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SCHEDULE 8 - FINANCIAL DISTRESS

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1. DEFINITIONS

In this Schedule 8 (Financial Distress), the following definitions shall apply:

“Financial Service Plan”	Distress Continuity	a plan setting out how the Supplier will ensure the continued performance and delivery of the Services in accordance with this Contract in the event that a Financial Distress Event occurs;
“Monitored Company”		Supplier, Guarantor (if any) or any Key Sub-Contractor; and

2. WARRANTIES AND DUTY TO NOTIFY

- 2.1 The Supplier warrants and represents to the Buyer that as at the Commencement Date the long term credit ratings issued for the Monitored Companies by each of the Rating Agencies are as set out in Part B of Attachment 7 (Financial Distress) of the Order Form.
- 2.2 The Buyer acknowledges and agrees that as at the Commencement Date, the Supplier does not hold a licence to enable the Supplier itself to obtain the credit ratings and reports issued by the nominated Rating Agency set out in the Annex of this Schedule as at the Commencement Date. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Buyer will use its reasonable endeavours to provide the Supplier with the credit ratings and reports issued by the Rating Agency for the Monitored Companies on a monthly basis. Following the Supplier's receipt of such credit ratings and reports, the Supplier shall review and analyse the credit ratings and reports and promptly (and in any event within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of such credit ratings and reports) notify the Buyer in writing if there is any downgrade in the credit rating issued by any Rating Agency for a Monitored Company.
- 2.3 If there is any downgrade credit rating issued by any Rating Agency for the Monitored Company the Supplier shall ensure that the Monitored Company's auditors thereafter provide the Buyer within ten (10) Working Days of the end of each Contract Year and within ten (10) Working Days of written request by the Buyer (such requests not to exceed four (4) in any Contract Year) with written calculations of the quick ratio for the Monitored Company as at the end of each Contract Year or such other date as may be requested by Buyer. For these purposes the "quick ratio" on any date means:

$$\frac{A + B + C}{D}$$

where:

- A is the value at the relevant date of all cash in hand and at the bank of the Monitored Company;
- B is the value of all marketable securities held by the Supplier the Monitored Company determined using closing prices on the Working Day preceding the relevant date;

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- C is the value at the relevant date of all account receivables of the Monitored; and
- D is the value at the relevant date of the current liabilities of the Monitored Company.

2.4 The Supplier shall:

- 2.4.1 subject to the provision of the Rating Agencies' report by the Buyer under Paragraph 2.2 above, regularly monitor the credit ratings of each Monitored Company with the Rating Agencies; and
- 2.4.2 promptly notify (or shall procure that its auditors promptly notify) the Buyer in writing following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event or any fact, circumstance or matter which could cause a Financial Distress Event and in any event, ensure that such notification is made within ten (10) Working Days of the date on which the Supplier first becomes aware of the Financial Distress Event or the fact, circumstance or matter which could cause a Financial Distress Event (in relation to which, for the purposes of part (a) of the definition of Financial Distress Event, such (ten) 10 Working Day period shall be measured from the date the Supplier receives the credit ratings and reports from the Buyer).

- 2.5 For the purposes of determining whether a Financial Distress Event has occurred the credit rating of the Monitored Company shall be deemed to have dropped below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold if any of the Rating Agencies have rated the Monitored Company at or below the applicable Credit Rating Threshold.

3. CONSEQUENCES OF FINANCIAL DISTRESS EVENTS

- 3.1 In the event of a Financial Distress Event then, immediately upon notification of the Financial Distress Event (or if the Buyer becomes aware of the Financial Distress Event without notification and brings the event to the attention of the Supplier), the Supplier shall have the obligations and the Buyer shall have the rights and remedies as set out in Paragraphs 3.3 to 3.6.
- 3.2 In the event that a Financial Distress Event arises due to a Key Sub-Contractor notifying the Buyer that the Supplier has not satisfied any sums properly due under a specified invoice and not subject to a genuine dispute then, the Buyer shall not exercise any of its rights or remedies under Paragraph 3.3 without first giving the Supplier ten (10) Working Days to:
 - 3.2.1 rectify such late or non-payment; or
 - 3.2.2 demonstrate to the Buyer's reasonable satisfaction that there is a valid reason for late or non-payment.
- 3.3 The Supplier shall and shall procure that the other Monitored Companies shall:
 - 3.3.1 at the request of the Buyer, meet the Buyer as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event within three (3) Working Days of the initial notification (or awareness) of the Financial Distress Event) to review the effect of the Financial Distress Event on the continued

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performance and delivery of the Services in accordance with this Contract; and

3.3.2 where the Buyer reasonably believes (taking into account the discussions and any representations made under Paragraph 3.3.1) that the Financial Distress Event could impact on the continued performance and delivery of the Services in accordance with this Contract:

- (a) submit to the Buyer for its approval, a draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event, within ten (10) Working Days of the initial notification (or awareness) of the Financial Distress Event); and
- (b) provide such financial information relating to the Monitored Company as the Buyer may reasonably require.

3.4 If the Buyer does not (acting reasonably) approve the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan, it shall inform the Supplier of its reasons and the Supplier shall take those reasons into account in the preparation of a further draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan, which shall be resubmitted to the Buyer within five (5) Working Days of the rejection of the first or subsequent (as the case may be) drafts. This process shall be repeated until the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is approved by the Buyer or referred to the Dispute Resolution Procedure under Paragraph 3.5.

3.5 If the Buyer considers that the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is insufficiently detailed to be properly evaluated, will take too long to complete or will not remedy the relevant Financial Distress Event, then it may either agree a further time period for the development and agreement of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan or escalate any issues with the draft Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan using the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

3.6 Following approval of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan by the Buyer, the Supplier shall:

3.6.1 on a regular basis (which shall not be less than monthly), review the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan and assess whether it remains adequate and up to date to ensure the continued performance and delivery of the Services in accordance with this Contract;

3.6.2 where the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan is not adequate or up to date in accordance with Paragraph 3.6.1, submit an updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan to the Buyer for its approval, and the provisions of Paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 shall apply to the review and approval process for the updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan; and

3.6.3 comply with the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (including any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan).

3.7 Where the Supplier reasonably believes that the relevant Financial Distress Event (or the circumstance or matter which has caused or otherwise led to it)

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no longer exists, it shall notify the Buyer and subject to the agreement of the Parties, the Supplier may be relieved of its obligations under Paragraph 3.6.

4. TERMINATION RIGHTS

- 4.1 The Buyer shall be entitled to terminate this Contract for material Default if:
 - 4.1.1 the Supplier fails to notify the Buyer of a Financial Distress Event in accordance with Paragraph 2.4;
 - 4.1.2 the Parties fail to agree a Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (or any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan) in accordance with Paragraphs 3.3 to 3.5; and/or
 - 4.1.3 the Supplier fails to comply with the terms of the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan (or any updated Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan) in accordance with Paragraph 3.6.3.

5. PRIMACY OF CREDIT RATINGS

- 5.1 Without prejudice to the Supplier's obligations and the Buyer's rights and remedies under Paragraph 4, if, following the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event, the Rating Agencies review and report subsequently that the credit ratings do not drop below the relevant Credit Rating Threshold, then:
 - 5.1.1 the Supplier shall be relieved automatically of its obligations under Paragraphs 3.3 to 3.6; and
 - 5.1.2 the Buyer shall not be entitled to require the Supplier to provide financial information in accordance with Paragraph 3.3.2(b).

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ANNEX – RATING AGENCIES

Rating Agencies:

- Creditsafe