clause 16.d must be fully supported by documentary evidence. The decision whether to make such a payment shall be at the Authority's sole discretion.
- e. Notification by the Contractor of any intended, planned or actual change of control shall not prejudice the existing rights of the Authority or the Contractor under the Contract nor create or imply any rights of either the Contractor or the Authority additional to the Authority's rights set out in this condition.

## 17. Environmental Requirements

The Contractor shall in all its operations to perform the Contract, adopt a sound proactive environmental approach that identifies, considers, and where possible, mitigates the environmental impacts of its supply chain. The Contractor shall provide evidence of so doing to the Authority on demand.

### 18. Contractor's Records

a. The Contractor and its sub-contractors shall maintain all records specified in and connected with the Contract (expressly or otherwise) and make them available to the

Authority when requested on reasonable notice.

b. The Contractor and its sub-contractors shall also permit access to relevant records that relate to the contractual obligations to supply goods or services under the Contract, held by or controlled by them and reasonably required by the Comptroller and Auditor General, their staff and any appointed representative of the National Audit Office, and provide such explanations and information as reasonably necessary for the following purposes:

(1) to enable the National Audit Office to carry out the Authority's statutory audits and to examine and/or certify the Authority's annual and interim report and accounts; and

to enable the National Audit Office to carry out an examination pursuant to Part II of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which the Authority has used its resources.

With regard to the records made available to the Authority under clause 1 of this Condition, and subject to the provisions of SC2 conditions of contract clause 14, the Contractor shall permit records to be examined and if necessary copied, by the Authority, or Representative of the Authority, as the Authority may require.

d. Unless the Contract specifies otherwise the records referred to in this Condition shall be

retained for a period of at least 6 years from:

(1) the end of the Contract term;

(2) termination of the Contract; or

(3) the final payment whichever occurs latest.

#### 19. Notices

a. A Notice served under the Contract shall be:

(1) in writing in the English Language;

(2) authenticated by signature or such other method as may be agreed between the Parties;

(3) sent for the attention of the other Party's Representative, and to the address set out in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet);

(4) marked with the number of the Contract; and

(5) delivered by hand, prepaid post (or airmail), facsimile transmission or, if agreed in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet), by electronic mail.

b. Notices shall be deemed to have been received:

if delivered by hand, on the day of delivery if it is the recipient's Business and otherwise on the first Business Day of the recipient immediately following the day of delivery;

(2) if sent by prepaid post, on the fourth Business Day (or the tenth Business Day in the case of airmail) after the day of posting;

(3) if sent by facsimile or electronic means:

(a) if transmitted between 09:00 and 17:00 hours on a Business Day (recipient's time) on completion of receipt by the sender of verification of the transmission from the receiving instrument; or

if transmitted at any other time, at 09:00 on the first Business Day (recipient's time) following the completion of receipt by the sender of verification of transmission from the

receiving instrument.

## 20. Progress Monitoring, Meetings and Reports

a. The Contractor shall attend progress meetings at the frequency or times (if any) specified

in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) and shall ensure that its Contractor's Representatives are suitably qualified to attend such meetings.

- b. The Contractor shall submit progress reports to the Authority's Representatives at the times and in the format (if any) specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet). The reports shall detail as a minimum:
- (1) performance/Delivery of the Contractor Deliverables;

(2) risks and opportunities:

- (3) any other information specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet); and
- (4) any other information reasonably requested by the Authority.

## **Supply of Contractor Deliverables**

## 21. Supply of Contractor Deliverables and Quality Assurance

- a. The Contractor shall provide the Contractor Deliverables to the Authority, in accordance with the Schedule of Requirements and the Specification, and shall allocate sufficient resource to the provision of the Contractor Deliverables to enable it to comply with this obligation.
- b. The Contractor shall:
- (1) comply with any applicable quality assurance requirements specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet) in providing the Contractor Deliverables; and
- (2) discharge its obligations under the Contract with all due skill, care, diligence and operating practice by appropriately experienced, qualified and trained personnel.
- c. The provisions of clause 21.b. shall survive any performance, acceptance or payment pursuant to the Contract and shall extend to any remedial services provided by the Contractor.
- d. The Contractor shall:
- (1) observe, and ensure that the Contractor's Team observe, all health and safety rules and regulations and any other security requirements that apply at any of the Authority's premises;
- (2) notify the Authority as soon as it becomes aware of any health and safety hazards or issues which arise in relation to the Contractor Deliverables; and
- (3) before the date on which the Contractor Deliverables are to start, obtain, and at all times maintain, all necessary licences and consents in relation to the Contractor Deliverables.

#### 22. Marking of Contractor Deliverables

- a. Each Contractor Deliverable shall be marked in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedule 3 (Contract Data Sheet), if no such requirement is specified, the Contractor shall mark each Contractor Deliverable clearly and indelibly in accordance with the requirements of the relevant DEF-STAN 05-132 as specified in the contract or specification. In the absence of such requirements, the Contractor Deliverables shall be marked with the MOD stock reference, NATO Stock Number (NSN) or alternative reference number specified in Schedule 2 (Schedule of Requirements).
- b. Any marking method used shall not have a detrimental effect on the strength, serviceability or corrosion resistance of the Contractor Deliverables.
- c. The marking shall include any serial numbers allocated to the Contractor Deliverable.
- d. Where because of its size or nature it is not possible to mark a Contractor Deliverable with the required particulars, the required information should be included on the package or carton in which the Contractor Deliverable is packed, in accordance with condition 23 (Packaging and Labelling (excluding Contractor Deliverables containing Munitions)).