

## ASMET (UK) LIMITED - TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

### 1. Interpretation

1.1 In these Conditions:

'Buyer' means the person, firm, company or organisation whose Order for the Goods is accepted by the Seller ;  
'Goods' means the goods (including any instalment of the goods or any parts for them), which are the subject matter

of the Contract and which the Seller is to supply in accordance with these Conditions;

'Seller' means Asmet (UK) Limited (registered number 02849713) whose registered office is at Jubilee House, Sheffield Road, Dronfield, Sheffield S18 2HU, or any subsidiary company of Asmet (UK) Limited that accepts a Buyer's Order and includes any branches;

'Certificate of Analysis' or 'Order Acknowledgement' means the Seller's written confirmation of the Order confirming (without limitation) the Goods, the specification and the delivery details;

'Conditions' means the Seller's standard terms and conditions of sale set out in this document and (unless the context otherwise requires) includes any special terms and conditions agreed in writing between the Buyer and the Seller;

'Contract' means the contract for the purchase and sale of the Goods;

'Order' means an order in writing on the Buyer's official purchase order form for the goods issued by the Buyer to the Seller, or in such other format as is accepted by the Seller;

'Writing' includes email, telex, cable, facsimile transmission and comparable means of communication.

1.2 Any reference in these Conditions to any provision of a statute shall be construed as a reference to that provision as amended, re-enacted or extended at the relevant time.

1.3 The headings in these Conditions are for convenience only and shall not effect their interpretation.

### 2. Basis of the sale

2.1 The Seller shall sell and the Buyer shall purchase the Goods in accordance with these Conditions. The Seller's quotations are not binding, and a Contract will only be formed once the Seller has accepted the Buyer's Order, and these Conditions shall be deemed to be incorporated therein. These Conditions shall govern the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms and conditions subject to which any such order is made or purported to be made, by the Buyer (whether or not inconsistent with these Conditions) or referred to in any correspondence or documentation submitted by the Buyer or elsewhere or implied by custom, practice or course of dealing.

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

2.3 The Seller's employees or agents are not authorised to make any representations concerning the Goods unless confirmed by the Seller in Writing. In entering into the Contract the Buyer acknowledges that it does not rely on any such representations which are not so confirmed.

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

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

2.6 This is not a sale by sample.

### 3. Orders and specifications

3.1 No Order submitted by the Buyer shall be deemed to be accepted by the Seller unless and until confirmed in Writing by the Seller by sending to the Buyer the Seller's Certificate of Analysis / Order Acknowledgement.

3.2 The Buyer shall be responsible to the Seller for ensuring the accuracy and completeness from the date of issue of the terms of any Order (including any applicable specification) submitted by the Buyer, and for giving the Seller any necessary information relating to the Goods within a sufficient time to enable the Seller to perform the Contract.

3.3 The quantity, quality and description of, and any specification for the Goods shall be those set out in the Seller's quotation and the Buyer's Order (if accepted by the Seller), Where there are any discrepancies between Seller and Buyer specification, the actual specification will be confirmed by the Seller's Certificate of Analysis / Order Acknowledgement which shall be sent to the Buyer before delivery of the Goods.

3.4 If the Goods are to be manufactured or any process is to be applied to the Goods by the Seller in accordance with a specification submitted by the Buyer, the Buyer shall indemnify the Seller against all loss, damages, costs and expenses awarded against or incurred by the Seller in connection with or paid or agreed to be paid by the Seller in settlement of any claim for infringement of any patent, copyright, design, trade mark or other industrial or intellectual property rights of any other person which results from the Seller's use of the Buyer's specification.

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

3.6 No order which has been accepted by the Seller may be cancelled by the Buyer except with the agreement in Writing of the Seller and on terms that the Buyer shall indemnify the Seller in full against all loss (including loss

of profit), costs (including the cost of all labour and materials used), damages, charges and expenses incurred by the Seller as a result of cancellation.

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

- 4.1 The price of the Goods shall be the Seller's quoted price, and shall be in sterling unless otherwise stipulated in Writing by the Seller. Unless stipulated otherwise in Writing, all prices quoted are valid for 1 day only or until earlier acceptance by the Buyer, after which time the Seller may alter them without giving notice to the Buyer.
- 4.2 The Seller reserves the right, by giving notice to the Buyer at any time before delivery, to increase the price of the Goods to reflect any increase in the cost to the Seller which is due to any factor beyond the control of the Seller (such as, without limitation, any foreign exchange fluctuation, currency regulation, alteration of duties, significant increase in the costs of labour, materials or other costs of manufacture), any change in delivery dates, quantities or specifications for the Goods which is requested by the Buyer, or any delay caused by any instructions of the Buyer or failure of the Buyer to give the Seller adequate information or instructions.
- 4.3 Except as otherwise stated under the terms of any quotation, and unless otherwise agreed in Writing between the Buyer and the Seller, all prices are given by the Seller on an ex works basis, and where the Seller agrees to deliver the Goods otherwise than at the Seller's premises, the Buyer shall be liable to pay the Seller's charges for transport, packaging and insurance.
- 4.4 The price is exclusive of any applicable value added tax, any similar sales tax, or any tax that replaces such sales taxes. Any such tax payable in relation to any such amounts shall be paid in addition to such amounts, by the Buyer to the Seller.

#### **5. Terms of payment**

- 5.1 Subject to any special terms agreed in Writing between the Buyer and the Seller, the Seller shall be entitled to invoice the Buyer for the price of the Goods on or at any time after delivery of the Goods, unless the Goods are to be collected by the Buyer or the Buyer wrongfully fails to take delivery of the Goods, in which event the Seller shall be entitled to invoice the Buyer for the price of the Goods at any time after the Seller has notified the Buyer that the Goods are ready for collection or (as the case may be) the Seller has tendered delivery of the Goods.
- 5.2 Subject to any special terms agreed in Writing between the Buyer and the Seller, the Buyer shall pay the price of the Goods by the end of the month in which the Goods were delivered, or within 30 days of the date of delivery, whichever is the later, and the Seller shall be entitled to recover the price, notwithstanding that title in the Goods has not passed to the Buyer. The time of payment of the price shall be of the essence. Receipts for payment will be issued only upon request.
- 5.3 If the Buyer fails to make any payment on the due date then, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller, the Seller shall be entitled to:
- 5.3.1 terminate the Contract or suspend any further deliveries to the Buyer;
- 5.3.2 appropriate any payment made by the Buyer to such of the Goods (or the goods supplied under any other contract between the Buyer and the Seller) as the Seller may think fit (notwithstanding any purported appropriation by the Buyer);
- 5.3.3 charge the Buyer interest (both before and after any judgment) on the amount unpaid, at the rate of four per cent per annum above the National Westminster Bank plc base rate from time to time, from the due date until payment in full is made (a part of a month being treated as a full month for the purpose of calculating interest); and
- 5.3.4 exercise a general lien in respect of any Goods or property of the Buyer (whether paid for or not), in the Seller's possession and shall be entitled, upon expiration of 14 days notice, to dispose of such Goods or property as the Seller sees fit and to apply the proceeds of such sales towards the unpaid debts of the Buyer.
- 5.4 The Seller reserves the right to alter or withdraw at any time any credit allowed to the Buyer.
- 5.5 The Seller reserves the right where genuine doubts arise as to a Buyer's financial position or in the case of failure to pay for any Goods or any delivery or instalment as aforesaid to suspend delivery of any Order or any part or instalment without liability until payment or satisfactory security for payment has been provided.
- 5.6 All amounts due under the Contract shall be paid in full without any deduction or withholding other than as required by law. The Buyer shall not be entitled to assert any credit, set-off or counterclaim against the Seller in order to justify withholding payment of any such amount in whole or in part. The Seller may offset any amount owing to it from the Buyer against any amount owed to the Buyer by the Seller.

#### **6. Delivery**

- 6.1 Where it is agreed in writing that the Goods are not delivered ex works, delivery of the Goods shall be made by the Seller delivering the Goods to the Buyer's premises at any time after the Seller has notified the Buyer that the Goods are ready for collection or, if some other place for delivery is agreed by the Seller, by the Seller delivering the Goods to that place.
- 6.2 Any dates quoted for delivery of the Goods are approximate only and the Seller shall not be liable for any delay in delivery of the Goods however caused. Time for delivery shall not be of the essence unless previously agreed by the Seller in writing. The Goods may be delivered by the Seller in advance of the quoted delivery date upon giving reasonable notice to the Buyer.
- 6.3 Where delivery of the Goods is to be made by the Seller in bulk, the Seller reserves the right to deliver up to ten per cent more or ten per cent less than the quantity ordered without any adjustment in the price, and the quantity so delivered shall be deemed to be the quantity ordered.
- 6.4 Where the Goods are to be delivered in instalments, each delivery shall constitute a separate contract and failure by the Seller to deliver any one or more of the instalments in accordance with these Conditions or any

claim by the Buyer in respect of any one or more instalments shall not entitle the Buyer to treat the Contract as a whole as repudiated.

- 6.5 If the Seller fails to deliver the Goods (or any instalment) for any reason other than any cause beyond the Seller's reasonable control or the Buyer's fault, and the Seller is accordingly liable to the Buyer, the Seller's liability shall be limited to the excess (if any) of the cost to the Buyer (in the cheapest available market) of similar goods to replace those not delivered over the price of the Goods.
- 6.6 No delay in delivery of the Goods shall entitle the Buyer to reject any delivery or any further instalment or part of the Order or any other Order from the Seller or to repudiate the Contract or the Order.
- 6.7 If the Buyer fails to take delivery of the Goods or fails to give the Seller adequate delivery instructions at the time stated for delivery (otherwise than by reason of any cause beyond the Buyer's reasonable control or by reason of the Seller's fault) then, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller, the Seller may:
- 6.7.1 store the Goods until actual delivery and charge the Buyer for the reasonable costs (including insurance) of storage; or
- 6.7.2 sell the Goods at the best price readily obtainable and (after deducting all reasonable storage and selling expenses) account to the Buyer for the excess over the price under the Contract or charge the Buyer for any shortfall below the price under the Contract.
- 6.8 The Seller reserves the right to agree specific delivery terms with the Buyer from time to time as may be required. Where this condition 6.8 applies, the Seller will confirm all delivery details in Writing and these Conditions shall apply to such a delivery.

## **7. Risk and Title**

- 7.1 Risk of damage to or loss of the Goods shall pass to the Buyer:
- 7.1.1 in the case of Goods to be delivered at the Seller's premises, at the time when the Seller notifies the Buyer that the Goods are available for collection; or
- 7.1.2 in the case of Goods to be delivered otherwise than at the Seller's premises, at the time of delivery or, if the Buyer wrongfully fails to take delivery of the Goods, the time when the Seller has tendered delivery of the Goods.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding delivery and the passing of risk in the Goods, or any other provision of these Conditions, title in the Goods shall not pass to the Buyer until the Seller has received in cash or cleared funds payment in full of the price of the Goods and all other goods agreed to be sold by the Seller to the Buyer for which payment is then due.
- 7.3 Until such time as title in the Goods passes to the Buyer, the Buyer shall hold the Goods as the Seller's fiduciary agent and bailee, and shall keep the Goods separate from those of the Buyer and third parties and properly stored, protected and insured and identified as the Seller's property, but shall be entitled to resell or use the Goods in the ordinary course of its business.
- 7.4 Until title in the Goods passes to the Buyer, the Buyer shall hold the proceeds of any claim under the insurance policy on trust for the Seller and shall immediately account to the Seller with the proceeds
- 7.5 Until such time as title in the Goods passes to the Buyer (and provided the Goods are still in existence and have not been resold), the Seller shall be entitled at any time to require the Buyer to deliver up the Goods to the Seller and, if the Buyer fails to do so forthwith, to enter upon any premises of the Buyer or any third party where the Goods are stored and repossess the Goods.
- 7.6 The Buyer shall not be entitled to pledge or in any way charge by way of security for any indebtedness any of the Goods which remain the property of the Seller, but if the Buyer does so all moneys owing by the Buyer to the Seller shall (without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Seller) forthwith become due and payable.

## **8. Warranties and liability**

- 8.1 Subject to the conditions set out below the Seller warrants that the Goods will correspond with their specification at the time of delivery.
- 8.2 The above warranty is given by the Seller subject to the following conditions:
- 8.2.1 the Seller shall be under no liability in respect of any defect in the Goods arising from any drawing, design or specification supplied by the Buyer;
- 8.2.2 the Seller shall be under no liability in respect of any defect arising from fair wear and tear, wilful damage, negligence, abnormal working conditions, failure to follow the Seller's instructions (whether oral or in writing), misuse or alteration or repair of the Goods without the Seller's approval;
- 8.2.3 the Seller shall be under no liability under the above warranty (or any other warranty, condition or guarantee) if the total price for the Goods has not been paid by the due date for payment;
- 8.2.4 the above warranty does not extend to parts, materials or equipment not manufactured by the Seller, in respect of which the Buyer shall only be entitled to the benefit of any such warranty or the manufacturer gives guarantee as to the Seller.
- 8.3 Subject as expressly provided in these Conditions, and except where the Goods are sold to a person dealing as a consumer (within the meaning of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977), all warranties, conditions or other terms implied by statute or common law are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 8.4 Where the Goods are sold under a consumer transaction (as defined by the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008) the statutory rights of the Buyer are not affected by these Conditions.
- 8.5 Any claim by the Buyer which is based on any defect in the quality or condition of the Goods or their failure to correspond with specification shall (whether or not delivery is refused by the Buyer) be notified to the Seller within 7 days from the date of delivery or (where the defect or failure was not apparent on reasonable inspection) within a reasonable time after discovery of the defect or failure. However, the Seller shall only be

liable for such defects for a period of 3 years after delivery of the relevant Goods. If delivery is not refused, and the Buyer does not notify the Seller accordingly, the Buyer shall not be entitled to reject the Goods and the Seller shall have no liability for such defect or failure, and the Buyer shall be bound to pay the price as if the Goods had been delivered in accordance with the Contract.

- 8.6 Where any valid claim in respect of any of the Goods which is based on any defect in the quality or condition of the Goods or their failure to meet specification is notified to the Seller in accordance with these Conditions, the Seller shall be entitled to replace the Goods (or the part in question) free of charge or, at the Seller's sole discretion, refund to the Buyer the price of the Goods (or a proportionate part of the price), but the Seller shall have no further liability to the Buyer.
- 8.7 Except in respect of death or personal injury caused by the Seller's negligence, the Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer by reason of any representation (unless fraudulent), or any implied warranty, condition or other term, or any duty at common law, or under the express terms of the Contract, for any indirect, special or consequential loss or damage (whether for loss of profit or otherwise), costs, expenses or other claims for compensation whatsoever (whether caused by the negligence of the Seller, its employees or agents or otherwise) which arise out of or in connection with the supply of the Goods or their use or resale by the Buyer, and the entire liability of the Seller under or in connection with the Contract shall not exceed the price of the Goods, except as expressly provided in these Conditions.
- 8.8 The Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer or be deemed to be in breach of the Contract by reason of any delay in performing, or any failure to perform, any of the Seller's obligations in relation to the Goods, if the delay or failure was due to any cause beyond the Seller's reasonable control. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the following shall be regarded as causes beyond the Seller's reasonable control:
- 8.8.1 Act of God, explosion, flood, tempest, fire or accident;
- 8.8.2 war or threat of war, sabotage, insurrection, civil disturbance or requisition;
- 8.8.3 acts, restrictions, regulations, byelaws, prohibitions or measures of any kind on the part of any governmental, parliamentary or local authority;
- 8.8.4 import or export regulations or embargoes;
- 8.8.5 strikes, lockouts or other industrial actions or trade disputes (whether involving employees of the Seller or of a third party);
- 8.8.6 difficulties in obtaining raw materials, labour, fuel, parts or machinery;
- 8.8.7 power failure or breakdown in machinery.

## **9. Insolvency of Buyer**

- 9.1 This condition applies if:
- 9.1.1 the Buyer makes any voluntary arrangement with its creditors (being an individual or firm) becomes bankrupt or (being a company) becomes subject to an administration order or goes into liquidation (otherwise than for the purposes of a solvent amalgamation or reconstruction); or
- 9.1.2 an encumbrancer takes possession, or a receiver is appointed, of any of the property or assets of the Buyer; or
- 9.1.3 the Buyer ceases, or threatens to cease, to carry on business; or
- 9.1.4 the Seller reasonably apprehends that any of the events mentioned above is about to occur in relation to the Buyer and notifies the Buyer accordingly.
- 9.2 If this condition applies then, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller, the Seller shall be entitled to terminate the Contract or suspend any further deliveries under the Contract without any liability to the Buyer, and if the Goods have been delivered but not paid for the price shall become immediately due and payable notwithstanding any previous agreement or arrangement to the contrary.
- 9.3 Upon termination of any Contract all rights and obligations of the parties shall cease to have effect except that termination shall not affect:
- 9.3.1 accrued rights and obligations of the parties in respect of the Contract at the date of termination; and
- 9.3.2 any express obligations in these Conditions of a continuing nature.

## **10. International Trading Terms**

- 10.1 In these Conditions 'Incoterms' means the international rules for the interpretation of trade terms of the International Chamber of Commerce as in force at the date when the Contract is made. Unless the context otherwise requires, any term or expression which is defined in or given a particular meaning by the provisions of Incoterms shall have the same meaning in these Conditions, but if there is any conflict between the provisions of Incoterms and these Conditions, the latter shall prevail.
- 10.2 Where the Goods are supplied for export from the United Kingdom, the provisions of this condition 10 shall (subject to any special terms agreed in writing between the Buyer and the Seller) apply notwithstanding any other provision of these Conditions.
- 10.3 The Buyer shall be responsible for complying with any legislation or regulations, including import licences, governing the importation of the Goods into the country of destination and for the payment of any duties on them, and if required shall make licences and consents available to the Seller prior to the relevant shipment.
- 10.4 Unless otherwise agreed in Writing between the Buyer and the Seller, the Goods shall be delivered FOB the agreed sea port of shipment for Goods delivered by sea, and FCA the agreed airport for carriage for Goods delivered by air and the Seller shall be under no obligation to give notice under section 32(3) of the Sale of Goods Act 1979.
- 10.5 The Buyer shall be responsible for arranging for testing and inspection of the Goods at the Seller's premises before shipment. The Seller shall have no liability for any claim in respect of any defect in the Goods which would be apparent on inspection and which are made after shipment, or in respect of any damage during transit.

10.6 Where agreed and confirmed in Writing by the Seller, payment of all amounts due to the Seller shall be made by irrevocable letter of credit opened by the Buyer in favour of the Seller and confirmed by a bank in the United Kingdom acceptable to the Seller.

**11. General**

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

11.2 No failure or delay by the Seller in exercising any of its rights under the Contract shall operate as a waiver thereof. No waiver by the Seller of any breach of the Contract by the Buyer shall be considered as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.

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

11.4 A person who is not a party to the Contract shall have no rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 or otherwise to enforce any term of such contract.

11.5 The Contract shall not be assigned by the Buyer to any third party without the prior written consent of the Seller. The Seller shall be entitled to subcontract any work relating to the Contract without obtaining the consent of, or giving notice to, the Buyer.

11.6 Nothing in these Conditions, the Contract or the Order is intended to create a partnership or joint venture or legal relationship of any kind that would impose liability upon one party for the act or failure to act of the other party between the parties, or to authorise either party to act as agent for the other. Save where expressly stated in the Conditions or the Order, neither party shall have authority to make representations, act in the name or on behalf of or otherwise to bind the other.

11.7 The Contract, and any non contractual dispute arising out of it, shall be governed by the laws of England, and the parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

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