1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions. In these Conditions, the following definitions apply:

Business Day: a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) when banks in London are open for business.

Charges: the charges payable by the Customer for the supply of Services in accordance with clause 9.

Conditions: the terms and conditions set out in this document as amended from time to time in accordance with clause 18.8.

Contract: the contract between Instrumental and the Customer for the sale and purchase of the Goods and/or Services in accordance with these Conditions.

Customer: the person or firm who purchases the Goods and/or Services from Instrumental.

Deliverables: the deliverables set out in the Order produced by Instrumental.

Force Majeure Event: has the meaning given in clause 15.

Goods: the goods (or any part of them) set out in the Order.

IPR: all copyright and related rights, trade marks, service marks, trade, business and domain names, rights in trade dress or get-up, rights in goodwill or to sue for passing off, unfair competition rights, rights in designs, rights in computer software, database rights, topography rights, rights in confidential information (including know-how and trade secrets) and any other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including all applications for and renewals or extensions of such rights, and all similar or equivalent rights or forms of protection in any part of the world.

Instrumental: Instrumental Limited incorporated and registered in England and Wales with company number 04325633 whose registered office is at Unipart House, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2PG.

Instrumental Materials: has the meaning set out in clause 8.1(g).

Order: the Customer’s order for the Goods and/or Services, as set out in the Customer’s purchase order form, the Customer’s written acceptance of Instrumental’s quotation, or order, as the case may be.

Services: the services, including the Deliverables, supplied by Instrumental to the Customer as set out in the Specification.

Specification: any description or specification for the Goods and/or Services, including any related plans and drawings, that is provided or requested by the Customer and agreed in writing by the Customer and Instrumental.

2. BASIS OF CONTRACT

2.1 These Conditions apply to the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms that the Customer seeks to impose or incorporate, or which are implied by trade, custom, practice or course of dealing.

2.2 The Order constitutes an offer by the Customer to purchase the Goods and/or Services in accordance with these Conditions. The Customer is responsible for ensuring that the terms of the Order and any applicable Specification are complete and accurate.

2.3 The Order shall only be deemed to have been accepted when Instrumental issues a written acceptance of the Order or begins to perform the Contract (whichever is the earlier), at which point the Contract shall come into existence.

2.4 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. The Customer acknowledges that it has not relied on any statement, promise or representation made or given by or on behalf of Instrumental which is not set out in the Contract.

2.5 Any samples, drawings, descriptive matter, or advertising produced by Instrumental and any descriptions or illustrations contained in Instrumental’s catalogues, brochures or website are produced for the sole purpose of giving an approximate idea of the Goods and/or Services described in them. They shall not form part of the Contract nor have any contractual force.

2.6 Any quotation given by Instrumental shall not constitute an offer. A quotation shall only be valid for a period of 30 Business Days from its date of issue.

3. SUPPLY OF GOODS

3.1 The Goods are described in the Specification, which shall be provided by the Customer in the Order.

3.2 The Customer shall indemnify Instrumental against all liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses (including any direct, indirect or consequential losses, loss of profit, loss of reputation and all interest, penalties and legal and other reasonable professional costs and expenses) suffered or incurred by Instrumental in connection with any claim made against Instrumental for actual or alleged infringement of a third party’s intellectual property rights arising out of or in connection with Instrumental’s use of the Specification supplied by the Customer. This clause 3.2 shall survive termination of the Contract.

3.3 Instrumental reserves the right to amend the Specification if required by any applicable statutory or regulatory requirements.

4. DELIVERY OF GOODS

4.1 Instrumental shall ensure that:

(a) each delivery of the Goods is accompanied by a delivery manifest which shows details to include, the date, Order number, the Goods and quantity of the Goods and special storage instructions (if any); and

(b) if Instrumental requires the Customer to return any packaging materials to Instrumental, that fact is clearly stated on the delivery note provided that pallets, collars, stillages, kreels and other specialist equipment shall at all times remain the property of Instrumental. The Customer shall make any such packaging materials available for collection in accordance with this clause shall entitle Instrumental to levy a reasonable charge on the Customer in respect of the cost of Instrumental having to purchase replacement materials.

4.2 Instrumental shall deliver the Goods to the location set out in the Order or such other location as the parties may agree (‘Delivery Location’) at any time after the Goods are ready.

4.3 Delivery of the Goods shall be completed on the Goods’ arrival at the Delivery Location. The Customer shall be responsible for the offloading of all deliveries from delivery vehicles.

4.4 Any dates quoted for delivery are approximate only, and the time of delivery is not of the essence. Instrumental shall not be liable for any delay in delivery of the Goods that is caused by a Force Majeure Event or the Customer’s failure to provide Instrumental with adequate delivery instructions or any other instructions that are relevant to the supply of the Goods.

4.5 If the Customer fails to take delivery of the Goods on their arrival at the Delivery Location, despite Instrumental having made all reasonable efforts to notify the Customer that the Goods were ready;

(a) delivery of the Goods shall be deemed to have been completed at 9.00 am on the third Business Day after the day on which Instrumental notified the Customer that the Goods were ready;

(b) Instrumental shall store the Goods until delivery takes place, and charge the Customer for all related costs and expenses (including insurance).

4.6 If 10 Business Days after the day on which Instrumental notified the Customer that the Goods were ready for delivery the Customer has not taken delivery of the Goods, Instrumental may resell or otherwise dispose of part or all of the Goods and, after deducting reasonable storage and other costs, account to the Customer for any excess over the price of the Goods or charge the Customer for any shortfall below the price of the Goods.

4.7 Instrumental may deliver the Goods by instalments, which shall be invoiced and paid for separately. Each instalment shall constitute a separate Contract. Any delay in delivery or defect in an instalment shall not entitle the Customer to cancel any other instalment.

4.8 Instrumental may, by giving notice to the Customer at any time before delivery, increase the price of the Goods to reflect any increase in the cost of the Goods that is due to:

(a) any factor beyond Instrumental’s control (including foreign exchange fluctuations, increases in taxes and duties, and increases in labour, material and/or manufacturing costs); and

(b) any request by the Customer to change the delivery date(s), quantities or types of Goods ordered, or the Specification; or

(c) any delay caused by any instructions of the Customer or failure of the Customer to give Instrumental adequate or accurate information or instructions.

5. QUALITY OF GOODS

5.1 Instrumental warrants that on delivery the Goods shall conform in all material respects with their Specification.

5.2 The terms implied by sections 13 to 15 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 are, to the fullest extent permitted by law, excluded from the Contract.

6. TITLE AND RISK (GOODS)

6.1 The risk in the Goods shall pass to the Customer on completion of delivery.

6.2 Title to the Goods shall not pass to the Customer until Instrumental has received payment in full (in cash or cleared funds) for:

(a) the Goods; and

(b) any other goods or services that Instrumental has supplied to the Customer.

6.3 Until title to the Goods has passed to the Customer, the Customer shall:

(a) hold the Goods in a fiduciary capacity on trust for Instrumental;

(b) store the Goods separately from all other goods held by the Customer so that they remain readily identifiable as Instrumental’s property;

(c) permit and facilitate Instrumental at any time to enter any premises of the Customer or of any third party where the Goods are stored in order to recover them;

(d) not remove, deface or obscure any identifying mark or packaging on or relating to the Goods;

(e) maintain the Goods in satisfactory condition and keep them insured against all risks for their full price from the date of delivery and on request allow Instrumental to inspect the insurance policy;
(f) notify Instrumental immediately if it becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 10.2; and

(g) give Instrumental such information relating to the Goods as Instrumental may require from time to time.

6.4 If the Customer becomes or becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 10.2, or Instrumentally reasonably believes that any such event is about to happen and notifies the Customer accordingly, then, provided that title to the Goods has not passed to the Customer and that the Goods have not been resold, or irrecoverably incorporated into another product, and without limiting any other right or remedy already Instrumental may have, Instrumental may at any time require the Customer to deliver up the Goods and, if the Customer fails to do so promptly, enter any premises of the Customer or of any third party where the Goods are stored in order to recover them.

7. SUPPLY OF SERVICES

7.1 Instrumental shall supply the Services to the Customer in accordance with the Specification in all material respects.

7.2 Instrumental shall use its reasonable endeavours to meet any performance dates specified in the Order or the Specification (as the case may be), but any such dates shall be estimates only and time shall not be of the essence.

7.3 Instrumental shall have the right to make any changes to the Services which are necessary to comply with any applicable law or safety requirement, or which do not materially affect the nature or quality of the Services, and Instrumental shall notify the Customer in any such event.

7.4 Instrumental warrants to the Customer that the Services will be provided using reasonable care and skill.

8. CONTRACT SECTIONS (SERVICES)

8.1 The Customer shall:

(a) operate the terms of the Order for Services and any information it provides in the Specification are complete and accurate;

(b) co-operate, state the reasons with Instrumental in all matters relating to the Services;

(c) provide Instrumental, its employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors with access to the Customer's premises, offices accommodation and other facilities as reasonably required by Instrumental;

(d) provide Instrumental with such information and materials as Instrumental may reasonably require in order to supply the Services, and ensure that such information is accurate in all material respects;

(e) prepare the Customer's premises and/or the location at which the Services are to be performed for the supply of the Services including the obtaining of railway possessions, the positioning of vehicles and equipment and suitable site access if applicable;

(f) obtain and make over due amounts of money which may be required before the date on which the Services are to be supplied or in respect of the Services;

(g) and keep and maintain all materials, equipment, documents and other property of Instrumental (Instrumental Materials) at the Customer's premises in safe custody at its own risk, maintain Instrumental Materials in good condition until returned to Instrumental, and, not dispose of or use Instrumental Materials other than in accordance with Instrumental's written instructions or authorisation.

8.2 If Instrumental's performance of any of its obligations under the Contract is prevented or delayed by any act or omission by the Customer or failure by the Customer to perform any relevant obligation (Customer Default):

(a) Instrumental shall not limit its other rights or remedies have the right in suspends its performance of the Services until the Customer remedies the Customer Default, and to rely on the Customer Default to relieve it from the performance of any of its obligations to the extent the Customer Default prevents or delays Instrumental's performance of any of its obligations;

(b) Instrumental shall not be liable for any other losses or losses sustained or incurred by the Customer arising directly or indirectly from Instrumental's failure or delay to perform any of its obligations as set out in this clause 8.2; and

(c) the Customer shall reimburse Instrumental on written demand for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by Instrumental arising directly or indirectly from the Customer Default.

9. PRICE AND PAYMENT

9.1 The price of the Goods shall be the price set out in Instrumental's written acceptance of the Order.

9.2 Unless otherwise expressly stated in Instrumental's written acceptance of the Order, for all deliveries to the UK mainland, the price of the Goods is inclusive of the costs and charges of packaging, insurance and transport of the Goods. For deliveries to destinations outside the UK mainland additional charges will apply. For deliveries where Instrumental is providing specialist delivery vehicles or offloading equipment, additional supply.

9.3 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the Charges for the Services shall be paid at the time and in the manner as follows:

(a) The Charges shall be calculated in accordance with Instrumental's hourly fee rates, as set out in Instrumental's quotation or if no quotation has been provided, as otherwise incorporated in an accepted Order;

(b) Instrumental's standard hourly fee rates for each individual are calculated on the basis of a normal working day from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm worked on Business Days;

(c) Instrumental shall be entitled to charge an enhanced fee rate for any work time by individuals on which it engages on the Services for the purpose of the increase. If such increase is not acceptable to the Customer, it shall notify Instrumental in writing within one week of the date of Instrumental's notice and Instrumental shall have the right without limiting its other rights or remedies to terminate the Contract by giving two weeks' written notice to the Customer.

9.4 Instrumental reserves the right to increase its standard fee rates for Services, provided that such charges will not be increased more than once in any 12 month period. Instrumental will give the Customer written notice of any such increase at least one month before the proposed date of the increase. If such increase is not acceptable to the Customer, it shall notify Instrumental in writing within one week of the date of Instrumental's notice and Instrumental shall have the right without limiting its other rights or remedies to terminate the Contract by giving two weeks' written notice to the Customer.

9.5 The price of the Goods and the Charges for the Services are exclusive of amounts in respect of value added tax (VAT). The Customer shall, on receipt of a valid VAT invoice from Instrumental, pay to Instrumental such additional amounts in respect of VAT as are chargeable on the supply of the Goods and/or Services.

9.6 Instrumental may invoice the Customer for the Goods on or at any time after the completion of delivery.

9.7 Except where the Customer has previously agreed in writing with Instrumental particular credit terms in which events, these credit terms will apply, and Customer shall pay the invoice in full in cleared funds by the end of the month following the month the invoice was despatched. Payment shall be made to the bank account nominated in writing by Instrumental. Time of payment is of the essence.

9.8 The Customer shall notify Instrumental in writing within ten (10) days of the date of the invoice if the invoice is in dispute, stating in detail the reasons for the dispute (supported by documentary evidence), the amount of the dispute and the invoice number. The Customer shall not be entitled to withhold payment from the disputed invoice after such ten (10) day period has expired.

9.9 Where an invoice is partially disputed, Instrumental shall have the right to require the Customer to pay the balance of the invoice, together with addition with clause 9.7.9.

9.10 If the Customer fails to make any payment due to Instrumental under the Contract by the due date for payment (due date), then, without limiting Instrumental's other rights or remedies:

(a) the Customer shall pay the Goods and/or Servicesprovide any overdue amount at the rate provided for the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998. Such interest shall accrue on a daily basis from the due date until the actual payment of the overdue amount, whether before or after judgment and the Customer shall pay the interest together with the overdue amount; and

(b) Instrumental may suspend the performance of any or all of its obligations under the Contract.

9.11 The Customer shall not be entitled to make any set-off against any amount payable by Instrumental to the Customer.

10. INSOLVENCY INCAPACITY AND TERMINATION

10.1 If the Customer becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 10.2, or Instrumentally reasonably believes that the Customer is about to become subject to any of them and notifies the Customer accordingly, then, without limiting any other right or remedy available, Instrumental may terminate the Contract, and if the Customer is a bankrupt or has been made the subject of a petition of bankruptcy, or is in receivership or administration or has a liquidator or administrator appointed, or has been adjudged insolvent or declared bankrupt or appointed as an administrative receiver of its undertaking or any part of it, or Instrumental may cancel or suspend all further deliveries and/or Services under the Contract or under any other agreement with the Customer without incurring any liability to the Customer, and all outstanding sums in respect of Goods delivered and/or Services provided to the Customer shall become immediately due.

10.2 For the purposes of clause 10.1, the relevant events are:

(a) the Customer suspends or threatens to suspend, payment of its debts, or is unable to pay its debts as they fall due or admits inability to pay its debts, or (being a company) is deemed unable to pay its debts or as having no reasonable prospect of solvency of doing so, in either case, within the meaning of section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or (being an individual) is deemed either unable to pay its debts or as having no reasonable prospect of solvency of doing so, in either case, within the meaning of section 263 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or (being a partnership) has ceased to carry on business to whom any of the foregoing apply; and

(b) the Customer commences negotiations with all or any class of its creditors with a view to reaching an agreement to reduce or settle any of its debts, or makes a proposal for or enters into any compromise or arrangement with its creditors other than (where the Customer is a company) where these events take place for the sole purpose of a solvent amalgamation of the Customer with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of the Customer;
(d) (being an individual) the Customer is the subject of a bankruptcy petition or order; and
(e) a creditor or insolvency officer of the Customer attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution, sequestration or other such process is levied on or enforced on or against, the whole or any part of its assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within 14 days;
(f) (being a company) an application is made to court, or an order is made, for the appointment of an administrator or if a notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given or if an administrator is appointed over the Customer;
(g) (being a company) a floating charge holder over the Customer’s assets has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an administrative receiver;
(h) a person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver over the Customer’s assets or a receiver is appointed over the Customer’s assets;
(i) any event occurs, or proceedings are taken, with respect to the Customer in any jurisdiction to which it is subject that has an effect equivalent or similar to any of the events mentioned in clause 10.3 without limiting its other rights or remedies;
(j) the Customer suspends, threatens to suspend, ceases or threatens to cease to carry on all or substantially the whole of its business;
(k) the Customer’s financial position deteriorates to such an extent that in the opinion of the Customer’s ability to adequately fulfil its obligations under the Contract has been placed in jeopardy; and
(l) (being an individual) the Customer dies or, by reason of illness or incapacity (whether mental or physical), is incapable of managing his or her own affairs or becomes a patient under any mental health legislation.

10.3 Without limiting its other rights or remedies, Instrumental may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by giving written notice to the Customer if:
(a) the Customer commits a material breach of the Contract and (if such a breach is remediable) fails to remedy that breach within 7 days of being notified in writing of the breach;
(b) the Customer becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 10.2;
(c) the Customer becomes subject to any event listed in clause 10.2 (l) (inclusive);
(d) the Customer gives an expression of, or actual or apparent manifestation of, its insolvency.

10.4 Without limiting its other rights or remedies, Instrumental may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by giving written notice to the Customer if the Customer fails to pay any amount due under this Contract on the date for payment.

10.5 Without limiting its other rights or remedies, the Customer shall have the right to terminate the Contract, but only in relation to the provision of Services, by giving the Customer one week’s written notice.

10.6 Without limiting its other rights or remedies, Instrumental shall have the right to terminate the Contract, but only in relation to the provision of Services, by giving the Customer one week’s written notice.

10.7 On termination of the Contract for any reason:
(a) the Customer shall immediately pay to Instrumental all of Instrumental’s outstanding unpaid invoices and interest and, in respect of Services supplied but for which no invoice has been submitted, Instrumental shall submit an invoice, which shall be payable by the Customer immediately on receipt;
(b) the Customer shall return all of the Instrumental Materials and any Defective Products which have not been paid for if the Customer fails to do so, then Instrumental may enter the Customer’s premises and take possession of them. Until they have been returned, the Customer shall be solely responsible for their safe keeping and will not use them for any purpose not connected with the provision of the Services;
(c) at Instrumental’s option, the Customer shall be obliged to make full payment for or to make available for collection within five (5) business days any and all Goods which have been delivered but not paid for;
(d) the accrued rights, remedies, obligations and liabilities of the parties as at expiry or termination shall not be affected, including the right to claim damages in respect of any breach of the Contract which existed at or before the date of termination or expiry; and
(e) clauses which expressly or by implication have effect after termination shall continue in full force and effect.

11. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

11.1 Nothing in these Conditions shall limit or exclude Instrumental’s liability for:
(a) death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or the negligence of its employees, agents or subcontractors (as applicable);
(b) fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation;
(c) breach of the terms implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979;
(d) breach of the terms implied by section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982;
(e) defective products under the Consumer Protection Act 1987; or
(f) any matter in respect of which it would be unlawful for Key Features to exclude or restrict liability.

11.2 Subject to clause 11.1:
(a) Instrumental shall under no circumstances whatever be liable to the Customer, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, or otherwise, for any loss of profit, or any indirect or consequential loss arising under or in connection with the Contract; and
(b) Instrumental shall limit its liability to the Customer in respect of all other losses arising under or in connection with the Contract, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, or otherwise, in no circumstances exceed 100% of the price of the Goods and/or Services.

12. INDEMNITY

12.1 The Customer shall indemnify and keep indemnified Instrumental against all and any claims, liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses howsoever arising (including any direct, indirect or consequential losses and all interests, penalties and all other reasonable professional costs and expenses) arising from:
(a) (incurring death) to any persons and any loss and/or damage as a result of any act, default or negligence by the Customer or its employees, agents or subcontractors, subject to clause 12.2 (a);
(b) any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute an offence under sections 1, 2 or 6 of the Bribery Act 2010.

13. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

13.1 The Customer undertakes to keep in strict confidence all technical or commercial know-how, Specifications, inventions, processes, prices, costs or initiatives which are disclosed to the receiving party by the other party (disclosing party), its employees, agents or subcontractors, and any other confidential information concerning the disclosing party’s business, its products or its services which the receiving party obtains. The receiving party shall only disclose such confidential information to those of its employees, agents or subcontractors who need to know the same for the purpose of discharging the receiving party’s obligations under the Contract, and shall ensure that such employees, agents or subcontractors shall keep such information confidential.

13.2 The Customer shall not disclose the existence and terms of this Agreement, nor shall it make any disclosure of its commercial relationship with Instrumental without the prior written consent of Instrumental.

14. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

14.1 In respect of the Goods, Instrumental grants to the Customer a revocable, non-exclusive, non-transferable licence to use Instrumental’s IPRs only to the extent necessary and then solely for the purpose of using and operating the Goods.

14.2 The Customer shall not without the prior written consent of Instrumental use any of Instrumental’s IPRs in the manufacture, sale, marketing or handling of the Goods or any matter in respect of which it would be unlawful for Instrumental to grant to the Customer a licence.

14.3 The licence in clause 14.1 is without any warranty or obligation on Instrumental’s part in respect of the validity of the IPRs or the non-infringement of the rights of any other person.

14.4 The Customer will not do anything or act in any way that is or may be inconsistent with or prejudicial to Instrumental’s ownership of its IPRs.

14.5 In respect of the Services, all IPRs in or arising out of or in connection with the Services shall be owned by Instrumental. All Instrumental Materials are the exclusive property of Instrumental.

14.6 The Customer hereby grants Instrumental an irrevocable royalty free licence (with the power to grant sub-licences on the same terms) to use all Customer’s IPRs in connection with Goods and/or Services for all reasonable and proper purposes in connection with the Contract.

14.7 Except as expressly provided herein, nothing in the Contract shall grant or be deemed to grant to either party any right, title or interest in the other party’s IPR and except as expressly stated in the Contract, each party shall have any right to use the other party’s trade marks, service marks or logos without the prior written consent of the other party.

15. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations under the Contract to the extent that such failure or delay is caused by a Force Majeure Event. A Force Majeure Event means any event beyond a party’s reasonable control, which by its nature could not have been foreseen, or, if it could have been foreseen, was unavoidable, including strikes, lock-outs or other industrial disputes (whether involving its own workforce or a third party’s), failure of energy sources or transport network, failure or paralysis of banking systems, war, revolt, civil war, civil commotion, interference by civil or military authorities, national or international calamity, breakdown or failure of plant or machinery, nuclear, chemical or biological contamination, sonic boom, explosions, collapse of building structures, fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, loss at sea, epidemics or other similar natural disasters or extreme adverse weather conditions, or default of suppliers or subcontractors.
(c) have and shall maintain in place its own policies and procedures, including but not limited to adequate procedures under the Bribery Act 2010, to ensure compliance with the Relevant Requirements and clause 16.1(b), and will enforce them where appropriate;
(d) promptly report to Instrumental any request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind received by the Customer in connection with the performance of the Contract.

16.2 The Customer shall ensure that any person associated with the Customer who benefits directly or indirectly from the Contract does so only on the basis of a written contract which imposes on and secures from such person terms equivalent to those imposed on the Customer in this clause 16 (Relevant Terms). The Customer shall be responsible for the observance and performance by such persons of the Relevant Terms, and shall be directly liable to Instrumental for any breach by such persons of any of the Relevant Terms.

16.3 Breach of this clause 16 shall be deemed a material breach of this agreement.

16.4 For the purpose of this clause 16, the meaning of adequate procedures and foreign public official and whether a person is associated with another person shall be determined in accordance with section 7(2) of the Bribery Act 2010 (and any guidance issued under section 9 of that Act), sections 6(5) and 6(6) of that Act and section 8 of that Act respectively.

17. DISPUTES AND MEDIATION

17.1 Before resorting to litigation, the parties shall attempt to negotiate a settlement to any dispute between them arising out of or in connection with this Contract.

17.2 If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute, either party may, at any time, refer the dispute to mediation by a neutral advisor or mediator (the “Mediator”). If the parties are unable to agree on a Mediator within 7 days of the request by one party to refer the dispute to mediation, they shall apply to the Centre for Dispute Resolution (“CEDR”) to appoint a Mediator. The parties shall seek to agree directions as to how the mediation is to be conducted and, failing agreement, they shall seek and adhere to directions from the Mediator.

17.3 If the parties are unable to agree on a Mediator within 7 days of the request by one party to refer the dispute to mediation, they shall apply to the Centre for Dispute Resolution (“CEDR”) to appoint a Mediator. The parties shall seek to agree directions as to how the mediation is to be conducted and, failing agreement, they shall seek and adhere to directions from the Mediator.

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18. GENERAL

18.1 Assignment and subcontracting.

(a) Instrumental may at any time assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with all or any of its rights or obligations under the Contract.

(b) The Customer may not assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with all or any of its rights or obligations under the Contract without the prior written consent of Instrumental.

18.2 Notices.

(a) Any notice or other communication given to a party under or in connection with the Contract shall be in writing, addressed (i) in the case of Instrumental to FAO Legal Counsel, Unipart Rail Limited, Jupiter Building, First Point, Bally Carr Bank, Doncaster, DN4 5JQ; and (ii) in the case of the Customer to its registered office.

(b) A notice or other communication shall be deemed to have been received if delivered personally, when left at the address referred to in clause 18.2(a); if sent by recorded delivery or commercial courier on the date and at the time that the courier’s delivery receipt is signed or, if sent by fax, one Business Day after transmission.

(c) The provisions of this clause shall not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action.

18.3 Severance.

(a) If any court or competent authority finds that any provision of the Contract (or part of any provision) is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that provision or part-provision shall, to the extent required, be deemed to be deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of the Contract shall not be affected.

(b) If any invalid, unenforceable or illegal provision of the Contract would be valid, enforceable and legal if some part of it were deleted, the provision shall apply with the minimum modification necessary to make it legal, valid and enforceable.

18.4 Waiver. A waiver of any right or remedy under the Contract is only effective if given in writing and shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default. No failure or delay by a party to exercise any right or remedy provided under the Contract or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it prejudice or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

18.5 Minor errors. A minor or administrative error by Instrumental shall not be a breach of the Contract and if the Customer is aware of such an error it shall forthwith notify Instrumental which shall use its reasonable endeavours to rectify the error.

18.6 Data protection. The parties shall at all times comply with the provisions and obligations imposed by the Data Protection Act 1998 in storing and processing personal data.

18.7 Third party rights. A person who is not a party to the Contract shall not have any rights under or in connection with it.