

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BUSINESS- SALES OF GOODS & SERVICES.

The buyer's attention is in particular drawn to the provisions of condition 10.4.

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 The definitions and rules of interpretation in this condition apply in these conditions.

Buyer: the person, firm or company who purchases the Goods from the Company.

Company: Steel Service Centre Limited.

Contract: any contract between the Company and the Buyer for the sale and purchase of the Goods, incorporating these conditions.

Effective Delivery: if previously agreed in writing pursuant to clause 4.1 the Buyer is to collect the Goods Effective Delivery will be as soon as the Buyer is informed the Goods are ready for collection. In all other cases Effective Delivery occurs as soon as the Goods are dispatched from the Company's premises.

Free-issue Material: is any material supplied to Company by Buyer for the manufacture of the Goods.

Goods: any goods agreed in the Contract to be supplied to the Buyer by the Company (including any part or parts of them).

Samples: small sample of Goods manufactured by the Company on either specifications provided by the Buyer or Company for the purpose of the Buyer ascertaining the quality of Goods produced by the Company.

Writing: includes telex, facsimile, electronic mail and comparable means of electronic communication.

1.2 A reference to a particular law is a reference to it as it is in force for the time being taking account of any amendment, extension, application or re-enactment and includes any subordinate legislation for the time being in force made under it.

1.3 Words in the singular include the plural and in the plural include the singular.

1.4 A reference to one gender includes a reference to the other gender.

1.5 Condition headings do not affect the interpretation of these conditions.

2. APPLICATION OF TERMS

- 2.1 Subject to any variation under condition 2.3 the Contract shall be on these conditions to the exclusion of all other terms and conditions (including any terms or conditions which the Buyer purports to apply under any purchase order, confirmation of order, specification or other document).
- 2.2 No terms or conditions endorsed on, delivered with or contained in the Buyer's purchase order, confirmation of order, specification or other document shall form part of the Contract simply as a result of such document being referred to in the Contract.
- 2.3 These conditions apply to all the Company's sales and any variation to these conditions and any representations about the Goods shall have no effect unless expressly agreed in writing and signed by an authorised representative of the Company. The Buyer acknowledges that it has not relied on any statement, promise or representation made or given by or on behalf of the Company which is not set out in the contract. Nothing in this condition shall exclude or limit the Company's liability for fraudulent misrepresentation.
- 2.4 Each order or acceptance of a quotation for Goods by the Buyer from the Company shall be deemed to be an offer by the Buyer to buy Goods subject to these conditions.
- 2.5 No order placed by the Buyer shall be deemed to be accepted by the Company until a written acknowledgement of order is issued by the Company or (if earlier) the Company delivers the Goods to the Buyer.
- 2.6 The Buyer shall ensure that the terms of its order and any applicable specification are complete and accurate.
- 2.7 Any quotation is given on the basis that no Contract shall come into existence until the Company despatches an acknowledgement of order to the Buyer. Any quotation is valid for a period of 30 days only from its date, provided that the Company has not previously withdrawn it.

3. DESCRIPTION

- 3.1 The quantity and description of the Goods shall be as set out in the Company's quotation or acknowledgement of order.
- 3.2 All samples, drawings, descriptive matter, specifications and advertising issued by the Company and any descriptions or illustrations contained in the

Company's catalogues or brochures are issued or published for the sole purpose of giving an approximate idea of the Goods described in them. They shall not form part of the Contract and this is not a sale by sample.

- 3.3 All Goods will be supplied to normal commercial tolerances associated with the fabrication and construction industry. The Buyer must state the required tolerances and request clarification of the tolerances of the Company's products before placing an order.
- 3.4 The Buyer must satisfy himself that the Goods are suitable for the intended purpose. The Company does not offer design facilities and is only responsible for specialist laser profiling and bending services.
- 3.5 Material certificates will be supplied on request in Writing from the Buyer provided that the written request is received by the Company no later than the date that the order is received by the Company. The Company will supply test certificates if requested in manner aforesaid and with a reasonable fee payable by the Buyer.
- 3.6 The Company has no metallurgical facilities and is therefore reliant on material suppliers supplying materials to the correct specification. Any claims for non-specification material represents no negligence by the company, and such will be passed onto the material supplier.
- 3.7 The Company accepts no responsibility for the behaviour of any of the Buyer's free-issue material whilst undergoing profiling or bending. Free-issue Materials are handled, bent and profiled at the Buyer's own risk.
- 3.8 Any Buyer supplying Free Issue Material must ensure that it is safe to laser profile and band without any risk to Health and Safety. The Buyer shall notify the Company in writing of any special precautions that may need to be taken. Failure to do so will result in legal proceedings being issued against the Buyer.

4. DELIVERY

- 4.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Company, Effective Delivery of the Goods shall take place when the Goods are dispatched from the Company's place of business.
- 4.2 The Buyer shall take delivery of the Goods within 3 days of the Company giving it notice that the Goods are ready for delivery.

- 4.3 Any dates specified by the Company for Effective Delivery of the Goods are intended to be an estimate and time for delivery shall not be made of the essence by notice. If no dates are so specified, delivery shall be within a reasonable time.
- 4.4 Subject to the other provisions of these conditions the Company shall not be liable for any direct, indirect or consequential loss, all three of which terms include, without limitation:
- (a) pure economic loss; or
 - (b) loss of profits; or
 - (c) loss of business; or
 - (d) depletion of goodwill and similar loss; or
 - (e) costs; or
 - (f) damages; or
 - (g) charges; or
 - (h) expenses;
- caused directly or indirectly by any delay in the delivery of the Goods (even if caused by the Company's negligence).
- 4.5 The Buyer shall not be entitled to terminate or rescind this contract due to any delay in delivery of the Goods (even if through negligence of the Company) unless such delay exceeds 180 days.
- 4.6 If for any reason the Buyer fails to accept delivery of any of the Goods when they are ready for delivery, or the Company is unable to deliver the Goods on time because the Buyer has not provided appropriate instructions, documents, licences or authorisations:
- (a) risk in the Goods shall pass to the Buyer (including for loss or damage caused by the Company's negligence);
 - (b) the Goods shall be deemed to have Effective Delivery; and
 - (c) the Company may store the Goods until delivery, whereupon the Buyer shall be liable for all related costs and expenses (including, without limitation, storage and insurance).
- 4.7 If the Company delivers to the Buyer a quantity of Goods of up to 5% more or less than the quantity accepted by the Company, the Buyer shall not be entitled to object to or reject the Goods or any of them by reason of the surplus or shortfall and shall pay for such goods at the pro rata Contract rate.

- 4.8 The Company may deliver the Goods by separate instalments. Each separate instalment shall be invoiced and paid for in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.
- 4.9 Each instalment shall be a separate Contract and no cancellation or termination of any one Contract relating to an instalment shall entitle the Buyer to repudiate or cancel any other Contract or instalment.
- 4.10 The Company is responsible for the loading of the Goods onto transport at the Company's place of business. The Buyer must ensure that appropriate equipment is provided at the Buyer's chosen delivery point for the unloading of the Goods, at the cost of the Buyer.

5. NON-DELIVERY

- 5.1 The quantity of any consignment of Goods as recorded by the Company upon despatch from the Company's place of business shall be conclusive evidence of the quantity received by the Buyer on delivery unless the Buyer can provide conclusive evidence proving the contrary.
- 5.2 The Company shall not be liable for any non-delivery of Goods (even if caused by the Company's negligence) unless the Buyer gives written notice to the Company of the non-delivery within 14 days of the date when the Goods would in the ordinary course of events have been received.
- 5.3 Any liability of the Company for non-delivery of the Goods shall be limited to replacing the Goods within a reasonable time or issuing a credit note at the pro rata Contract rate against any invoice raised for such Goods.

6. RISK/TITLE

- 6.1 The Goods are at the risk of the Buyer from the time of Effective Delivery.
- 6.2 Ownership of the Goods shall not pass to the Buyer until the Company has received in full (in cash or cleared funds) all sums due to it in respect of:
- (a) the Goods; and
 - (b) all other sums which are or which become due to the Company from the Buyer on any account.
- 6.3 Until ownership of the Goods has passed to the Buyer, the Buyer shall:
- (a) hold the Goods on a fiduciary basis as the Company's bailee;

- (b) store the Goods (at no cost to the Company) separately from all other goods of the Buyer or any third party in such a way that they remain readily identifiable as the Company's property;
- (c) not destroy, deface or obscure any identifying mark or packaging on or relating to the Goods; and
- (d) maintain the Goods in satisfactory condition and keep them insured on the Company's behalf for their full price against all risks to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company. On request the Buyer shall produce the policy of insurance to the Company.

6.4 The Buyer may resell the Goods before ownership has passed to it solely on the following conditions:

- (a) any sale shall be effected in the ordinary course of the Buyer's business at full market value; and
- (b) any such sale shall be a sale of the Company's property on the Buyer's own behalf and the Buyer shall deal as principal when making such a sale.

6.5 The Buyer's right to possession of the Goods shall terminate immediately if:

- (a) the Buyer has a bankruptcy order made against him or makes an arrangement or composition with his creditors, or otherwise takes the benefit of any statutory provision for the time being in force for the relief of insolvent debtors, or (being a body corporate) convenes a meeting of creditors (whether formal or informal), or enters into liquidation (whether voluntary or compulsory) except a solvent voluntary liquidation for the purpose only of reconstruction or amalgamation, or has a receiver and/or manager, administrator or administrative receiver appointed of its undertaking or any part thereof, or documents are filed with the court for the appointment of an administrator of the Buyer or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given by the Buyer or its directors or by a qualifying floating charge holder (as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986), or a resolution is passed or a petition presented to any court for the winding-up of the Buyer or for the granting of an administration order in respect of the Buyer, or any proceedings are commenced relating to the insolvency or possible insolvency of the Buyer; or
- (b) the Buyer suffers or allows any execution, whether legal or equitable, to be levied on his/its property or obtained against him/it, or fails to observe or perform any of his/its obligations under the Contract or any other contract between the Company and the Buyer, or is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or the Buyer ceases to trade; or

(c) the Buyer encumbers or in any way charges any of the Goods.

6.6 The Company shall be entitled to recover payment for the Goods notwithstanding that ownership of any of the Goods has not passed from the Company.

6.7 The Buyer grants the Company, its agents and employees an irrevocable licence at any time to enter any premises where the Goods are or may be stored in order to inspect them, or, where the Buyer's right to possession has terminated, to recover them.

6.8 The Company reserves the right to regain possession of the Goods if payment, in full (in cash or cleared funds), is not received within 2 months from Effective Delivery.

6.9 Where the Company is unable to determine whether any Goods are the goods in respect of which the Buyer's right to possession has terminated, the Buyer shall be deemed to have sold all goods of the kind sold by the Company to the Buyer in the order in which they were invoiced to the Buyer.

6.10 The Company will be happy to provide Samples to the Buyer under these conditions. However, ownership of the Samples will remain with the Company unless full payment (in cash or cleared funds) is received from the Buyer. A claim will be brought against the Buyer unless all Samples are returned to the Company or full payment is received within 2 months of Effective Delivery.

6.11 On termination of the Contract, howsoever caused, the Company's (but not the Buyer's) rights contained in this condition 6 shall remain in effect.

7. **PRICE**

7.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the Company in writing, the price for the Goods shall be the price set out in the quotation given to the Buyer at the time of order. If no quotation is given to the Buyer, the price due to the Company pursuant to these conditions will be the most recent price paid by any customer of the Company for the same or similar Goods.

7.2 The price for the Goods shall be exclusive of any value added tax and all costs or charges in relation to packaging, loading, unloading, carriage and insurance, all of which amounts the Buyer shall pay in addition when it is due to pay for the Goods.

8. PAYMENT

- 8.1 Subject to condition 8.4, payment of the price for the Goods is due in pounds sterling 30 days after the Goods are delivered or deemed to be delivered.
- 8.2 Time for payment shall be of the essence.
- 8.3 No payment shall be deemed to have been received until the Company has received cleared funds.
- 8.4 All payments payable to the Company under the Contract shall become due immediately on its termination despite any other provision.
- 8.5 The Buyer shall make all payments due under the Contract in full without any deduction whether by way of set-off, counterclaim, discount, abatement or otherwise unless the Buyer has a valid court order requiring an amount equal to such deduction to be paid by the Company to the Buyer.
- 8.6 If the Buyer fails to pay the Company any sum due pursuant to the Contract, the Buyer shall be liable to pay interest to the Company on such sum from the due date for payment at the annual rate of 4% above the base rate from time to time of HSBC plc, accruing on a daily basis until payment is made, whether before or after any judgement. The Company reserves the right to claim interest under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998.

9. QUALITY

- 9.1 Where the Company is not the manufacturer of the Goods, the Company shall endeavour to transfer to the Buyer the benefit of any warranty or guarantee given to the Company.
- 9.2 The Company warrants that the Goods will conform to specification.
- 9.3 The Company shall not be liable for a breach of the warranty in condition 9.2 unless:
- (a) the Buyer gives written notice of the defect to the Company, and, if the defect is as a result of materials supplied or workmanship of the Company, within 3 days of the time when the Buyer discovers or ought to have discovered the defect; or
 - (b) the Company is given a reasonable opportunity after receiving the notice of examining such Goods and the Buyer (if asked to do so by

the Company) returns such Goods to the Company's place of business at the Buyer's cost for the examination to take place there.

9.4 The Company shall not be liable for a breach of the warranty in condition 9.2 if:

- (a) the Buyer has utilised the Goods or makes any further use of such Goods after giving such notice; or
- (b) the defect arises because the Buyer failed to follow the Company's oral or written instructions as to the storage, installation, commissioning, use or maintenance of the Goods or (if there are none) good trade practice; or
- (c) the Buyer alters or repairs such Goods without the written consent of the Company.

9.5 Subject to condition 9.3 and condition 9.4, if any of the Goods do not conform with the warranty in condition 9.2 the Company shall replace such Goods (or the defective part), and if the Company so requests, the Buyer shall, at the Buyer's expense, return the Goods or the part of such Goods which is defective to the Company.

9.6 If the Company complies with condition 9.5 it shall have no further liability for a breach of the warranty in condition 9.2 in respect of such Goods.

9.7 Any Goods replaced shall belong to the Company.

10. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

10.1 Subject to condition 4, condition 5 and condition 9, the following provisions set out the entire financial liability of the Company (including any liability for the acts or omissions of its employees, agents and sub-contractors) to the Buyer in respect of:

- (a) any breach of these conditions;
- (b) any use made or resale by the Buyer of any of the Goods, or of any product incorporating any of the Goods; and
- (c) any representation, statement or tortious act or omission including negligence arising under or in connection with the Contract.

10.2 All warranties, conditions and other terms implied by statute or common law (save for the conditions implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979) are, to the fullest extent permitted by law, excluded from the Contract.

- 10.3 Nothing in these conditions excludes or limits the liability of the Company:
- (a) for death or personal injury caused by the Company's negligence; or
 - (b) under section 2(3), Consumer Protection Act 1987; or
 - (c) for any matter which it would be illegal for the Company to exclude or attempt to exclude its liability; or
 - (d) for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

- 10.4 Subject to condition 10.2 and condition 10.3:
- (a) the Company's total liability in contract, tort (including negligence or breach of statutory duty), misrepresentation, restitution or otherwise, arising in connection with the performance or contemplated performance of the Contract shall be limited to the Contract price; and
 - (b) the Company shall not be liable to the Buyer for any pure economic loss, loss of profit, loss of business, depletion of goodwill or otherwise, in each case whether direct, indirect or consequential, or any claims for consequential compensation whatsoever (howsoever caused) which arise out of or in connection with the Contract.

11. **ASSIGNMENT**

- 11.1 The Company may assign the Contract or any part of it to any person, firm or company.
- 11.2 The Buyer shall not be entitled to assign the Contract or any part of it without the prior written consent of the Company.

12. **FORCE MAJEURE**

The Company reserves the right to defer the date of delivery or to cancel the Contract or reduce the volume of the Goods ordered by the Buyer (without liability to the Buyer) if it is prevented from or delayed in the carrying on of its business due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Company including, without limitation, acts of God, governmental actions, war or national emergency, acts of terrorism, protests, riot, civil commotion, fire, explosion, flood, epidemic, lock-outs, strikes or other labour disputes (whether or not relating to either party's workforce), or restraints or delays affecting carriers or inability or delay in obtaining supplies of adequate or suitable materials, provided that, if the event in question continues for a continuous period in excess of 180 days, the Buyer shall be entitled to give notice in writing to the Company to terminate the Contract.

13. GENERAL

- 13.1 Each right or remedy of the Company under the Contract is without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Company whether under the Contract or not.
- 13.2 If any provision of the Contract is found by any court, tribunal or administrative body of competent jurisdiction to be wholly or partly illegal, invalid, void, voidable, unenforceable or unreasonable it shall to the extent of such illegality, invalidity, voidness, voidability, unenforceability or unreasonableness be deemed severable and the remaining provisions of the Contract and the remainder of such provision shall continue in full force and effect.
- 13.3 Failure or delay by the Company in enforcing or partially enforcing any provision of the Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any of its rights under the Contract.
- 13.4 Any waiver by the Company of any breach of, or any default under, any provision of the Contract by the Buyer shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default and shall in no way affect the other terms of the Contract.
- 13.5 The parties to the Contract do not intend that any term of the Contract shall be enforceable by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 by any person that is not a party to it.
- 13.6 The formation, existence, construction, performance, validity and all aspects of the Contract shall be governed by English law and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

- 14.1 All communications between the parties about the Contract shall be in Writing and delivered by hand or sent by pre-paid first class post or sent by fax:
- (a) (in case of communications to the Company) to its registered office or such changed address as shall be notified to the Buyer by the Company; or
 - (b) (in the case of the communications to the Buyer) to the registered office of the addressee (if it is a company) or (in any other case) to any address of the Buyer set out in any document which forms part of the Contract or such other address as shall be notified to the Company by the Buyer.

- 14.2 Communications shall be deemed to have been received:
- (a) if sent by pre-paid first class post, two days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and bank and public holidays) after posting (exclusive of the day of posting); or
 - (b) if delivered by hand, on the day of delivery; or
 - (c) if sent by fax on a working day prior to 4.00 pm, at the time of transmission and otherwise on the next working day.
- 14.3 Communications addressed to the Company shall be marked for the attention of an authorised company representative.