

# HME LOGISTICS LLP - TERMS OF BUSINESS

## 1. Interpretation

- In these Conditions:

‘BUYER’ means the person who accepts a quotation of the Seller for the sale of the Goods or whose order for the Goods is accepted by the Seller.

‘GOODS’ means the goods (including any installment of the goods or any parts for them) and/or any services, which the ‘SELLER’ means HME Logistics LLP or Linemann (registered in England under number OC 359227) .

‘CONDITIONS’ means the standard terms and conditions of sale set out in this document and (unless the context otherwise requires) includes any special terms and conditions agreed in writing between the Buyer and the Seller.

‘CONTRACT’ means the contract for the purchase and sale of the Goods.

‘WRITING’ includes telex, cable, facsimile transmission and comparable means of communication.

- Any reference in these Conditions to any provision of a statute shall be construed as a reference to that provision as amended, re-enacted or extended at the relevant time.
- The headings in these Conditions are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation.

## 2. Basis of the Sale

2.1 The Seller shall sell and the Buyer shall purchase the Goods in accordance with any written quotation of the Seller which is accepted by the Buyer, or any written order of the buyer which is accepted by the Seller, subject in either case to these Conditions, which shall govern the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms and conditions subject to which any such quotation is accepted or purported to be accepted, or any such order is made or purported to be made, by the Buyer.

2.2 No variation to these Conditions shall be binding unless agreed in writing between the authorised representatives of the Buyer and the Seller.

2.3 The Seller’s employees or agents are not authorised to make any representations concerning the Goods unless confirmed by the Seller in writing. In entering into the Contract the Buyer acknowledges that it does not rely on, and waives any claim for breach of, any such representations which are not so confirmed.

2.4 Any advice or recommendation given by the Seller or its employees or agents to the Buyer or its employees or agents as to the storage application or use of the Goods which is not confirmed in writing by the Seller is followed or acted upon entirely at the Buyer’s own risk, and accordingly the Seller shall not be liable for any such advice or recommendation which is not so confirmed.

2.5 Any typographical, clerical or other error or omission in any sales literature, quotation, or price list, acceptance of offer, invoice or other document or information issued by the Seller shall be subject to correction without any liability on the part of the Seller.

### **3. Orders and specifications**

3.1 No order submitted by the Buyer shall be deemed to be accepted by the Seller unless and until confirmed in writing by the Seller's authorised representative.

3.2 The Buyer shall be responsible to the Seller for ensuring the accuracy of the terms of any order (including any applicable specification) submitted by the Buyer, and for giving the Seller any necessary information relating to the Goods within a sufficient time to enable the Seller to perform the Contract in accordance with its terms.

3.3 The quantity, quality and description of and any specification for the Goods shall be those set out in the Seller's quotation (if accepted by the Buyer) or the Buyer's order (if accepted by the Seller).

3.4 Unless otherwise agreed in writing the Seller accepts no responsibility whatsoever for the design of the Goods or the suitability.

3.5 All drawings relating to the Goods shall be the property of the Seller and shall be returned forthwith to the seller on request. All information mentioned therein shall be retained by the Buyer and its employees as confidential and no disclosure whatsoever shall be made to any third party without the prior written consent of the Seller.

3.6 If the Goods are to be manufactured or any process is to be applied to the Goods by the Seller in accordance with a specification submitted by the Buyer, the Buyer shall indemnify the Seller against all loss, damages, costs and expenses awarded

against or incurred by the Seller in connection with or paid or agreed to be paid by the Seller in settlement of any claim for infringement of any patent, copyright, design, trade mark or other Industrial or intellectual property rights of any other person which results from the Seller's use of the Buyer's specification.

3.7 The Seller reserves the right to make any changes in the specification of the Goods which are required to conform with any applicable safety or other statutory requirements or, where the Goods are to be supplied to the Seller's specification, which do not materially affect their quality or performance.

3.8 No order which has been accepted by the Seller may be cancelled by the Buyer except with the agreement in writing of the Seller and no terms that the Buyer shall indemnify the Seller in full against all loss (including loss of profit), costs (including the cost of all labour and materials used), damages, charges and expenses incurred by the Seller as a result of cancellation.

### **4. Price of the goods**

4.1 The price of the Goods shall be the Seller's quoted price or, where no price has been quoted for a quoted price is no longer valid), the price listed in the Seller's published price list current at the date of acceptance of the order. Where the Goods are supplied for export from the United Kingdom, the Seller's published export price list shall apply. All prices quoted are valid for 30 days only or until earlier acceptance by the buyer, after which time they may be altered by the Seller without giving notice to the Buyer.

4.2 The Seller reserves the right, by giving notice to the Buyer at any time before delivery, to increase the price of the Goods to reflect any increase in the cost to the Seller which is due to any factor beyond the control of the Seller (such as, without limitation, any foreign exchange fluctuation, currency regulation, alteration of duties, significant increase in the costs of labour, materials or other costs of manufacture), any change in delivery dates, quantities or specifications

for the Goods which is requested by the Buyer, or any delay caused by any instructions of the Buyer or failure of the Buyer to give the Seller adequate information or instructions.

4.3 Excepts as otherwise stated under the terms of any quotation or in any price list of the Seller and unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Buyer and the Seller, all prices are given by the Seller on an ex works basis, and where the Seller agrees to deliver the Goods otherwise than at the Seller's premises, the Buyer shall be liable to pay the Seller's charges for transport, packaging and insurance.

4.4 The price is exclusive of any applicable value added tax, which the Buyer shall be additionally liable to pay to the Seller.

4.5 The cost of pallets and returnable containers will be charged to the Buyer in addition to the price of the Goods, but full credit will be given to the buyer provided they are returned undamaged to the Seller before the payment date.

## **5. Terms of Payment**

5.1 Subject to any special terms agreed in writing between the Buyer and the seller, the Seller shall be entitled to invoice the Buyer for the price of the Goods on or at any time after delivery of the Goods unless the Goods are to be collected by the Buyer or the Buyer wrongfully fails to take delivery of the Goods, in which even the Seller shall be entitled to invoice the Buyer for the price at any time after the Seller has notified the Buyer that the Goods are ready for collection or (as the case may be) the Seller has tendered delivery of the Goods.

5.2 The Buyer shall pay the price of the Goods (less any discount to which the Buyer is entitled, but without any other deduction) within 30 days of the date of the Seller's invoice, notwithstanding that delivery may not have taken place and the property in the Goods has not passed to the Buyer. The time of payment of the price shall be the essence of the Contract. Receipts for payment will be issued only upon request.

5.3 If the Buyer fails to make any payment on the due date then, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller, the Seller shall be entitled to:

5.4.1. Cancel the contract or suspend any further deliveries to the Buyer;

5.4.2. Appropriate any payment made by the Buyer to such of the Goods (or the goods supplied under any other contract between the buyer and the Seller) as the Seller may think fit (notwithstanding any purported appropriation by the Buyer); and

5.4.3. Charge the Buyer interest (both before and after any judgment) on the amount unpaid. Interest will accrue each day at the rate of 3% a year above the base rate from time to time, but at 3% a year for any period when that base rate is below 0% percent until payment in full is made (a part of a month being treated as a full month for the purpose of calculating interest).

## **6. Delivery**

6.1 Delivery of the Goods shall be made by the Buyer collecting the Goods at the Seller's premises at any time after the Seller has notified the Buyer that the Goods are ready for collection or, if some other place for delivery is agreed by the Seller, but the Seller delivering the Goods to that place.

6.2 Any dates quoted for delivery of the Goods are approximate only and the Seller shall not be of the essence unless previously agreed by the Seller in writing. The Goods may be delivered by the Seller in advance of the quoted delivery date upon giving reasonable notice to the Buyer.

6.3 Where the Goods are to be delivered in instalments, each delivery shall constitute a separate contract and failure by the Seller to deliver any one or more of the instalments in accordance with these Conditions or any claim by the Buyer in respect of any one or more instalments shall not entitle the Buyer to treat the Contract as a whole repudiated.

6.4 If the Seller fails to deliver the Goods for any reason other than any cause beyond the Seller's reasonable control or the Buyer's fault, and the Seller is accordingly liable to the Buyer, the Seller's liability shall be limited to the excess (if any) of the cost to the Buyer (in the cheapest available market) or similar goods to replace those not delivered over the price of the Goods.

6.5 If the Buyer fails to take delivery of the Goods or fails to give the Seller adequate delivery instructions at the time stated for delivery (otherwise than by reason or any cause beyond the other right or remedy available to the Seller, the Seller may:

6.5.1. Store the Goods until actual delivery and charge the Buyer for the reasonable costs (including insurance) of storage; or

6.5.2. Sell the Goods at the best price readily obtainable and (after deducting all reasonable storage and selling expenses) account to the Buyer for the excess over the price under the Contract or charge the Buyer for any short fall below the price under the contract.

## **7. Risk and property**

7.1 Risk of damage to or loss of the Goods shall pass to the Buyer:

7.1.1. In the case of Goods to be delivered to the Buyer at the Seller's premises, at the time when the Seller notifies the Buyer that the Goods are available for collection; or

7.1.2. In the case of Goods to be delivered otherwise than at the Seller's premises, at the time of delivery or, if the Buyer wrongfully fails to take delivery of the Goods, the time when the Seller has tendered delivery of the Goods.

7.2. Notwithstanding delivery and the passing of risk in the Goods, or any other provision of these Conditions, the property/legal title in the Goods shall not pass to the Buyer until the Seller has received in cash or cleared funds payment in full of the price of the Goods and all other goods agreed to be sold by the Seller to the Buyer for which payment is then due.

7.3 Until such time as the property/legal title in the Goods passes to the Buyer, the Buyer shall hold the Goods as the Seller's fiduciary agent and bailee, and shall keep the Goods separate from those of the Buyer and third parties and properly stored, protected and insured and identified as the Seller's property. Until that time the Buyer shall be entitled to resell or use the Goods in the ordinary course of its business, but shall account to the Seller for the proceeds of sale or otherwise of the Goods, whether tangible or intangible, including insurance proceeds, and shall keep all such proceeds separate from any moneys or property of the Buyer and third parties and, in the case of tangible proceeds, properly stored, protected and insured.

7.4 Until such time as the property/legal title in the Goods passes to the Buyer (and provided the Goods are still in existence and have not been resold), the Seller shall be entitled at any time to require the Buyer to deliver up the Goods to the Seller and, if the Buyer fails to do so forthwith, to enter upon any premises of the Buyer or any third party where the Goods are stored and repossess the Goods.

7.5. The Buyer shall not be entitled to pledge or in any way charge by way of security for any indebtedness any of the Goods which remain the property of the Seller, but if the Buyer does so all

moneys owing by the Buyer to the Seller shall (without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Seller) forthwith become due and payable.

## **8. Warranties and Liability**

8.1 Subject to the conditions set out below the Seller warrants that the Goods will correspond with their specification at the time of delivery and will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 12 months from the date of their initial use or 12 months from delivery, whichever is the first to expire.

8.2 The above warranty is given by the Seller subject to the

following conditions: -

8.2.1 The seller shall be under no liability in respect of any defect in the Goods arising from any drawing, design or specification supplied by the Buyer.

8.2.2 The Seller shall be under no liability in respect of any defect arising from fair wear and tear, wilful damage, negligence, abnormal working conditions, failure to follow the Seller's instructions (whether oral or in writing), misuse or alteration or repair of the Goods without the Seller's approval;

8.2.3. The Seller shall be under no liability under the above warranty (or any other warranty, condition or guarantee) if the total price for the Goods has not been paid by the due date for payment;

8.2.4. The above warranty does not extend to parts, materials or equipment not manufactured by the Seller, in respect of which the Buyer shall only be entitled to the benefit of any such warranty or guarantee as is given by the manufacturer to the Seller.

8.3 Subject as expressly provided in these Conditions, and except where the Goods are sold to a person dealing as a consumer (within the meaning of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977), all warranties, conditions or to the terms implied by statute or common law are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.

8.4 Where the goods are sold under a consumer transaction (as defined by the Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on statements) order 1976) the statutory rights of the Buyer are not affected by these conditions.

8.5 Any claim by the Buyer which is based on any defect in the quality or condition of the Goods or their failure to correspond with specification shall (whether or not delivery is refused by the Buyer) be notified to the Seller within 30 days from the date of delivery or erection of the goods whichever shall be earlier or (where the defect or failure was not apparent on reasonable inspection) within a reasonable time after discovery of the defect or failure. If delivery is not refused and the Buyer does not notify the Seller accordingly, the buyer shall not be entitled to reject the Goods and the Seller shall have no liability for such defect or failure and the Buyer shall be bound to pay the price as if the Goods had been delivered in accordance with the Contract.

8.6. Where any valid claim in respect of any of the Goods which is based on any defect in the quality or condition of the Goods or their failure to meet specification is notified to the Seller in accordance with these Conditions, the seller shall be entitled to replace the Goods (or the part in question) free of charge or, at the Seller's sole discretion, refund to the Buyer, except as expressly provided in these Conditions.

8.7 Except in respect of death or personal injury caused by the Seller's negligence, the Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer by reason of any representation, or any implied warranty, condition or other term, or any duty and common law, or under the express terms of the Contract, for any consequential loss or damage (whether for loss of profit or otherwise), cost, expenses or other claims for consequential compensation whatsoever (and whether caused by the negligence of the Seller, its employees or agents or otherwise) which arise out of or in connection with the supply of the Goods or their use or resale by the Buyer, except as expressly provided in these Conditions.

8.8 The Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer or be deemed to be in breach of the Contract by reason of any delay in performing, or any failure to perform, any of the Seller's obligations in relation to the Goods, if the delay or failure was due to any cause beyond the Seller's reasonable control. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the following shall be regarded as caused beyond the Seller's reasonable control:

8.8.1. Act of God, explosion, flood, tempest, fire or accident;

8.8.2. War or threat of war, sabotage, insurrection, civil disturbance or requisition;

8.8.3. Acts, restrictions, regulations, bye-laws, prohibitions or measures of any kind on the part of any governmental, parliamentary or local authority;

8.8.4. Import or export regulations or embargoes;

8.8.5. Strikes, lockouts or other industrial actions or trade disputes (whether involving employees of the Seller or of a third party);

8.8.6. Difficulties in obtaining raw materials, labour, fuel parts or machinery;

8.8.7. Power failure or breakdown in machinery.

## 9. **Indemnity**

9.1 If any claim is made against the Buyer that the Goods infringe or that their use or resale infringes the patent, copyright, design, trade mark or to the industrial or intellectual property rights of any other person, the Seller shall indemnify the Buyer against all loss, damages, costs and expenses awarded against or incurred by the Buyer in connection with the claim or paid or agreed to be paid by the Buyer in settlement of the claim, provided that:

9.1.1. The Seller is given full control of any proceedings or negotiations in connection with any such claim.

9.1.2. The Buyer shall give the Seller all reasonable assistance for the purposes of any such proceedings or negotiations;

9.1.3. Except pursuant to a final award, the Buyer shall not pay or accept any such claim, or compromise any such proceedings without the consent of the Seller (which shall not be unreasonably withheld).

9.1.4. The Buyer shall do nothing which would or might vitiate any policy of insurance or insurance cover which the Buyer may have in relation to such infringement, and this indemnity shall not apply to the extent that the Buyer recovers any sums under any such policy or cover (which the Buyer shall use its best endeavours to do);

9.1.5. The Seller shall be entitled to the benefit of, and the Buyer shall accordingly account to the Seller for, all damages and costs (if any) awarded in favour of the Buyer which are payable by or

agreed with the consent of the Buyer (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) to be paid by any other party in respect of any such claim; and

9.1.6. Without prejudice to any duty of the Buyer at common law, the Seller shall be entitled to require the Buyer to take such steps as the Seller may reasonably require to litigate, or reduce any such loss, damages, costs or expenses for which the Seller is liable to indemnify the Buyer under this clause.

## **10. Buyer's Employees**

10.1 The Seller shall not be liable in any way whatsoever in respect of any injury, howsoever caused, to any employee of the Buyer, who may be assisting in the construction of the Goods. In all cases where the buyer provides any labor whatsoever, it shall be the responsibility of the Buyer to provide adequate and appropriate public and employer's liability insurance cover to cover its employees.

## **11. Plant and scaffolding**

11.1 All plant and scaffolding provided by the Seller is for the sole use of the employees of the Seller. It shall be the responsibility of the Buyer to ensure that no unauthorized person uses the plant or scaffolding whilst it is on the premises of the buyer and it shall be the responsibility of the buyer to pay for any injury, damage or compensation that may arise from any such unauthorized use and the buyer shall indemnify the Seller against any such claims that may be made against the Seller. Any specialized scaffolding beyond that normally used by the Seller due to conditions on the Buyer's site, shall be provided and paid for by the Buyer.

## **12. Quotation Conditions/ Assumptions**

12.1 The quotation from the Seller does not include any work required from electricians, painters, builders, bricklayers, masons or carpenters, nor for drilling, cutting away walls, ceilings and steel work for pipe access or pipe hangers. The Buyer shall be responsible for ensuring that all excavations, back-filling making good and keeping trenches free from water, erosion and collapse, together with the lagging of pipework exposed to the elements, shall be carried out to the requirements of the Seller and shall be paid for by the Buyer. Furthermore, the Buyer shall provide and pay for all lighting and power required to facilitate continuous working during the normal working hours of the Seller. The additional cost of any work required outside those hours shall be paid for by the Buyer.

12.2. All quotations for erection of the Goods shall be based upon the assumption that the site will be free from obstruction to the employees of the Seller and that all materials, tools and other tack on the site will present no obstacle or impediment to the proper and continued performance of the erection of the Goods by the Seller.

12.3 The Buyer shall provide and pay for all proper foundations at normal ground level and, where necessary, provide water for testing purposes and ensure that the same may be drained away.

## **13. Insolvency of Buyer**

- This clause applies if:

13.1.1. The Buyer makes any voluntary arrangement with its creditors or becomes subject to an administration order or (being an individual or firm) becomes bankrupt or (being a company) goes into liquidation (otherwise than for the purposes of amalgamation or reconstruction) or

13.1.2 An encumberancer takes possession, or a receiver is appointed, or any of the property or assets of the Buyer; or

13.1.3. The Buyer ceases, or threatens to cease, to carry on business or

13.1.4. The Seller reasonably apprehends that any of the events mentioned above is about to occur in relation to the Buyer and notifies the Buyer accordingly.

13.2. If this clause applies then, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller, the Seller shall be entitled to cancel the Contract or suspend any further deliveries under the Contract without any liability to the Buyer, and if the Goods have been delivered but not paid for the price shall become immediately due and payable notwithstanding any previous agreement or arrangement to the contrary.

#### **14. Export terms**

14.1 In these Conditions 'Incoterms' means the international rules for the interpretation of trade terms of the International Chamber of Commerce as in force at the date when the Contract is made. Unless the context otherwise requires, any terms or expression which is defined in or given a particular meaning by the provisions of Incoterms shall have the same meaning in these Conditions, but if there is any conflict between the provisions of Incoterms and these Conditions, the latter shall prevail.

14.2. Where the Goods are supplied for export from the United Kingdom, the provisions of this clause 14 shall (subject to any special terms agreed in writing between the Buyer and the Seller) apply notwithstanding any other provisions of these Conditions.

14.3. The Buyer shall be responsible for complying with any legislation or regulations governing the importation of the Goods into the country of destination and for the payment of any duties thereon.

14.4. Unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Buyer and the Seller, the Goods shall be delivered fob the air or sea port of shipment and the Seller shall be under no obligation to give notice under section 32(3) of the Sale of Goods Act 1979.

14.5 The Buyer shall be responsible for arranging for the testing and inspection of the Goods at the Seller's premises before shipment. The Seller shall have no liability for any claim in respect of any defect in the Goods, which would be apparent on inspection and which is made after shipment, or in respect of any damage during transit.

14.6 Payment of all amounts due to the Seller shall be made in accordance with terms and conditions of this contract.

#### **15. General**

15.1. The Seller is a member of the group of companies whose holding company is HME Logistics LLP and accordingly the Seller may perform any of its obligations or exercise any of its rights hereunder by itself or through any other member of its group, provided that any act or omission of any such other member shall be deemed to be the act or omission of the Seller.

15.2 Any notice required or permitted to be given by either party to the other under these Conditions shall be in writing addressed to that other party at its registered office or principal place of business or such address as may at the relevant time have been notified pursuant to this provision to the party giving the notice.



15.3. No waiver by the Seller of any breach of the Contract by the Buyer shall be considered as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.

15.4 If any provision of these Conditions is held by any competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part the validity of the other provisions of these Conditions and the remainder of the provision in question shall not be affected thereby.

15.5. Any dispute arising under or in connection with these Conditions or the sale of the Goods shall be referred to arbitration by a single arbitrator appointed by agreement or (in default) nominated on the application of either party by the President for the time being of The Law Society.

15.6. The Contract shall be construed and governed in all respects by the laws of England.