

**HEAD AGREEMENT FOR LICENCE TERMS FOR COMMERCIAL SOFTWARE PURCHASED BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE**

This Agreement is made this day of in the year.....

BETWEEN

The Secretary of State for Defence, a corporation sole, (afterwards referred to as the AUTHORITY) as represented by the Directorate of Intellectual Property Rights, Poplar 2a #2218, MOD Abbey Wood, Bristol BS34 8JH

AND

[Insert company's name, registration number and corporate address] (afterwards referred to as the COMPANY);
each being referred to as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties".

BACKGROUND

- I. The AUTHORITY wishes to agree standard terms of licence with the COMPANY which will apply to "Commercial Software" products it procures from the COMPANY in order to avoid the need to negotiate individual terms each time those products are purchased; and
- II. The COMPANY is prepared to agree standard terms of licence with the AUTHORITY in order to facilitate sales of Commercial Software to the AUTHORITY.

For the purpose of this Agreement "Commercial Software" means software available commercially including that software modified on sale to suit the requirements of a customer.

THE HEAD AGREEMENT

1. The Parties agree that they will adopt the terms of licence set out in the Annex to this Head Agreement (the "Annex"), as the standard terms of licence for the procurement of Commercial Software by the AUTHORITY from the COMPANY and from any of its wholly owned subsidiaries for which the COMPANY is entitled to make this Head Agreement. This shall not imply that either Party may not propose other conditions for any particular licence or that either Party shall be bound to accept any particular licence in the terms set out in the Annex.

2. Each software licence which is to be procured subject to the standard terms of licence set out in the Annex, shall be established by a schedule (the "Schedule") which incorporates those terms by making reference to this Head Agreement and the Annex. Each licence so concluded shall be legally separate from this Head Agreement.
3. Each Schedule will take the format provided in the Attachment to the Annex. Individual Schedules may include special conditions adding to, varying, or setting aside any condition set out in the Annex and in the event of any conflict between the terms of the Annex and the special conditions of a Schedule the latter shall prevail.
4. Either Party shall be entitled to terminate this Head Agreement at any time on written notice to the other Party but the termination shall not vary the conditions of or terminate any extant Licences.
5. This Head Agreement shall be subject to and construed and interpreted in accordance with the Laws of England and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts of England. Other jurisdictions may apply solely for the purpose of giving effect to this Agreement and for the enforcement of any judgement, order or award given under English jurisdiction.

Signed for and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence

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[Print name]

In the capacity of*[Insert capacity of signatory]*

Signed for and on behalf of the COMPANY *[Insert name of company]*

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[Print name].....

In the capacity of*[Insert capacity of signatory]*