

# General terms and conditions

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# Part I: General

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## 1. Applicability

1.1 These general terms and conditions shall apply to all offers and agreements whereby the Supplier provides the Client with any goods and/or services whatsoever and however described.

1.2 Additions to or deviations from these general terms and condition shall only apply where agreed in writing between the parties.

1.3 The applicability of any of the Client's purchasing or other conditions is expressly rejected.

1.4 If any provision of these general terms and conditions is null and void or is voided, the other provisions of these general terms and conditions will remain fully in effect. In this case, the Supplier and the Client will consult with one another to agree new provisions to replace the void or voided ones. In doing so, the purpose and meaning of the void or voided provision will be taken into account as far as possible.

## 2. Offers

2.1 All offers and other statements issued by the Supplier shall be subject to contract, except where specified otherwise in writing by the Supplier.

2.2 The Client shall guarantee the accuracy and completeness of the information that it submits to the Supplier and on which the Supplier bases its offer. The Client shall at all time exercise the greatest

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possible care to ensure that the requirements that the Supplier's services must meet are accurate and comprehensive. Measurements and information stated in drawings, pictures, catalogues, websites, quotations, advertising material, standard sheets etc. shall not have a binding effect on the Supplier, except where explicitly specified otherwise by the Supplier.

## 3. Price and payment

3.1 All prices are exclusive of turnover tax (VAT) and other government levies that have been or are later imposed. Except where agreed otherwise, all prices are in euros in all cases and the Client must effect all payments in euros. When agreed to use another currency, the Client will effect the payment in the agreed currency at the exchange rate of the euro in the date of invoice.

3.2 All cost estimates and budgets issued by the Supplier shall be merely indicative, except where specified otherwise in writing by the Supplier. The Client may under no circumstances derive any rights or expectations from any cost estimates or budgets issued by the Supplier. An available budget made known by the Client to the Supplier shall under no circumstances apply as a (fixed) price agreed between the parties for the service to be provided by the Supplier. The Supplier shall only be obliged to notify the Client that there is a risk that a cost estimate or budget issued by the Supplier will be exceeded if this has been agreed between the parties in writing.

3.3 If the Client consists of more than one natural and/or legal persons, each of these persons shall be joint and severally liable in respect of payment of the amounts due on the basis of the agreement.

3.4 The relevant documents and information from the Supplier's administration or systems shall be conclusive evidence of the service provided by the Supplier and the amounts payable by the Client in return for this service, without prejudice to the Client's right to submit evidence to the contrary.

3.5 If the Client is subject to a periodic payment obligation, the Supplier shall be entitled to adjust the applicable prices and rates in writing subject to advance notice of at least three months. If the Client does not wish to agree to this change, the Client shall be entitled to terminate the agreement in writing with effect from the date on which the change is due to enter into force within thirty days following the date of notification. The Client shall not enjoy this right of termination, however, if the parties have agreed that the applicable prices and rates shall be adjusted subject to due observance of an index or other standard agreed between the parties.

3.6 The parties shall set out the date or dates on which the Supplier shall invoice the fee for the agreed services to the Client in the agreement. Amounts due shall be paid by the Client in accordance with the payment terms that have been agreed or that are stated on the invoice. If no specific arrangements have been made, the Client shall effect payment within a period after the date of invoice to be determined by the Supplier. The Client shall not be entitled to suspend any payments or to offset any amounts due.

3.7 If the Client fails to pay the amounts due or to pay the amounts due in a timely manner, statutory commercial interest shall be payable by the Client on the outstanding amount without a demand or notice of default being required. If the Client still fails to pay the amount owed after receiving a demand or notice of default, the Supplier may refer the debt for collection, in which case the Client shall also be obliged to pay all in-court and out-of-court expenses in addition to the total amount due, including all costs charged by external experts.

#### **4. Confidentiality and taking over of personnel**

4.1 The Client and the Supplier shall ensure that all information received from the other party that

is known or should reasonably be known to be of a confidential nature is kept secret. The party that receives such confidential information shall only use this information for the purpose for which it has been provided. Information shall in any event be regarded as confidential if it is designated as such by one of the parties.

4.2 During the term of the agreement and for one year following termination of the agreement, each of the parties shall only engage or otherwise employ, directly or indirectly, members of staff of the other party who are or were previously involved in the execution of the agreement after obtaining the prior written consent of the other party. Conditions may be attached to the aforementioned consent.

#### **5. Privacy, data processing and protection**

5.1 If the Supplier deems this to be necessary for the purpose of executing the agreement, the Client shall, upon request, notify the Supplier immediately in writing with regard to the manner in which the Client executes its obligations pursuant to legislation in respect of the protection of personal data.

5.2 The Client shall indemnify the Supplier against any claims by individuals whose personal data is recorded or processed within the context of a register of personal data maintained by the Client or for which the Client is responsible pursuant to the law or otherwise, unless the Client is able to demonstrate that the acts that form the basis of the claim are exclusively attributable to the Supplier.

5.3 Responsibility for the data processed using the service provided by the Supplier shall rest solely with the Client. The Client shall guarantee the Supplier that the content, the use and/or the processing of the data is not unlawful and does not infringe the rights of third parties. The Client shall indemnify the Supplier against legal claims by third parties, of whatever nature, in relation to this data or the execution of the agreement.

5.4 If the agreement stipulates that the Supplier is obliged to provide some form of information security, this security shall meet the specifications in respect of security agreed between the parties

in writing. The Supplier shall not guarantee that the information security will be effective under all circumstances. If the agreement does not include an explicit description of security measures, the security measures shall be of such a level that, having regard to the state of the art, the sensitivity of the data and the costs associated with the implementation of the security measures are not unreasonable.

5.5 If computer, data or telecommunications facilities are used during the execution of the agreement or otherwise, the Supplier shall be entitled to assign access or identification codes to the Client. The Supplier shall be entitled to change the access or identification codes assigned. The Client shall treat the access and identification codes as confidential and with due care and shall only disclose these codes to authorised members of staff. The Supplier shall under no circumstances be liable for any damage or costs arising from the use or misuse of access or identification codes, except where misuse was possible as a result of an act or omission on the part of the Supplier.

## **6. Retention of title and rights, creation of items and suspension**

6.1 All objects delivered to the Client shall remain the property of the Supplier until such time as all amounts owed by the Client to the Supplier pursuant to the agreement concluded between the parties have been paid in full. A Client that acts as a retailer shall be entitled to sell and resell all objects that are subject to the Supplier's retention of title in so far as this is customary within the context of the normal course of its business. If the Client creates a new item (partly) from items delivered by the Supplier, the Client shall only create this item for the benefit of the Supplier and the Client shall retain the newly created item for the Supplier until such time as the Client has paid all amounts due pursuant to the agreement; in this case the Supplier shall remain the owner of the newly created item until the Client has met its payment obligations in full.

6.2 The property law consequences of retention of title in respect of an item that is destined for export shall be governed by the law of the State of destination if this law incorporates provisions that are more favourable for the Supplier in this regard.

6.3 Rights, including rights of use, shall be granted to the Client or transferred, where appropriate, subject to the condition that the Client has paid all of the fees due pursuant to the agreement concluded between the parties in full. If the parties have agreed that the Client shall be subject to a periodic payment obligation in respect of the granting of a right of use, the Client shall be entitled to the right of use for as long as it continues to meet its periodic payment obligation.

6.4 The Supplier may retain any items, products, proprietary rights, data, documents, software, data files and (interim) results of the service provided by the Supplier received or created within the context of the agreement, contrary to an existing obligation to deliver or transfer these, until such time as the Client has paid all amounts due to the Supplier.

## **7. Risk**

7.1 The risk of loss, theft, misappropriation of or damage to items, products, data, documents, software, data files or data (codes, passwords, documentation etc.) produced or used within the context of the execution of the agreement, shall pass to the Client when the Client or one of the Client's agents comes into actual possession of them. In so far as these objects are in the actual possession of the Supplier or one of the Supplier's agents, the Supplier shall bear the risk of loss, theft, misappropriation or damage.

## **8. Intellectual property rights**

8.1 If the Supplier is willing to undertake to transfer an intellectual property right, such an undertaking may only be entered into explicitly and in writing. If the parties agree in writing that an intellectual property right in respect of software, websites, data files, hardware or other material specifically developed for the Client shall be transferred to the Client, this shall not affect the Supplier's right or option to use and/or to exploit the components, general principles, ideas, designs, algorithms, documentation, work, programming languages, protocols, standards and suchlike that form the basis of the development work for other purposes without any restrictions, on its own behalf or on behalf of a third party. The transfer of an intellectual property right shall also not affect the Supplier's right to

carry out development work, on its own behalf or on behalf of a third party, that is similar or derived from the development work that is being carried out or has been carried out on behalf of the Client.

8.2 All intellectual property rights to the software, websites, data files, hardware or other materials such as analyses, designs, documentation, reports, quotations and related preliminary material developed or made available to the Client on the basis of the agreement shall remain exclusively vested in the Supplier, its licensors or its own suppliers. The Client shall only acquire those rights of use that are explicitly granted in these general terms and conditions and by law. Any rights of use granted to the Client shall be non-exclusive, non-transferable to third parties and non-sublicensable.

8.3 The Client shall not be permitted to remove or amend any details in relation to the confidential nature or in relation to copyrights, brand names, trade names or any other intellectual property right from the software, websites, data files, hardware or materials.

8.4 Even if the agreement does not explicitly provide for such authority, the Supplier shall be permitted to install technical provisions for the purpose of protecting the software, hardware, data files, websites and suchlike in relation to an agreed restriction on the content or the term of the right to use these objects. The Client shall under no circumstances be permitted to remove or circumvent such technical provisions or to arrange for this to be carried out.

8.5 The Supplier shall indemnify the Client against any legal claims from third parties based on the assertion that software, websites, data files, hardware or other materials developed by the Supplier itself infringe an intellectual property right of the third party in question, under the condition that the Client notifies the Supplier immediately in writing of the existence and content of the legal claim and leaves the disposal of the case, including any settlements effected, entirely to the Supplier. To this end, the Client shall provide the Supplier with the powers of attorney, information and cooperation that it requires in order to defend itself, where necessary in the name of the Client, against these legal claims. This obligation to indemnify shall not apply if the alleged infringement relates to (i) materials made available to the Supplier by the Client for the purpose of use, adaptation, processing or incorporation,

or (ii) changes made by the Client, or by a third party on behalf of the Client, to the software, website, data files, hardware or other materials, without the Supplier's prior written consent. If it is irrevocably established in court that the software, websites, data files, hardware or other materials developed by the Supplier itself constitute an infringement of any intellectual property right vested in a third party or if the Supplier believes that there is a good chance that such an infringement may occur, the Supplier shall, where possible, ensure that the Client can continue to use the software, websites, data files, hardware or materials delivered, or functionally similar alternatives. All other or further-reaching obligations to indemnify on the part of the Supplier shall be excluded.

8.6 The Client warrants that no rights of third parties preclude the provision to the Supplier of software, hardware, material intended for websites (visual material, text, music, domain names, logos, hyperlinks etc.), data files or other materials, including draft materials, for the purpose of use, adaptation, installation or incorporation (e.g. in a website). The Client shall indemnify the Supplier against all claims by third parties based on the assertion that such provision, use, adaptation, installation or incorporation constitutes an infringement of any rights of the third party in question.

## **9. Obligations to cooperate**

9.1 The parties acknowledge that the success of activities in the field of information and communication technology generally depends on proper and timely mutual cooperation. In order to facilitate the proper execution of the agreement by the Supplier, the Client shall at all times provide the Supplier with all data or information that the Supplier deems to be useful, necessary and desirable and to give its full cooperation in a timely manner. If the Client deploys its own personnel and/or agents within the context of providing cooperation in the execution of the agreement, these personnel and agents shall have the necessary knowledge, expertise and experience.

9.2 The Client shall bear the risk of the selection, the use, the application and the management within its organisation of the software, hardware, websites, data files and other products and materials and of the services to be provided by the Supplier.

9.3 If the Client fails to make the data, documents, hardware, software, materials or employees that the Supplier deems useful, necessary or desirable for the purpose of executing the agreement available to the Supplier, to make these available in good time or in accordance with the agreements, or if the Client fails to meet its obligations in any other way, the Supplier shall be entitled to suspend the execution of the agreement in part or in full and shall also be entitled to invoice the resulting costs in accordance with its standard rates, without prejudice to the Supplier's right to exercise any other statutory and/or agreed right.

9.4 If the Supplier's employees are carrying out activities on the Client's business premises, the Client shall ensure that any facilities reasonably requested by these employees, such as a workspace containing computer, data and telecommunication facilities, are provided free of charge. The workspace and facilities shall meet all statutory and other applicable requirements in relation to working conditions. The Client shall indemnify the Supplier against any claims by third parties, including the Supplier's employees, who suffer injury in connection with the execution of the agreement as a result of an act or omission on the part of the Client or of unsafe situations within the Client's organisation. The Client shall notify the employees deployed by the Supplier of any applicable company rules or security rules prior to the commencement of the activities.

9.5 If use is made of computer, data or telecommunication facilities, including the internet, during the execution of the agreement, the Client shall be responsible for selecting the correct resources required for this purpose and for ensuring that these are available in full and in a timely manner, with the exception of those facilities that fall under the direct use and management of the Supplier. The Supplier shall under no circumstances be liable for losses or costs arising as a result of transmission errors, breakdowns or the non-availability of these facilities, unless the Client is able to demonstrate that these losses or costs are the result of intentional acts or deliberate recklessness on the part of the Supplier's management.

## 10. Delivery dates

10.1 All (delivery) periods and (delivery) dates agreed or specified by the Supplier shall be established to the best of the Supplier's knowledge on the basis of the information available to it at the time of entering into the agreement. Interim (delivery) dates agreed between the parties or specified by the Supplier shall in all cases be target dates, shall not have a binding effect on the Supplier and shall in all cases be merely indicative. The Supplier shall make every reasonable effort to observe final (delivery) periods and final (delivery) dates wherever possible. The Supplier shall not be bound by a (delivery) period or (delivery) date, final or otherwise, that can no longer be achieved as a result of circumstances outside of the Supplier's control that occurred after the date on which the agreement was concluded. The Supplier shall also not be bound by a (delivery) date or (delivery) period, final or otherwise, if the parties have agreed on a change to the content or scope of the agreement (additional work, change in specifications etc.) or a change in the approach to the execution of the agreement. If there is a risk that a time period will be exceeded, the Supplier shall consult with the Client in order to discuss the implications of the overrun for the rest of the schedule.

10.2 The mere fact that a (delivery) period or (delivery) date, final or otherwise, specified by the Supplier or agreed between the parties has been exceeded, shall not mean that the Supplier is in default. In all cases – therefore also in the event that the parties have agreed a final (delivery) period or (delivery) date explicitly in writing - the Supplier shall not be in default as a result of the fact that a delivery period or date has been exceeded until such time as the Client has given written notice of default. The notice of default must contain as comprehensive and detailed a description of the breach as possible, in order to ensure that the Supplier has the opportunity to respond adequately.

## 11. Termination and cancellation of the agreement

11.1 Both of the parties shall only be authorised to rescind the agreement as a result of an attributable failure to perform this agreement if the other party, in all cases following written notice of default providing as many details as possible and setting a reasonable term in which the breach can be remedied, attributably fails to meet its fundamental obligations arising from this agreement. The

Client's payment obligations and all other obligations to cooperate imposed on the Client or on a third party to be engaged by the Client shall in all cases be regarded as fundamental obligations arising from the agreement.

11.2 If the Client has already received services for the purpose of executing the agreement at the time of rescission as referred to in Article 11.1, these services and the related payment obligation cannot be revoked unless the Client is able to demonstrate that the Supplier is in default in respect of a substantial part of these services. Any amounts that the Supplier has invoiced before rescission in connection with work that it has already duly carried out or services that it has duly provided for the purpose of executing the agreement, shall remain due in full, subject to due observance of the provisions of the preceding sentence, and shall become immediately due and payable at the time of rescission.

11.3 If an agreement that by its nature and content is not brought to a close is entered into for an indefinite period of time, this may be terminated in writing by either party following consultation and stating reasons. If the parties have not agreed a notice period, a reasonable period of time must be observed on termination. The parties shall under no circumstances be obliged to pay any compensation as a result of termination of the agreement.

11.4 The Client shall under no circumstances be entitled to terminate an agreement regarding the provision of services that has been entered into for a fixed term before the end of the term.

11.5 Either of the parties shall be entitled to terminate the agreement in part or in full, with immediate effect, in writing without notice of default if the other party is granted a moratorium of payments, provisionally or otherwise, if a winding-up petition is filed in respect of the other party, if the other party's company is wound up or terminated for reasons other than reconstruction or the merger of companies, or if there is a change in the individual or board that has decisive control over the Client's company. The Supplier shall under no circumstances be obliged to reimburse any sums of money

that have already been received or to pay any compensation in the event of such termination. If the Client becomes bankrupt or is liquidated, the right of use of the software, websites and suchlike made available to the Client shall terminate by operation of law.

## 12. Liability of the Supplier

12.1 The total liability of the Supplier due to an attributable failure to perform this agreement or due to any other reason, explicitly including any failure to comply with a guarantee obligation agreed with the Client, shall be limited to compensation of the direct damage or loss not exceeding the sum stipulated for this agreement (excl. VAT). This limitation of liability shall apply mutatis mutandis to the Supplier's obligation to indemnify referred to in Article 8.5 of this General part. If the agreement is essentially a continuing performance contract with a term of more than one year, the sum stipulated for the agreement shall be set at the total fees (excl. VAT) stipulated for one year. The total liability of the Supplier for direct damage or loss, for any reason whatsoever, shall, however, under no circumstances exceed €50,000 (fifty thousand euro).

12.2 The liability of the Supplier for loss as a result of death, physical injury or due to material damage to items shall under no circumstances exceed €250,000 (two hundred and fifty thousand euro).

12.3 The liability of the Supplier for indirect damage or loss, resulting loss, loss of profit, loss of savings, reduced goodwill, loss due to business interruption, loss as a result of claims from the Client's customers, loss in connection with the use of items, materials or software provided by third parties that the Supplier is instructed to obtain by the Client and loss in connection with the engagement of secondary suppliers by the Supplier on the Client's instructions shall be excluded. The liability of the Supplier due to the scrambling, destruction or loss of data or documents shall also be excluded.

12.4 The exclusions and restrictions to the Supplier's liability, as described in the preceding paragraphs of Article 12, shall not affect the remaining exclusions and restrictions to the Supplier's liability set out in this General part and the other agreed parts of these general terms and conditions in any way.

12.5 Except where performance by the Supplier is permanently impossible, the Supplier shall only be liable as a result of an attributable failure to perform an agreement if the Client gives the Supplier immediate notice of default in writing, setting a reasonable term in which the breach can be remedied, and the Supplier still attributably fails to meet its obligations after this period. The notice of default must contain as comprehensive and detailed a description of the breach as possible, in order to ensure that the Supplier has the opportunity to respond adequately.

12.6 A condition for the existence of any right to compensation shall in all cases be that the Client notifies the Supplier in writing of the loss or damage as soon as possible after it occurs. Any claims for damages against the Supplier shall expire by the mere passage of twenty four months from the date on which the claim arose.

12.7 The Client shall indemnify the Supplier against all claims by third parties due to product liability as a result of a fault in a product or system delivered by the Client to a third party and that partly consisted of hardware, software or other materials provided by the Supplier, unless and in so far as the Client is able to demonstrate that the damage or loss was caused by this hardware, software or other materials.

12.8 The provisions of this article and all other restrictions and exclusions of liability referred to in these general terms and conditions shall also apply in favour of all (legal) persons that the Supplier engages to execute the agreement.

### **13. Force majeure**

13.1 Neither of the parties shall be obliged to meet any obligations, including any guarantee obligation agreed between the parties, if it is prevented from doing so as a result of force majeure. Force majeure shall include: (i) a situation of force majeure encountered by the Supplier's own suppliers, (ii) failure by secondary suppliers engaged by the Supplier on the Client's instructions to duly meet their obligations, (iii) the defectiveness of items, hardware, software or materials provided by

third parties that the Supplier has been instructed to use by the Client, (iv) government measures, (v) electricity failure, (vi) faults affecting the internet, computer network or telecommunication facilities, (vii) war, (viii) workload, (ix) strike action, (x) general transport problems and (xi) the unavailability of one or more members of staff.

13.2 If a situation of force majeure lasts for longer than ninety days, either of the parties shall be entitled to terminate the agreement in writing. The services already performed on the basis of the agreement shall in this case be settled on a pro rata basis, and the parties shall not owe one another any other amounts.

### **14. Changes and additional work**

14.1 If the Supplier has carried out work or performed other services that fall outside of the content or scope of the agreed work and/or services at the request or with the prior consent of the Client, such work or services shall be paid for by the Client in accordance with the agreed rates. If no rates have been agreed, the Supplier's standard rates shall apply. The Supplier shall under no circumstances be obliged to comply with such a request, and where it does comply, it may require the Client to enter into a separate written agreement for this purpose.

14.2 The Client accepts that work or services as referred to in this article may affect the agreed or anticipated time of completion of the services and the mutual responsibilities of the Client and the Supplier. The fact that (the demand for) additional work arises during the execution of the agreement shall under no circumstances constitute grounds for the Client to terminate or rescind the agreement.

14.3 In so far as a fixed price has been agreed in respect of the service, the Supplier shall, upon request, notify the Client in writing regarding the financial implications of the additional work or services as referred to in this Article.

## 15. Transfer of rights and obligations

15.1 The Client shall not be entitled to sell and/or transfer the rights and/or obligations arising from the agreement to a third party.

15.2 The Supplier shall be entitled to transfer its rights to the payment of fees to a third party.

## 16. Applicable law and disputes

16.1 The agreements between the Supplier and the Client shall be governed by Dutch law and any dispute will be settled by the competent court in Rotterdam.

# Part II: Development of online software

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## 1. Applicability

1.1 Part II of these general terms and conditions are applicable to the process of development for online software.

1.2 The provisions of this part are inextricably linked with the provisions of part I General. In the case of conflict between the provisions of part I General and the provisions of this part, the latter shall prevail.

## 2. Specifications of the software

2.1 If the Supplier has not already been provided with specifications or a design by or on behalf of the Client before entering into the agreement, the parties shall draw up written specifications in consultation with regard to what software will be developed and how the development will take place. The parties both acknowledge that effective coordination and good mutual communication are essential factors in the proper specification, design and development of software. Collaboration and mutual communication will take place wherever possible subject to due observance of any project plan, arrangements and/or procedures agreed between the parties in writing.

2.2 The Client shall at all times guarantee the correctness, completeness and consistency of any information, specifications and designs submitted to the Supplier, even if such information, specifications and designs have been provided by a third party. Any errors, omissions or inconsistencies shall at all times be at the risk and expense of the Client.

2.3 The Supplier is entitled, however not obliged, to check the correctness, completeness and consistency of the information, specifications or designs submitted to it and on identifying any errors or omissions to suspend the agreed work until such time as the Client has fixed the errors or omissions in question. The Client undertakes to notify the Supplier in all cases as soon and in as much detail as possible of any errors or omissions in the specifications or the design for the software to be developed of which it becomes aware.

2.4 If the parties are using a development method that is characterized by the basic principle that the design and/or development of parts of the software shall be governed by a prioritization in relation to the specifications that is to be determined in greater detail during the execution of the agreement, this prioritization shall in all cases be drawn up in consultation between the parties.

## 3. Development of the software

3.1 The Supplier shall develop the software with due care, subject to due observance of the software specifications or design and – where appropriate – with due observance of the project plan, methods, techniques, arrangements and/or procedures agreed in writing with the Client. Before commencing the development work, the Supplier may require the Client to issue a written declaration of its full and unconditional agreement to the specifications or design. The Supplier shall be entitled to suspend its activities until such time as the Client has issued a written declaration of its full and conditional approval to the specifications or design.

3.2 The Supplier shall in all cases carry out the development work on the basis of a best efforts obligation, unless and in so far as the Supplier has explicitly undertaken in the written agreement to achieve a specific result and the result in question is sufficiently determined.

3.3 If it has been agreed that the development of the software will take place in stages or if the Supplier is using a development method that is based on phased implementation, the Supplier shall be entitled to delay the start of the services associated with a stage until such time as the Client has approved the results of the previous stage in writing.

3.4 Except where otherwise agreed in writing, the Supplier shall not be obliged to follow timely and well-founded instructions issued by the Client during the realization of the development work. The Supplier shall not be obliged to follow instructions that change or extend the content or scope of the Supplier's performance obligations. If such instructions are followed, however, compensation shall be provided for the work in question in accordance with the Supplier's standard rates.

3.5 If the agreement regarding the development of software has been entered into with a view to execution by one or more specific individuals, the Supplier shall at all times be entitled to replace these individuals, following consultation with the Client, at a time to be determined by the Supplier with one or more other individuals with the same qualifications.

3.6 On request, the Client shall provide the Supplier with the opportunity to carry out the work outside of normal working days and working hours at the Client's offices or site.

#### **4. Services**

4.1 The Supplier shall make every effort to ensure that the services are provided with due care and in accordance with the arrangements and procedures agreed in writing with the Client where applicable. The Supplier shall provide all services on the basis of a best efforts obligation, unless and in so far as the Supplier has explicitly undertaken in the written agreement to achieve a specific result and the result in question is sufficiently determined.

4.2 The term of an assignment shall depend on a number of factors and circumstances, such as the Supplier's efforts, the quality of the data and information provided by the Client and the cooperation of the Client and relevant third parties. Except where agreed otherwise in writing, the Supplier shall therefore not wish to commit to a specific assignment term in advance.

4.3 If it has been agreed that the service will be provided in stages, the Supplier shall be entitled to delay the start of the services associated with a stage until such time as the Client has approved the results of the previous stage in writing.

4.4 The Supplier shall only be obliged to follow timely and well-founded instructions issued by the Client during the performance of the service if this has been agreed in writing. The Supplier shall not be obliged to follow instructions that change or extend the content or scope of the agreed service. If such instructions are followed, however, compensation shall be provided for the work in question in accordance with the Supplier's standard rates.

4.5 Even if the agreement for the provision of services has been entered into with a view to implementation by a specific individual, the Supplier shall at all times be entitled to replace this individual with one or more other individuals with the same qualifications following consultation with the Client.

4.6 The employees to be deployed by the Supplier shall hold the qualifications agreed in writing with the Client.

4.7 If the Supplier is providing services on the basis of information to be provided by the Client, this information shall be prepared by the Client in accordance with the conditions to be imposed by the Supplier and provided at the risk and expense of the Client. The Client shall at all times guarantee that all materials, information, software, procedures and instructions that it makes available to the Supplier for the purpose of providing the services is accurate and complete and that all data media issued to the Supplier meet the Supplier's specifications.

4.8 The Supplier's service shall only be performed and the schedules and activities shall be based on the assumption that, except where explicitly agreed otherwise with the Client, the Supplier shall carry out the work during the Supplier's standard working days and times.

4.9 Except where agreed otherwise in writing, the use made by the Client of advice issued by the Supplier shall in all cases be at the Client's risk and expense.

4.10 Where applicable, the burden of proving that the service and the results of the service provided by the Supplier do not conform to the agreements made in writing or to what may be expected from a reasonably acting and competent Supplier shall lie solely with the Client, without prejudice to the Supplier's right to furnish evidence to the contrary by any means.

## 5. Reporting

5.1 The Supplier shall periodically inform the Client in the manner agreed in writing with regard to the implementation of the work via the contact person designated by the Client. The Client shall notify the Supplier in advance of any circumstances that affect or may affect the Supplier, such as the method of reporting, the issues that the Client wishes to focus on, the Client's priorities, the availability of the Client's resources and personnel, special facts and circumstances and facts and circumstances of which the Supplier may not be aware. The Client shall be responsible for the further distribution and examination of the information provided by the Supplier within the Client's organisation and shall assess this information partly on the basis of this and notify the Supplier accordingly.

5.2 If an employee deployed by the Supplier forms part of a project or steering group which also includes one or more individuals designated by the Client, the provision of information shall take place in the manner prescribed for the project or steering group. Decisions reached within a project or steering group with this composition shall only have a binding effect on the Supplier if the decision-making process takes place subject to due observance of the agreements reached between the parties in writing or, if no agreements have been made in this regard, if the Supplier has accepted

the decisions in writing. The Supplier shall under no circumstances be obliged to accept a decision that it deems to be incompatible with the content of the agreement between the parties. The Client shall guarantee that the individuals it designates to form part of a project or steering group that also includes the Supplier's employees are authorised to take decisions that will have a binding effect on the Client.

5.3 In connection with the continuity of the work, the Client shall designate a contact or contacts who will act in this capacity for the duration of the Supplier's activities. The Client's contacts shall have the necessary experience, specific relevant knowledge and an insight into the Client's desired objectives.

5.4 The Client shall not be entitled to provide third parties with information on the Supplier's working procedures, methods and techniques and/or the content of advice or reports issued by the Supplier without the Supplier's prior written consent. The Client shall not provide the Supplier's advice or reports to third parties or otherwise disclose these.

## 6. Delivery and installation

6.1 The Supplier shall deliver the software to the Client on data media of the agreed type and format, or using telecommunication facilities (online). The Supplier shall determine the delivery method.

6.2 The Supplier will only install the software on the Client's premises if this has been agreed between the parties in writing. If no explicit agreements have been made in this regard, the Client itself shall install, set up, parameterise and tune the software, and adapt the hardware used and operating environment where necessary. Except where agreed otherwise in writing, the Supplier shall not be obliged to carry out data conversion.

6.3 The user documentation shall be provided in paper or digital format. The Supplier shall decide on the format and language in which the user documentation is provided.

## 7. Acceptance test and acceptance

7.1 If the parties have not agreed that an acceptance test will be carried out, the Client shall accept the software in the condition that it is in at the time of delivery ('as is'), therefore with all visible and invisible errors and defects, without prejudice to the Supplier's obligations pursuant to the guarantee in Article 11 of this part.

7.2 If the parties have agreed to an acceptance test in writing, the provisions of Article 5.3 to 5.10 inclusive of this part shall apply.

7.3 Where this part refers to 'errors', this shall be understood to mean the substantial failure to meet the functional or technical specifications explicitly agreed in writing between the parties. An error shall only be deemed to exist if the Client is able to demonstrate the error and if it can be reproduced. The Client is obliged to notify the Supplier immediately of any errors.

7.4 If an acceptance test has been agreed to, the test period shall be fourteen days following delivery or, if it has been agreed in writing that the Supplier will carry out the installation, following completion of the installation. The Client is not entitled to use the software for productive or operational purposes during the test period. The Client shall carry out the agreed acceptance test on the (interim) results of the development work using appropriately qualified personnel, with an adequate scope and in sufficient depth, and will provide the Supplier with a written, clear and understandable report on the test results.

7.5 If an acceptance test has been agreed to, the Client shall be obliged to assess under its full and exclusive responsibility whether the software delivered conforms to the functional or technical specifications made known by the Supplier in writing and, if the software is entirely or partly custom-designed, the functional or technical specifications explicitly agreed between the parties in writing. Except where agreed otherwise in writing, any assistance provided by or on behalf of the Supplier during the performance of an acceptance test shall be entirely at the risk and expense of the Client.

7.6 The software shall be deemed to have been accepted between the parties:

- a. if the parties have not agreed to an acceptance test: on delivery or, if it has been agreed in writing that the Supplier will carry out the installation, on completion of the installation, or
- b. if the parties have agreed to an acceptance test: on the first day following the test period, or
- c. if the Supplier receives a test report as referred to in Article 5.7 before the end of the test period: at such time as the errors described in the test report have been fixed, notwithstanding the presence of defects that do not preclude acceptance according to Article 5.8. Contrary to the above, if the Client uses the software for productive or operational purposes before the time of explicit acceptance, the software shall be deemed to have been accepted in full from the time at which such use commenced.

7.7 If on carrying out the agreed acceptance test it emerges that the software contains errors, the Client shall notify the Supplier of the errors no later than on the last day of the test period by means of a written and detailed test report. The Supplier shall make every effort to fix the errors identified within a reasonable period of time, whereby the Supplier shall be entitled to install temporary solutions, program bypasses or problem-avoiding restrictions in the software.

7.8 Acceptance of the software may not be withheld on grounds that do not relate to the specifications explicitly agreed between the parties, nor due to the existence of minor errors, these being errors that cannot reasonably be deemed to prevent the operational or productive use of the software, without prejudice to the Supplier's obligation to fix these minor errors within the context of the guarantee scheme in Article 11, if and in so far as applicable. Acceptance may also not be withheld on the basis of aspects of the software that can only be assessed subjectively, such as aesthetic aspects and aspects relating to the design of user interfaces.

7.9 If the software is delivered and tested in stages and/or parts, the non-acceptance of a specific stage and/or part shall not affect the acceptance of a previous stage and/or other part, where appropriate.

7.10 Acceptance of the software by one of the methods referred to in this Article shall mean that the Supplier is discharged in respect of compliance with its obligations in relation to the development of the software and, if it has been agreed that the Supplier will carry out the installation, with its obligations in relation to the installation of the software. Acceptance of the software shall not affect the Client's rights pursuant to Article 5.8 in relation to minor errors and Article 11 in relation to the guarantee scheme.

## 8. Right of use

8.1 The Supplier shall make the software developed on behalf of the Client and the corresponding user documentation available to the Client for use.

8.2 The software source code and the technical documentation produced during the development of the software shall only be made available to the Client if and in so far as this has been agreed in writing. If this is the case, the Client shall be entitled to make changes to this software. If the Supplier is ordered in court to provide the Client with the source code and/or technical documentation, the Supplier may impose a reasonable fee.

8.3 Except where agreed otherwise in writing, the Supplier shall not be obliged to provide the auxiliary software and program or data libraries required for the use and/or maintenance of the software. If, contrary to the foregoing, the Supplier is also required to provide auxiliary software and/or program or data libraries, the Supplier may require the Client to enter into a separate written agreement for this purpose. The provision of such auxiliary software and/or program or data libraries shall be invoiced separately at the Supplier's standard rates as appropriate.

8.4 Except where otherwise agreed in writing, the Supplier's performance obligations shall not include the maintenance of the software and/or the provision of support to the users of the software. If, contrary to the foregoing, the Supplier is also required to provide maintenance and/or support, the Supplier may require the Client to enter into a separate written agreement for this purpose. Such work and services shall be invoiced separately at the Supplier's standard rates as appropriate.

8.5 Without prejudice to the provisions of part I General, the right of use of the software shall in all cases be non-exclusive, non-transferable and non-sublicensable.

## 9. Restrictions on use

9.1 If the written agreement explicitly stipulates that all design and development costs shall be borne exclusively and in full by the Client, the right of use of the software developed on behalf of the Client shall not be subject to any restrictions, without prejudice to the remaining provisions of the general terms and conditions, including the provisions of Article 7.6 of this part.

9.2 If the parties have agreed to restrictions on use, the Client shall strictly comply with the agreed restrictions on the right of use of the software in all cases. The Client is aware that the violation of an agreed restriction on use shall constitute both breach of the contract with the Supplier and an infringement of the intellectual property rights in respect of the software. The agreed restrictions on use may relate to such aspects as:

- the kind or type of hardware that the software is intended for, and/or
- the maximum number of processing units that the software is intended for, and/or
- specific – referred to by name or job title or otherwise – individuals who are permitted to use the software within the Client's organisation, and/or
- the maximum number of users who are permitted to use the software – simultaneously or otherwise – within the Client's organisation, and/or
- the location at which the software may be used, and/or
- specific forms and purposes of use (e.g. commercial use or use for private purposes), and/or
- any other quantitative or qualitative restriction.

9.3 If the parties have agreed that the software may only be used in combination with specific hardware or a specific kind or type of hardware, the Client shall be entitled in the event of malfunction of the relevant hardware to use the software on other hardware of the same kind or type for the duration of the malfunction.

9.4 The Supplier may require the Client to refrain from using the software until such time as the Client has requested and obtained one or more codes (passwords, identity codes etc.), required for use, from the Supplier, its own supplier, or the software manufacturer.

9.5 Under no circumstances shall the Client circumvent technical provisions intended to protect the software against unlawful or unauthorised use, or arrange for this to be carried out.

9.6 Except where agreed otherwise in writing, the Client shall only be permitted to use the software within and on behalf of its own company or organisation. Except where agreed otherwise in writing, the Client shall not use the software to process data on behalf of third parties, e.g. for services such as 'time-sharing', 'application service provision', 'software as a service' and 'outsourcing'.

9.7 The Client shall not be permitted to sell, rent out, transfer or grant restrictive rights to the software and the media on which the software is stored, or to make these available to third parties in any way or for any purpose. The Client shall also refrain from granting third parties access – remote or otherwise – to the software or providing the software to a third party for the purpose of hosting, even if the third party in question only uses the software on behalf of the Client.

9.8 Upon request, the Client shall immediately lend its full cooperation to any investigations to be conducted by or on behalf of the Supplier in relation to the Client's compliance with the agreed restrictions on use. At the first request of the Supplier, the Client shall grant the Supplier access to its buildings and systems. The Supplier shall maintain the confidentiality of all company information to be regarded as confidential that the Supplier obtains from or on the premises of the Client within the context of this type of investigation, in so far as this information does not relate to the use of the software itself.

## 10. Term of the agreement

10.1 The software developed on behalf of the Client shall be made available to the Client for the term agreed between the parties. If no term has been agreed between the parties, the term of the right of use shall not be subject to a time limit and the Supplier shall not be entitled to terminate the agreement by giving notice, provided that the Client strictly complies with all of its obligations vis-à-vis the Supplier arising from the agreement.

10.2 Where appropriate, the Client shall return all copies of the software that it has in its possession to the Supplier immediately following expiry of the right of use of the software. If the parties have agreed that the Client will destroy the relevant copies at the end of the agreement, the Client shall notify the Supplier immediately in writing that this has been carried out. The Supplier shall not be obliged to provide the Client with assistance on or after expiry of the right of use with a view to data conversion required by the Client.

## 11. Remuneration for development work

11.1 If an invoicing schedule has not been agreed, all amounts relating to the development of software shall in each case be payable on the first of the calendar month in which the development takes place with a payment term of 30 days.

11.2 Except where agreed otherwise in writing, the price for the development work shall also include the fee in respect of the right of use of the software.

11.3 Except where agreed otherwise in writing, the software development fee shall not include a fee for the auxiliary software and program and data libraries required by the Client, any installation services and any adjustments to and/or maintenance of the software. The right of use fee also does not include the provision of support to users of the software. Such work and services shall be invoiced separately at the Supplier's standard rates as appropriate.

## 12. Modification of the software

12.1 Except where agreed otherwise in writing and notwithstanding exceptions set out in law, the Client shall not be permitted to modify the software in part or in full without the prior written consent of the Supplier. The Supplier shall at all times be entitled to refuse its consent or to attach conditions to its consent, including conditions in relation to the method and quality of implementation of the modifications required by the Client.

12.2 The Client shall bear all risks associated with modifications carried out by or on behalf of the Client by third parties with the consent of the Supplier or otherwise.

## 13. Guarantee

13.1 The Supplier shall not guarantee that the software developed on behalf of the Client will be suitable for the actual and/or envisaged use by the Client. The Supplier shall also not guarantee that the software will operate with no interruptions, errors or other defects or that all errors and defects will always be fixed.

13.2 The Supplier shall make every effort to fix errors in the software within the meaning of Article 5.3 of this part within a reasonable period of time if the Supplier receives detailed, written notification of these errors within a period of three months following delivery or, if the parties have agreed to an acceptance test, within three months of acceptance. Errors shall be fixed free of charge, unless the software was developed on behalf of the Client other than at a fixed price, in which case the Supplier shall invoice the costs associated with fixing the errors at its standard rates. The Supplier shall be entitled to invoice the costs of fixing errors at its standard rates in the event of operational errors or improper use by the Client, or other causes that are not attributable to the Supplier, or if the errors could have been discovered during the execution of the agreed acceptance test. The Supplier shall not be obliged to fix errors if the Client has made changes to the software, or has arranged for this to be carried out, without the written consent of the Supplier. Such consent shall not be withheld on unreasonable grounds.

13.3 The fixing of errors shall take place at a location to be determined by the Supplier. The Supplier shall be entitled to install temporary solutions, program bypasses or problem-avoiding restrictions in the software at any time.

13.4 Under no circumstances shall the Supplier be obliged to recover scrambled or lost data.

13.5 The Supplier shall not be obliged to fix errors that are reported following expiry of the guarantee period referred to in Article 11.2 of this part, unless the parties have entered into a separate maintenance agreement that incorporates an obligation to this effect.

## 14. Confidentiality

14.1 The Client acknowledges that the software is of a confidential nature and contains trade secrets of the Supplier, its own suppliers and/or the software manufacturer.

# Part III: Maintenance of software

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## 1. Applicability

1.1 Part III of these general terms and conditions are only applicable to the online software for which there is a maintenance contract between Client and Supplier.

1.2 The provisions of this part are inextricably linked with the provisions of part I General. In the case of conflict between the provisions of part I General and the provisions of this part, the latter shall prevail.

## 2. Services

2.1 The Supplier shall carry out maintenance work on the software specified in the agreement between the parties. The maintenance obligation shall include the fixing of errors in the software in accordance with Article 3 of this part and - only where agreed in writing between the parties - the provision of new versions of the software in accordance with Article 4 of this part.

2.2 Except where agreed otherwise in writing, the Supplier shall not be obliged to carry out data conversion.

2.3 If the agreement stipulates that the service provided by the Supplier shall also include the provision of support to users of the software, the Supplier shall issue advice by telephone or e-mail on the use and operation of the software referred to in the agreement. The Supplier may impose conditions in relation to the qualifications and the number of contacts who are eligible for support. The Supplier shall deal with properly substantiated requests for support within a reasonable period of time and in

accordance with its standard procedures. The Supplier shall not guarantee the accuracy, completeness or timeliness of responses or support provided. Except where agreed otherwise in writing, support shall only be provided on working days during the Supplier's standard business hours.

2.4 If the agreement stipulates that the service provided by the Supplier shall also include the provision of so-called 'standby services', the Supplier shall ensure that one or more members of staff are available during the days and times specified in the agreement. If this is the case, the Client shall be entitled to request urgent support from the members of staff on standby in the event of a serious failure in the operation of the software. The Supplier shall not guarantee that all failures will be corrected in a timely manner should this situation arise.

2.5 The maintenance and any other agreed services shall be carried out with effect from the day on which the agreement was concluded.

## 3. Provision of services

3.1 The Supplier shall make every effort to ensure that the services are provided with due care and in accordance with the arrangements and procedures agreed in writing with the Client where applicable. The Supplier shall provide all services on the basis of a best efforts obligation, unless and in so far as the Supplier has explicitly undertaken in the written agreement to achieve a specific result and the result in question is sufficiently determined.

3.2 The Client shall submit a detailed report of any errors identified in the software. Following receipt of the report, the Supplier shall make every effort to fix the errors and/or make improvements to future new versions of the software in accordance with its standard procedures. The results shall be made available to the Client in a manner and at a time to be determined by the Supplier, depending on the degree of urgency. The Supplier shall be entitled to install temporary solutions, program bypasses or problem-avoiding restrictions in the software. If no explicit agreements have been made in this regard, the Client itself shall install, set up, parameterise and tune the corrected software or the new version of the software provided, and adapt the hardware used and operating environment where necessary. The Supplier shall not guarantee that the software will operate with no interruptions, errors or defects or that all errors and defects will be fixed.

3.3 If the Supplier carries out the maintenance work online, the Client shall for its part ensure that the proper infrastructure and telecommunication facilities are in place in a timely manner. The Supplier shall be entitled to suspend or limit the maintenance work if the Client's infrastructure and telecommunication facilities do not meet the requirements imposed by the Supplier.

3.4 The Client shall lend any cooperation required by the Supplier for the purpose of the maintenance work, including the temporary suspension of use of the software by the Client if the Supplier deems this to be necessary. If the Client fails to lend the cooperation requested, the Supplier may suspend or limit the maintenance work. If the Supplier is providing services on the basis of information to be provided by the Client, this information shall be prepared in accordance with the conditions to be imposed by the Supplier and provided at the risk and expense of the Client. The Client shall at all times guarantee that all materials, information, software, procedures and instructions that it makes available to the Supplier for the purpose of providing the services is accurate and complete and that all data carriers issued to the Supplier meet the Supplier's specifications.

3.5 If the maintenance work relates to software that was not provided to the Client by the Supplier itself, the Client shall make the software source code and technical (development) documentation

(including data models, designs, change logs etc.) available if the Supplier deems this to be useful, necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying out the maintenance work. The Client shall guarantee that it is entitled to make this data and/or documentation available and that the rights of third parties do not prevent it from doing so. The Client shall grant the Supplier the right to use and adapt the software, including the source code and technical (development) documentation, within the context of performing the agreed maintenance work. The Client shall indemnify the Supplier against any claims by third parties in relation to the provision of this data and/or documentation and the Supplier's use of the data and/or documentation provided within the context of the maintenance work.

3.6 The maintenance work by the Supplier shall not affect the Client's responsibility to manage the software, which includes monitoring settings, the use of the software and the manner in which the results obtained through the use of the software are used. The Client shall also be responsible for training given to and use by users, regardless of whether or not there is a relationship of authority between the Client and these users. If no explicit agreements have been made in this regard, the Client itself shall install, set up, parameterise and tune the (auxiliary) software and adapt the hardware used and operating environment where necessary, as well as achieving the interoperability desired by the Client.

#### **4. New versions of the software**

4.1 The maintenance work shall only include the provision of new versions of the software if and in so far as this has been agreed in writing. If the maintenance work includes the provision of new versions of the software, the provision of this software shall take place at the Supplier's discretion.

4.2 Once three months have passed since the date on which the Supplier provided an improved version of the software, the Supplier shall no longer be obliged to fix any errors in the previous version or to provide support and/or carry out maintenance work in relation to the previous version.

4.3 The Supplier may require the Client to enter into a new written agreement with the Supplier prior

to the provision of a version with new options and functions, and is entitled to apply a new fee to this version. The Supplier may copy functionality from a previous version of the software unchanged, however it does not guarantee that each new version will incorporate the same functionality as the previous version. The Supplier shall not be obliged to maintain, change or add certain features or functionalities of the software specifically for the Client.

4.4 The Supplier may require the Client to adapt its system (hardware, software etc.) if this is necessary in order to ensure the proper functioning of a new version of the software.

## 5. Service Level Agreement

5.1 Any service level agreements shall in all cases only be entered into explicitly in writing. The Client shall notify the Supplier at all times of all circumstances that may affect the service and the availability of the service. If service level agreements are entered into, any periods of decommissioning announced in advance due to maintenance work or to circumstances outside of the Supplier's sphere of influence will not be taken into account when assessing availability. The assessment will be based on the service as a whole during the term of the agreement. Barring proof to the contrary, the availability measured by the Supplier shall be conclusive evidence.

## 6. Term

6.1 The agreement shall be entered into for the term agreed between the parties. If no term has been agreed, a term of one year shall apply. The term of the agreement shall be extended automatically by the term of the original period each time, unless the Client or the Supplier terminates the agreement in writing with due observance of a notice period of three months prior to the end of the period in question.

## 7. Payment

7.1 If an invoicing schedule has not been agreed, all fees relating to the maintenance of software and any other services set out in the agreement shall in each case be payable in advance each quarter.

7.2 Fees in respect of the maintenance of the software and any other services set out in the agreement shall be due as of the date on which the agreement commences. The fees in respect of maintenance and any other services set out in the agreement shall be due regardless of whether the Client is using or has put the software into use, or whether it has taken advantage of the option to have maintenance work carried out.

## 8. Exclusions

8.1 The maintenance of the software shall not include the fixing of errors, defects or shortcomings arising from or related to:

- a) usage errors or the improper use of the software, including errors that occur during the data input process or in the data itself
- b) changes to the software other than those carried out by or on behalf of the Supplier
- c) use of the software contrary to the applicable conditions or contrary to the instructions in the user documentation
- d) changes to or errors, defects or shortcomings in the hardware or software that is not included within the scope of the maintenance work to be carried out by the Supplier
- e) failure by the Client to have maintenance work carried out on the software in a timely manner
- f) the use of an older version of the software that is no longer maintained by the Supplier
- g) the recovery of scrambled or lost data
- h) other causes that are not attributable to the Supplier.

8.2 If the Supplier carries out maintenance work or other work in connection with the provisions of Article 8.1, the Supplier shall be entitled to invoice the costs of this maintenance work or other work in accordance with its standard rates. This shall not affect the other fees payable by the Client in respect of maintenance work.