

# TERMS OF TRADE

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## 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### 1.1 Definitions

**Australian Consumer Law** means that law set out in Schedule 2 of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 and any other present or future legislation which operates to vary the rights, obligations or powers of the Parties in respect of any agreement between them, with the result that the Supplier's rights, powers or obligations are adversely affected.

**Additional Charge** means:

- (a) fees or charges for additional work performed at the Customer's request or reasonably required as a result of the Customer's conduct, calculated in accordance with the Supplier's then current prices; and
- (b) expenses incurred by the Supplier, at the Customer's request or reasonably required as a result of the Customer's conduct.

**Business Day** means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in the place where the Services are principally being carried out or the Goods provided.

**Customer** means the person identified on a Quote or Order as the customer and includes the Customer's agents and permitted assigns.

**Goods** means the goods to be supplied by the Supplier to the Customer, including those supplied in the course of providing Services.

**Intellectual Property Rights** means intellectual property rights at any time protected by statute or common law, including copyright, trade marks, patents and registered designs.

**Loss** includes, but is not limited to, costs (including party to party legal costs and the Supplier's legal costs), expenses, lost profits, award of damages, personal injury and property damage.

**Order** means a purchase order for Goods or Services placed by a Customer in response to a Quote and as varied in writing from time to time by the Parties.

**Party** means the Customer and/or the Supplier as the context requires, and **Parties** means both of them.

**PPS Law** means:

- (a) the Personal Property Security Act 2009 (Cth) (**PPS Act**) and any regulation made at any time under the PPS Act (each as amended from time to time); and
- (b) any amendment made at any time to any other legislation as a consequence of a PPS Law.

**Quote** means a written description of the Goods or Services to be provided, an estimate of the Supplier's charges for the performance of the required work and an estimate of the time frame for the performance of the work.

**Services** means the services to be supplied by the Supplier to the Customer.

**Supplier** means Plummers Industries Pty Ltd as trustee for the Plummer Family Trust (ABN 57 916 269 052) trading as 'Plummers Industries', or such other entity as may alternatively be specified as the supplier of Goods or Services on the Quote, and includes the Supplier's agents and permitted assigns.

**Terms of Trade** means this document, as may be amended between the Supplier and Customer by written agreement.

### 1.2 Interpretation

In these Terms of Trade, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a reference to writing includes email and other communication established through the Supplier's website (if any);
- (b) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (c) a reference to a clause or paragraph is a reference to a clause or paragraph of these Terms of Trade;
- (d) a reference to a party to these Terms of Trade or any other document or arrangement includes that party's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns;
- (e) where an expression is defined, another part of speech or grammatical form of that expression has a corresponding meaning;
- (f) headings are for ease of reference only and do not affect the meaning or interpretation of these Terms of Trade; and
- (g) if the date on which any act, matter or thing is to be done falls on a day which is not a Business Day, that act, matter or thing:
  - (i) if it involves a payment other than a payment which is due on demand must be done on the preceding Business Day; and
  - (ii) in all other cases, must be done on the next Business Day.

## 2. GENERAL

- (a) These Terms of Trade apply to all transactions between the Customer and the Supplier relating to the provision of Goods and Services. This includes all quotations, contracts and variations. These Terms of Trade take precedence over terms of trade contained in any document of the Customer or elsewhere.
- (b) The variation or waiver of a provision of these terms or a Party's consent to a departure from a provision by another Party is ineffective unless in writing signed by the Parties.
- (c) The Supplier may amend any details in a Quote by notice in writing to the Customer. Such amended details supersede any relevant prior detail in dealings between the Parties.

## 3. QUOTES

- (a) The Supplier may provide the Customer with a Quote. Except as otherwise expressly stated on a Quote, any Quote issued by the Supplier is valid for 30 days from the date of issue.
- (b) Unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing, a Quote does not include delivery or installation of the Goods.
- (c) Quotes are based upon the cost of materials available at the time of preparation of the Quote and assume the timely supply by the Customer of necessary material and instructions to the Supplier.
- (d) Following provision of a Quote to the Customer, the Supplier is not obliged to commence work until the Quote has been accepted by the Customer. The Supplier may require the Customer to complete and return an Order form to the Supplier.
- (e) The Supplier reserves the right to amend any Quote before the Order has been completed to take into account any rise or fall in the cost of completing the Order. The Supplier will notify the Customer of any amendment as soon as practicable, at which point the amended Quote will be the estimate or Quote for the purposes of these Terms of Trade.
- (f) Except as otherwise expressly stated on a Quote, an indication in a Quote of the time frame for the provision of the Goods or Services is an estimate only and is not a fixed time frame. Subject to any obligations in respect of consumer guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law, this estimate is not binding upon the Supplier.

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### 4. ORDERS

- (a) Every Order by the Customer for the provision of Goods or Services must be submitted by an authorised representative of the Customer.
- (b) An Order will only be deemed to be placed by the Customer if the Order clearly identifies the Goods or Services ordered and the Supplier's Quote. Any costs incurred by the Supplier in reliance on incorrect or inadequate information provided by the Customer in an Order may result in the imposition of an Additional Charge.
- (c) Placement of an Order by the Customer signifies acceptance by the Customer of these Terms of Trade and the most recent Quote provided by the Supplier relating to that Order.
- (d) The Supplier may in its absolute discretion refuse to provide Goods or Services where:
  - (i) Goods are unavailable for any reason whatsoever;
  - (ii) credit limits cannot be agreed upon or have been exceeded; or
  - (iii) payment for Goods or Services previously provided to the Customer or any related corporation of the Customer or to any other party who is, in the reasonable opinion of the Supplier, associated with the Customer under the same or another supply contract, has not been received by the Supplier.
- (e) An Order cannot be cancelled without the prior written consent of the Supplier. Where an Order is cancelled, the Customer indemnifies the Supplier against any Losses incurred by the Supplier as a result of the cancellation. This includes, but is not limited to, loss of profit from other orders foregone as a result of the scheduling of the Order which is subsequently cancelled.

### 5. VARIATIONS

- (a) The Customer may request that its Order be varied by providing a request in writing to the Supplier. A request for a variation must be agreed to in writing by the Supplier in order to have effect.
- (b) If the Customer wishes to vary its requirements after a Quote has been prepared by the Supplier or after the placement of an Order, the Supplier reserves the right to vary the Quote to include any Additional Charge in respect of any extra costs incurred or additional work carried out due to the variation, in accordance with its then current charge rates. A revised Quote issued by the Supplier in respect of the requested variation supersedes the original Quote. If the revised Quote only specifies additional work, the Quote for that additional work will be in addition to the immediately preceding Quote for the Goods or Services or both.
- (c) The Supplier has an automatic extension of time for the provision of the Goods or Services equal to the delay caused by the variation.

### 6. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

- (a) Unless a Quote stipulates the manner in which payment(s) must be made for the supply for Goods or Services, or is otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, the Supplier may in its absolute discretion issue an invoice to the Customer in any one or more of the following ways:
  - (i) prior to commencing the provision of the Goods or Services, for an amount equal to the Quote and Additional Charges where the Supplier has not previously carried out work for the Customer or where the Supplier chooses to do so;
  - (ii) at the end of each month before the Order is completed, the Supplier may issue one or more invoices for a proportion or the whole of the amount of the Quote (the proportion to be calculated at the Supplier's discretion either for work in progress to that point, work in the future or both) and require that proportion of the Quote be paid in advance of any further Goods or Services being provided; or
  - (iii) upon completion of the provision of the Goods or Services or any time thereafter, for an amount equal to the Quote or the balance of the Quote outstanding, any Additional Charges and any amount not previously invoiced, or if no Quote was provided, for an amount representing the Supplier's charge for the work performed in completing the Order and for any Additional Charges.
- (b) The amount payable by the Customer will be the amount set out in the invoice. This will be calculated as:
  - (i) the amount for the Goods or Services (or both) as set out in the Quote and any Additional Charges, or
  - (ii) where no Quote has been provided by the Supplier, the Supplier's usual charges for the Goods or Services (or both) as described in the Order.
- (c) Except as otherwise expressly stated on a Quote, or as otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing, the Customer must pay an invoice issued by the Supplier to the Supplier within 30 days of a valid tax invoice being issued to the Customer.
- (d) If any invoice is due but unpaid, the Supplier may withhold the provision of any further Goods or Services until overdue amounts are paid in full.
- (e) The Supplier may in its complete discretion apply any payment received from the Customer to any amount owing by the Customer to the Supplier.
- (f) The Customer is not entitled to retain any money owing to the Supplier notwithstanding any default or alleged default by the Supplier of any agreement between the Parties (including these Terms of Trade), including (but not limited to) the supply of allegedly faulty or defective Goods, provision of Services to an inadequate standard or a delay in the provision of Goods or Services.
- (g) The Customer is to pay the Supplier on demand interest at the rate of 12% per year on all overdue amounts owed by the Customer to the Supplier, calculated daily.
- (h) All costs and expenses associated with collecting overdue amounts, including (but not limited to) legal fees and internal costs and expenses of the Supplier, are to be paid by the Customer as a debt due and payable under these Terms of Trade.
- (i) The Customer and the Supplier agree to comply with their obligations in relation to Goods and Services Tax (GST) under the A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 and any other applicable legislation governing GST

### 7. ADDITIONAL CHARGES

- (a) The Supplier may require the Customer to pay Additional Charges in respect of Costs incurred by the Supplier as a result of reliance on inadequate or incorrect information or material provided by the Customer or information or material supplied later than required by the Supplier in order for it to provide the Goods or Services within the specified time frame (if any).
- (b) The imposition of Additional Charges may also occur as a result of:
  - (i) cancellation by the Customer of an Order where cancellation results in Loss to the Supplier;
  - (ii) except as otherwise expressly stated on a Quote (or agreed between the Parties in writing), storage costs for Goods not collected from the Supplier within 4 weeks of the date on which the Goods are manufactured, fabricated, created or formed;
  - (iii) delivery, courier, packing or handling charges not included in the Quote;
  - (iv) Government or council taxes or charges not included in the Quote; or
  - (v) additional work required by the Customer or any other occurrence which causes the Supplier to incur costs in respect of the Customer's Order additional to the quoted cost.

### 8. ACCEPTANCE OF GOODS

If the Customer fails to advise the Supplier in writing of any fault in Goods or failure of Goods to accord with the Customer's Order within 48 hours of inspection or within 7 days of delivery (whichever is the earlier), the Customer is deemed to have accepted the Goods and to have accepted that the Goods are not faulty and accord with the Customer's Order.

**9. TITLE AND RISK**

- (a) Risk in Goods passes to the Customer immediately upon collection by the Customer, or delivery by the Supplier (as the case may be).
- (b) Property and title in Goods supplied to the Customer under an agreement for the supply of Goods pursuant to these Terms of Trade does not pass to the Customer until all money (including money owing in respect of other transactions between the Supplier and the Customer) due and payable to the Supplier by the Customer have been fully paid.
- (c) Where Goods are supplied by the Supplier to the Customer without payment in full, the Customer:
  - (i) is a bailee of the Goods until property in them passes to the Customer;
  - (ii) irrevocably appoints the Supplier to be its attorney to do all acts and things necessary to ensure the retention of title to goods including the registration of any security interest in favour of the Supplier with respect to the Goods under applicable law;
  - (iii) must be able upon demand by the Supplier to separate and identify as belonging to the Supplier Goods supplied by the Supplier from other goods which are held by the Customer;
  - (iv) must not allow any person to have or acquire any security interest in the Goods;
  - (v) agrees that the Supplier may repossess the Goods if payment is not made within 60 days (or such longer time as the Supplier may, in its complete discretion, approve in writing) of the supply of the Goods; and
  - (vi) the Customer grants an irrevocable licence to the Supplier or its agent to enter the Customer's premises in order to recover possession of Goods pursuant to this paragraph. The Customer indemnifies the Supplier for any damage to property or personal injury which occurs as a result of the Supplier entering the Customer's premises.
- (d) Where Goods are supplied by the Supplier to the Customer without payment in full of all moneys payable in respect of the Goods and any Services provided by the Supplier in respect of those Goods, and:
  - (i) the Customer makes a new object from the Goods, whether finished or not;
  - (ii) the Customer mixes the Goods with other goods; or
  - (iii) the Goods become part of other goods (**New Goods**),

the Customer agrees with the Supplier that the ownership of the New Goods immediately passes to the Supplier. The Customer will hold the New Goods on trust for the Supplier until payment of all sums owing to the Supplier whether under an agreement for the supply of Goods pursuant to these Terms of Trade or any other contract have been made. The Supplier may require the Customer to store the New Goods in a manner that clearly shows the ownership of the Supplier.
- (e) For the avoidance of doubt, under paragraph 9(d), the ownership of the New Goods passes to the Supplier at the beginning of the operation or event by which the Goods are converted into, are mixed with or become part of other goods.
- (f) Despite paragraph 9(c), the Customer may transfer, sell or dispose of Goods, including New Goods, to a third party in the ordinary course of business. This is provided that:
  - (i) where the Customer is paid by a third party in respect of Goods including New Goods, the Customer holds the whole of the proceeds of sale, less any GST, on trust for the Supplier in a separate account, until all amounts owned by the Customer to the Supplier have been paid; or
  - (ii) where the Customer is not paid by a third party, the Customer agrees to assign all of its rights against the third party to the Supplier upon the Supplier giving the Customer notice in writing to that effect and for the purpose of giving effect to that assignment the Customer irrevocably appoints the Supplier as its attorney.
- (g) Where Goods are supplied by the Supplier to the Customer without payment in full of all moneys payable in respect of the Goods and any Services provided by the Supplier in respect of those Goods, the Customer acknowledges that the Supplier has a right to register and perfect a personal property security interest.
- (h) If:
  - (i) a PPS Law applies or commences to apply, to these Terms of Trade or any transaction contemplated by them, or the Supplier determines (based on legal advice) that this is the case; and
  - (ii) in the Supplier's opinion, the PPS Law:
    - (A) does or will adversely affect the Supplier's security position or obligations; or
    - (B) enables or would enable the Supplier's security position to be improved without adversely affecting the Customer,

the Supplier may give notice to the Customer requiring the Customer to do anything (including amending these Terms of Trade or execute any new Terms and Conditions) that in the Supplier's opinion is necessary, to the maximum possible extent, to overcome the circumstances contemplated in paragraph 9(h)(ii)(A) or improve the security position as contemplated in paragraph 9(h)(ii)(B). The Customer must comply with the requirements of that notice within the time specified in the notice. If having completed everything reasonably practicable as required under this paragraph, in the Supplier's opinion the Supplier's security position or obligations under or in connection with these Terms of Trade have been or will be materially adversely affected, the Supplier may by further notice to the Customer cancel these Terms of Trade. If this occurs, the Customer must pay to the Supplier any money owed to the Supplier by the Customer immediately.
- (i) Where Goods are supplied by the Supplier to the Customer without payment in full of all moneys payable in respect of the Goods and any Services provided by the Supplier in respect of those Goods, the Customer acknowledges that the Supplier has a right to register and perfect a personal property security interest.
- (j) To the extent the law permits:
  - (i) for the purposes of sections 115(1) and 115(7) of the PPS Law:
    - (A) the Supplier need not comply with sections 95, 118, 121(4), 125, 130, 132(3)(d) or 132(4); and
    - (B) sections 142 and 143 are excluded;
  - (ii) for the purposes of section 115(7) of the PPS Law, the Supplier need not comply with sections 132 and 137(3), and
    - (A) the Customer agrees not to exercise its rights to make any request of the Supplier under section 275 of the PPS Law, to authorise the disclosure of any information under that section or to waive any duty of confidence that would otherwise permit non-disclosure under that section; and
    - (B) if the Supplier exercises a right, power or remedy in connection with this document, that exercise is taken not to be an exercise of a right, power or remedy under the PPS Law unless the Supplier states otherwise at the time of exercise. However, this clause does not apply to a right, power or remedy which can only be exercised under the PPS Law.
- (k) To the extent the law permits, the Customer waives:
  - (i) its rights to receive any notice that is required by:
    - (A) any provision of the PPS Law (including a notice of a verification statement); or
    - (B) any other law before a secured party or Receiver exercises a right, power or remedy; and
  - (ii) any time period that must otherwise lapse under any law before a secured party or Receiver exercises a right, power or remedy.

If the law which requires a period of notice or a lapse of time cannot be excluded, but the law provides that the period of notice or lapse of time may be agreed, that period or lapse is one day or the minimum period the law allows to be agreed (whichever is the longer). However, nothing in this clause prohibits the Supplier or any Receiver from giving a notice under the PPS Law or any other law.

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### 10. FREE ISSUED GOODS

- (a) If, in relation to the supply of any Goods or Services by the Supplier, the Customer issues the Supplier with goods it has procured from third parties (**Free Issued Goods**), then:
- (i) the Supplier will hold the Free Issued Goods on trust for the Customer;
  - (ii) unless (and until) the Customer makes a new object from the Free Issued Goods, or the Free Issued Goods become part of other Goods manufactured by the Supplier, the Free Issued Goods are held by the Supplier at the risk of the Customer, and the Supplier shall not be liable for any Loss incurred by the Customer as a result of any theft of, loss of, damage to, or destruction of, the Free Issued Goods (unless due to the willful or fraudulent actions of the Supplier); and
  - (iii) at its cost, the Customer must procure the insurance of the Free Issued Goods to protect against any Loss it may incur in respect of the theft of, loss of, damage to, or destruction of the Free Issued Goods.

### 11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- (a) The Customer warrants that it owns all Intellectual Property Rights pertaining to its Order for Goods or Services or has a licence to authorise the Supplier to reproduce or use all copyright works or other materials the subject of Intellectual Property Rights supplied by the Customer to the Supplier for the purposes of the Order. Further, the Customer indemnifies and agrees to keep indemnified the Supplier against all Losses incurred by the Supplier in relation to or in any way directly or indirectly connected with any breach of any other Intellectual Property Rights in relation to any material supplied by the Customer.
- (b) Unless specifically agreed in writing between the Supplier and the Customer, all Intellectual Property Rights in any works created by the Supplier on behalf of the Customer vest in and remain the property of the Supplier.
- (c) Subject to payment of all invoices due in respect of the Goods or Services, the Supplier grants to the Customer a perpetual, non-exclusive licence to use the works created or produced by the Supplier in connection with the provision of Goods or Services supplied pursuant to these Terms of Trade for the purposes contemplated by the Order.

### 12. AGENCY AND ASSIGNMENT

- (a) The Customer agrees that the Supplier may at any time appoint or engage an agent to perform an obligation of the Supplier arising out of or pursuant to these Terms of Trade.
- (b) The Customer may not assign, or purport to assign, any of its obligations or rights under any agreement for the supply of Goods or Services without the prior written consent of the Supplier, which may be withheld at its absolute discretion.

### 13. DEFAULT BY CUSTOMER

- (a) Each of the following occurrences constitutes an event of default under any agreement between the parties:
- (i) the Customer breaches or is alleged to have breached the agreement, including these Terms of Trade, for any reason (including, but not limited to, defaulting on any payment due for the supply of Goods or Services pursuant to these Terms of Trade) and fails to remedy that breach within 14 days of being given notice by the Supplier to do so;
  - (ii) the Customer, being a natural person, commits an act of bankruptcy;
  - (iii) the Customer, being a corporation, is subject to:
    - (A) a petition being presented, an order being made or a meeting being called to consider a resolution for the Customer to be wound up, de-registered or dissolved;
    - (B) a receiver, receiver and manager, or an administrator under Part 5.3A of the Corporations Act 2001 being appointed to all or any part of the Customer's property and undertaking;
    - (C) the entering of a scheme of arrangement (other than for the purpose of restructuring); and
    - (D) any assignment for the benefit of creditors;
  - (iv) the Customer purports to assign its rights under the agreement without the Supplier's prior written consent; or
  - (v) the Customer ceases or threatens to cease conduct of its business in the normal manner.
- (b) Where an event of default occurs, except where payment in full has been received by the Supplier, the Supplier may:
- (i) terminate the agreement for the supply of Goods or Services;
  - (ii) terminate any or all Orders and credit arrangements (if any) with the Customer;
  - (iii) refuse to deliver Goods or provide further Services;
  - (iv) pursuant to clause 9(c), repossess and re-sell any Goods delivered to the Customer, the payment for which has not been received; or
  - (v) retain (where applicable) all money paid by the Customer on account of Goods or Services or otherwise.
- (c) In addition to any action permitted to be taken by the Supplier under paragraph 13(b), on the occurrence of an event of default all invoices will become immediately due and payable.

### 14. WARRANTIES, EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

- (a) Unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Parties, a "warranty" (if any) provided by the Supplier in relation to the Goods or Services supplied to the Customer is made on the following basis:
- (i) The Supplier warrants that the Goods or Services are of good merchantable quality and are free from defects.
  - (ii) The Supplier does not warrant that the Goods or Services are fit for the purpose intended by the Customer.
  - (iii) The Supplier's liability arising from any breach of such warranty is limited to defects that are identified and notified to the Supplier within the warranty period, and the Supplier's obligation for a breach of such warranty shall be:
    - (A) with respect to the supply of Goods, to repair the Goods it has supplied (or replace the Goods if repair is not possible) at its cost; or
    - (B) with respect to the supply of Services, to supply the Services again at its cost (or if it is unable to re-supply the Services, pay the cost of re-supplying the Services again).
- (b) Unless explicitly stated on a Quote, or explicitly agreed in writing by the Supplier, the Supplier gives no warranty in relation to the Goods or Services provided or supplied.
- (c) The Customer expressly agrees that use of the Goods and Services is at the Customer's risk. To the full extent allowed by law, the Supplier's liability for breach of any term implied into these Terms of Trade by any law is excluded.
- (d) All information, specifications and samples provided by the Supplier in relation to the Goods or Services are approximations only and, subject to any guarantees under the Australian Consumer Law, small deviations or slight variations from them which do not substantially affect the Customer's use of the Goods or Services will not entitle the Customer to reject the Goods upon delivery, or to make any claim in respect of them.
- (e) Except for any limited liability accepted by the Supplier pursuant to clause 14(a) of these Terms of Trade, the Supplier is not liable or responsible in any way to the Customer or any other person for any loss, damages, costs, expenses or other claims (including consequential damages and loss of profits or loss of revenues) as a result, direct or indirect of any defect, deficiency or discrepancy in the Goods or Services. This includes their form, content and timeliness of deliveries, failure of performance, error, omission, defect, including, without limitation, for and in relation to any of the following:
- (i) any Goods or Services supplied to the Customer;
  - (ii) any delay in supply of the Goods or Services; or
  - (iii) any failure to supply the Goods or Services.

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- (f) Any advice, recommendation, information, assistance or service given by the Supplier in relation to Goods or Services or both, is given in good faith and is believed to be accurate, appropriate and reliable at the time it is given. It is provided without any warranty or accuracy, appropriateness or reliability. The Supplier does not accept any liability or responsibility for any Loss suffered as a result of the Customer's reliance on such advice, recommendation, information, assistance or service.
- (g) The Customer acknowledges that the Goods or Services are not for personal, domestic or household purposes.
- (h) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in these Terms of Trade, the Supplier's maximum liability in respect of the design, manufacture or supply of each individual item of Goods or Services for any reason whatsoever, whether arising in tort or contract or any other cause of action, is limited to the amount paid by the Customer to the Supplier for the supply of the Goods or Services, in respect of each individual item. (Each 'item' shall be interpreted in accordance with the breakdown of items of Goods or Services as set out in the Quote.)

**15. INDEMNITY**

- (a) The Customer indemnifies and keeps indemnified the Supplier, its servants and agents in respect of any claim or demand made or action commenced by any person (including, but not limited to, the Customer) against the Supplier or, for which the Supplier is liable, in connection with any Loss arising from or incidental to the provision of Goods or Services, any Order or the subject matter of these Terms of Trade. This includes, but is not limited to, any legal costs incurred by the Supplier in relation to meeting any claim or demand or any party/party legal costs for which the Supplier is liable in connection with any such claim or demand.
- (b) This provision remains in force after the termination of any agreement between the Parties (including these Terms of Trade).

**16. FORCE MAJEURE**

- (a) If circumstances beyond the Supplier's control prevent or hinder its provision of the Goods or Services, the Supplier is free from any obligation to provide the Goods or Services while those circumstances continue. The Supplier may elect to terminate the agreement between the Parties or keep the agreement on foot until such circumstances have ceased.
- (b) Circumstances beyond the Supplier's control include, but are not limited to, unavailability of materials or components, strikes, lockouts, riots, natural disasters, fire, war, acts of God, Government decrees, proclamations or orders, transport difficulties and failures or malfunctions of computers or other information technology systems.

**17. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- (a) If a dispute arises between the Customer and the Supplier, the following procedure applies:
  - (i) A Party may give another Party a notice of the dispute and the dispute must be dealt with in accordance with the procedure set out in this clause.
  - (ii) A Party must not commence legal proceedings (except proceedings seeking interlocutory relief) in respect of a dispute unless the dispute has been referred for resolution in accordance with this paragraph.
  - (iii) A Party must not oppose any application for a stay of any legal proceedings that may be issued in respect of a dispute pending the completion or termination of the procedure set out in this paragraph.
- (b) If a dispute is notified, the dispute must immediately be referred to the Parties' respective senior management. Those representatives must endeavour to resolve the dispute as soon as possible and in any event within 10 Business Days (or other period as agreed).
- (c) Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, any dispute that cannot be settled by negotiation between the Parties or their representatives, the Parties expressly agree to endeavour to settle the dispute by mediation administered by the Australian Disputes Centre (**ADC**) before having recourse to arbitration or litigation. The mediation must be conducted in accordance with the ADC Guidelines for Commercial Mediation which operate at the time the matter is referred to ADC. The Guidelines set out the procedures to be adopted, the process of selection of the mediator and the costs involved. The terms of the Guidelines are incorporated into these Terms of Trade. This paragraph survives termination of the agreement for the supply of Goods or Services or these Terms of Trade.
- (d) Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute (including the referral of the dispute to mediation), each Party must continue to perform its obligations under the agreement in dispute and these Terms of Trade.
- (e) The Parties must hold confidential, unless otherwise required by law or at the direction of a court of competent jurisdiction, all information relating to the subject matter of the dispute that is disclosed during or for the purposes of dispute resolution. The Parties acknowledge that the purpose of any exchange of information or documents or the making of any offer of settlement pursuant to this procedure is to attempt to settle the dispute between the Parties. No Party may use any information or documents obtained through the dispute resolution process for any purpose other than an attempt to settle the dispute between the Parties.

**18. MISCELLANEOUS**

- (a) These Terms of Trade are governed by the laws of the state where the Supplier's registered office is situated and each party irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of that state.
- (b) These Terms of Trade and any Quotes and written variations agreed to in writing by the Supplier represent the whole agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of these terms.
- (c) These Terms of Trade supersede all oral and written negotiations and communications by and on behalf of either of the Parties.
- (d) In entering into these Terms of Trade, the Customer has not relied on any warranty, representation or statement, whether oral or written, made by the Supplier or any of its employees or agents relating to or in connection with the subject matter of these Terms of Trade.
- (e) If any provision of these Terms of Trade at any time is or becomes void, voidable or unenforceable, the remaining provisions will continue to have full force and effect.
- (f) These Terms of Trade prevail to the extent of any inconsistency with Australian Consumer Law, except to the extent that such priority over (or exclusion of) Australian Consumer Law is prohibited or rendered ineffective by law.
- (g) A Party's failure or delay to exercise a power or right does not operate as a waiver of that power or right.
- (h) A notice or other communication required or permitted to be given by one Party to another must be in writing to the address shown on a Quote (or as varied pursuant to this paragraph) and delivered personally, sent by pre-paid mail to the address of the addressee specified in the relevant Quote, or sent by email to the email address of the addressee specified in the relevant Quote with acknowledgement of delivery.
- (i) A notice or other communication is taken to have been given (unless otherwise proved) if mailed, on the second Business Day after posting; or if sent by email before 4 pm, on the day it is sent and otherwise on the next Business Day.
- (j) A Party may only change its postal or email address for service by giving notice of that change in writing to the other Party.