

Terms and Conditions

Nitec (UK) Limited

The Customer's attention is particularly drawn to the provisions of clause 8.

1. INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions. In these Conditions, the following definitions apply:

"Business Day"	means a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) when banks in London are open for business.
"Charges"	means the charges payable by the Customer for the supply of the Services in accordance with clause 5.
"Commencement Date"	has the meaning set out in clause 2.2.
"Conditions"	means these terms and conditions as amended from time to time in accordance with clause 11.8.
"Contract"	means the contract between the Supplier and the Customer for the supply of Services in accordance with these Conditions.
"Customer"	means the person or firm who purchases Services from the Supplier.
"Deliverables"	means the deliverables set out in the Order produced by the Supplier for the Customer.
"Goods"	means the Customer's goods (or any part of them) set out in the Order.
"Intellectual Property Rights"	means all patents, rights to inventions, utility models, copyright and related rights, trade marks, service marks, trade, business and domain names, rights in trade dress or get-up, rights in goodwill or to sue for passing off, unfair competition rights, rights in designs, rights in computer software, database right, topography rights, moral rights, rights in confidential information (including know-how and trade secrets) and any other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including all applications for and renewals or extensions of such rights, and all similar or equivalent rights or forms of protection in any part of the world.
"Order"	means the Customer's order for Services as set out in the Customer's purchase order form, or the Customer's written acceptance of a quotation by the Supplier, or overleaf, as the case may be.
"Premises"	means Hardwick House, Hardwick View Road, Chesterfield, S42 5SA.

“Services”	means the services, including the Deliverables, supplied by the Supplier to the Customer as set out in the Specification.
“Specification”	means the description or specification of the Services provided in writing by the Supplier to the Customer.
“Supplier”	means Nitec (UK) Limited registered in England and Wales with company number 02036655.
“Supplier Materials”	has the meaning set out in clause 8.2.

1.2 Construction. In these Conditions, the following rules apply:

2. BASIS OF CONTRACT

- 2.1 The Order constitutes an offer by the Customer to purchase Services in accordance with these Conditions.
- 2.2 The Order shall only be deemed to be accepted when the Supplier issues written acceptance of the Order at which point and on which date the Contract shall come into existence (“**Commencement Date**”).
- 2.3 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. The Customer acknowledges that it has not relied on any statement, promise or representation made or given by or on behalf of the Supplier which is not set out in the Contract.
- 2.4 Any samples, drawings, descriptive matter or advertising issued by the Supplier, and any descriptions or illustrations contained in the Supplier's catalogues or brochures, are issued or published for the sole purpose of giving an approximate idea of the Services described in them. They shall not form part of the Contract or have any contractual force.
- 2.5 These Conditions apply to the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms that the Customer seeks to impose or incorporate, or which are implied by trade, custom, practice or course of dealing.
- 2.6 Any quotation given by the Supplier shall not constitute an offer, and is only valid for a period of 20 Business Days from its date of issue.

3. SUPPLY OF SERVICES

- 3.1 The Supplier shall supply the Services to the Customer in accordance with the Specification in all material respects.
- 3.2 The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to meet any performance dates specified in the Order Acknowledgement Form, but any such dates shall be estimates only and time shall not be of the essence for performance of the Services.
- 3.3 The Supplier shall have the right to make any changes to the Services which are necessary to comply with any applicable law or safety requirement, or which do not materially affect the nature or quality of the Services, and the Supplier shall notify the Customer in any such event.
- 3.4 The Supplier warrants to the Customer that the Services will be provided using reasonable care and skill.
- 3.5 To the extent that the Goods are to be manufactured in accordance with a Specification supplied by the Customer, the Customer shall indemnify the Supplier against all liabilities, costs, expenses, damages and losses (including any direct, indirect or consequential losses,

loss of profit, loss of reputation and all interest, penalties and legal and other professional costs and expenses) suffered or incurred by the Supplier in connection with any claim made against the Supplier for actual or alleged infringement of a third party's intellectual property rights arising out of or in connection with the Supplier's use of the Specification. This clause 3.5 shall survive termination of the Contract.

- 3.6 The Supplier reserves the right to amend the Specification if required by any applicable statutory or regulatory requirements.

4. CUSTOMER'S OBLIGATIONS

- 4.1 The Customer shall:

4.1.1 ensure that the terms of the Order and any information it provides in the Specification are complete and accurate and the Goods are suitable for application of plating per BS EN ISO4527:2003;

4.1.2 co-operate with the Supplier in all matters relating to the Services;

4.1.3 provide the Supplier with such information and materials as the Supplier may reasonably require in order to supply the Services, and ensure that such information is accurate in all material respects; and

4.1.4 obtain and maintain all necessary licences, permissions and consents which may be required before the date on which the Services are to start.

- 4.2 If the Supplier's performance of any of its obligations under the Contract is prevented or delayed by any act or omission by the Customer or failure by the Customer to perform any relevant obligation ("**Customer Default**"):

4.2.1 the Supplier shall without limiting its other rights or remedies have the right to suspend performance of the Services until the Customer remedies the Customer Default, and to rely on the Customer Default to relieve it from the performance of any of its obligations to the extent the Customer Default prevents or delays the Supplier's performance of any of its obligations;

4.2.2 the Supplier shall not be liable for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by the Customer arising directly or indirectly from the Supplier's failure or delay to perform any of its obligations as set out in this clause 4.2; and

4.2.3 the Customer shall reimburse the Supplier on written demand for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by the Supplier arising directly or indirectly from the Customer Default.

5. DELIVERY OF GOODS

- 5.1 The Customer shall collect the Goods from the Supplier's Premises or such other location as may be advised by the Supplier before delivery.

- 5.2 Delivery of the Goods shall be completed on the completion of loading of the Goods at the Premises.

- 5.3 On the Customer's request the Supplier can arrange delivery of the Goods via a courier. In such circumstances the Supplier's liability ends when the courier collects the Goods from the Premises. Any losses incurred once the Goods have left the Premises will not be the responsibility of the Supplier.

- 5.4 Any dates quoted for delivery of the Goods are approximate only, and the time of delivery is not of the essence. The Supplier shall not be liable for any delay in delivery of the Goods that is caused by a Force Majeure Event or the Customer's failure to provide the Supplier with

adequate delivery instructions or any other instructions that are relevant to the supply of the Goods.

- 5.5 If the Customer fails to accept or take delivery of the Goods within 1 days of the Supplier notifying the Customer that the Goods are ready, then except where such failure or delay is caused by a Force Majeure Event or by the Supplier's failure to comply with its obligations under the Contract in respect of the Goods delivery of the Goods shall be deemed to have been completed at 9.00 am on the day following the day on which the Supplier notified the Customer that the Goods were ready.
- 5.6 The Supplier may deliver the Goods by instalments, which shall be invoiced and paid for separately. Each instalment shall constitute a separate contract. Any delay in delivery or defect in an instalment shall not entitle the Customer to cancel any other instalment.

6. TITLE AND RISK

- 6.1 The risk in the Goods shall pass to the Customer on completion of delivery at the Premises.
- 6.2 Title to the Goods shall not pass to the Customer until the Supplier has received payment in full (in cash or cleared funds) for:
- 6.2.1 the Goods; and
 - 6.2.2 any other services that the Supplier has supplied to the Customer in respect of which payment has become due.
- 6.3 Until title to the Goods has passed to the Customer, the Customer shall:
- 6.3.1 hold the Goods on a fiduciary basis as the Supplier's bailee;
 - 6.3.2 store the Goods separately from all other goods held by the Customer so that they remain readily identifiable as the Supplier's property;
 - 6.3.3 not remove, deface or obscure any identifying mark or packaging on or relating to the Goods;
 - 6.3.4 maintain the Goods in satisfactory condition and keep them insured against all risks for their full price on the Supplier's behalf from the date of delivery;
 - 6.3.5 notify the Supplier immediately if it becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 11.1.1 to clause 11.1.10; and
 - 6.3.6 give the Supplier such information relating to the Goods as the Supplier may require from time to time,
- but the Customer may resell or use the Goods in the ordinary course of its business.
- 6.4 If before title to the Goods passes to the Customer the Customer becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 11.1.1 to clause 11.1.10, or the Supplier reasonably believes that any such event is about to happen and notifies the Customer accordingly, then, provided the Goods have not been resold, or irrevocably incorporated into another product, and without limiting any other right or remedy the Supplier may have, the Supplier may at any time require the Customer to deliver up the Goods and, if the Customer fails to do so promptly, enter any premises of the Customer or of any third party where the Goods are stored in order to recover them.

7. CHARGES AND PAYMENT

- 7.1 The Charges for the Services shall be the price set out in the Order. The Charges are inclusive of all costs and charges of packaging and insurance. Delivery costs are as specified in the Order.
- 7.2 The Supplier reserves the right to increase the Charges by giving notice to the Customer at any time before delivery, to reflect any increase in the cost of the Services to the Supplier that is due to any request by the Customer to change the delivery date(s), quantities or types of Services ordered, or the Specification.
- 7.3 The Supplier shall invoice the Customer on completion of the Services.
- 7.4 The Customer shall pay each invoice submitted by the Supplier:
- 7.4.1 within 30 days of the date of the invoice; and
 - 7.4.2 in full and in cleared funds to a bank account nominated in writing by the Supplier, and
time for payment shall be of the essence of the Contract.
- 7.5 All amounts payable by the Customer under the Contract are exclusive of amounts in respect of value added tax chargeable for the time being ("**VAT**"). Where any taxable supply for VAT purposes is made under the Contract by the Supplier to the Customer, the Customer shall, on receipt of a valid VAT invoice from the Supplier, pay to the Supplier such additional amounts in respect of VAT as are chargeable on the supply of the Services at the same time as payment is due for the supply of the Services.
- 7.6 Without limiting any other right or remedy of the Supplier, if the Customer fails to make any payment due to the Supplier under the Contract by the due date for payment ("**Due Date**"), the Supplier shall have the right to charge interest on the overdue amount at the rate of 4 per cent per annum above the then current [FULL NAME OF BANK]'s base rate accruing on a daily basis from the Due Date until the date of actual payment of the overdue amount, whether before or after judgment, and compounding quarterly.
- 7.7 The Customer shall pay all amounts due under the Contract in full without any deduction or withholding except as required by law and the Customer shall not be entitled to assert any credit, set-off or counterclaim against the Supplier in order to justify withholding payment of any such amount in whole or in part. The Supplier may, without limiting its other rights or remedies, set off any amount owing to it by the Customer against any amount payable by the Supplier to the Customer.

8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 8.1 All Intellectual Property Rights in or arising out of or in connection with the Services shall be owned by the Supplier.
- 8.2 All Supplier Materials are the exclusive property of the Supplier.

9. CONFIDENTIALITY

A party ("**Receiving Party**") shall keep in strict confidence all technical or commercial know-how, specifications, inventions, processes or initiatives which are of a confidential nature and have been disclosed to the Receiving Party by the other party ("**Disclosing Party**"), its employees, agents or subcontractors, and any other confidential information concerning the Disclosing Party's business or its products or its services which the Receiving Party may obtain. The Receiving Party shall restrict disclosure of such confidential information to such of its employees, agents or subcontractors as need to know it for the purpose of discharging the Receiving Party's obligations under the Contract, and shall ensure that such employees,

agents or subcontractors are subject to obligations of confidentiality corresponding to those which bind the Receiving Party. This clause 9 shall survive termination of the Contract.

10. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: THE CUSTOMER'S ATTENTION IS PARTICULARLY DRAWN TO THIS CLAUSE

10.1 Nothing in these Conditions shall limit or exclude the Supplier's liability for:

10.1.1 death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or the negligence of its employees, agents or subcontractors;

10.1.2 fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation; or

10.1.3 breach of the terms implied by section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 (title and quiet possession).

10.2 Subject to clause 10.1:

10.2.1 the Supplier shall under no circumstances whatever be liable to the Customer, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, or otherwise, for any loss of profit, or any indirect or consequential loss arising under or in connection with the Contract; and

10.2.2 the Supplier's total liability to the Customer in respect of all other losses arising under or in connection with the Contract, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, or otherwise, shall in no circumstances exceed the amount of the Charges.

10.3 Except as set out in these Conditions, all warranties, conditions and other terms implied by statute or common law are, to the fullest extent permitted by law, excluded from the Contract.

10.4 This clause 10 shall survive termination of the Contract.

11. TERMINATION

11.1 Without limiting its other rights or remedies, each party may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by giving written notice to the other party if:

11.1.1 the other party suspends, or threatens to suspend, payment of its debts or is unable to pay its debts as they fall due or admits inability to pay its debts or (being a company) is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or (being an individual) is deemed either unable to pay its debts or as having no reasonable prospect of so doing, in either case, within the meaning of section 268 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or (being a partnership) has any partner to whom any of the foregoing apply;

11.1.2 the other party commences negotiations with all or any class of its creditors with a view to rescheduling any of its debts, or makes a proposal for or enters into any compromise or arrangement with its creditors;

11.1.3 a petition is filed, a notice is given, a resolution is passed, or an order is made, for or in connection with the winding up of that other party (being a company) other than for the sole purpose of a scheme for a solvent amalgamation of that other party with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of that other party;

11.1.4 the other party (being an individual) is the subject of a bankruptcy petition or order;

- 11.1.5 a creditor or encumbrancer of the other party attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution, sequestration or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of its assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within 14 days;
 - 11.1.6 an application is made to court, or an order is made, for the appointment of an administrator or if a notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given or if an administrator is appointed over the other party (being a company);
 - 11.1.7 a floating charge holder over the assets of that other party (being a company) has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an administrative receiver;
 - 11.1.8 a person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver over the assets of the other party or a receiver is appointed over the assets of the other party;
 - 11.1.9 any event occurs or proceeding is taken with respect to the other party in any jurisdiction to which it is subject that has an effect equivalent or similar to any of the events mentioned in clause 9.1.1 to clause 9.1.8 (inclusive);
 - 11.1.10 the other party suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, to carry on all or a substantial part of its business.
- 11.2 Without limiting its other rights or remedies, the Supplier may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by giving written notice to the Customer if the Customer fails to pay any amount due under this Contract on the due date for payment.
- 11.3 Without limiting its other rights or remedies, each party shall have the right to terminate the Contract by giving the other party 1 months' written notice.
- 11.4 Without limiting its other rights or remedies, the Supplier shall have the right to suspend provision of the Services under the Contract or any other contract between the Customer and the Supplier if the Customer becomes subject to any of the events listed in clause 11.1.1 to clause 11.1.10, or the Supplier reasonably believes that the Customer is about to become subject to any of them, or if the Customer fails to pay any amount due under this Contract on the due date for payment.

12. CONSEQUENCES OF TERMINATION

- 12.1 On termination of the Contract for any reason:
- 12.1.1 the Customer shall immediately pay to the Supplier all of the Supplier's outstanding unpaid invoices and interest and, in respect of Services supplied but for which no invoice has been submitted, the Supplier shall submit an invoice, which shall be payable by the Customer immediately on receipt;
 - 12.1.2 the Customer shall return all of the Supplier Materials and any Deliverables which have not been fully paid for. If the Customer fails to do so, then the Supplier may enter the Customer's premises and take possession of them.
 - 12.1.3 the accrued rights, remedies, obligations and liabilities of the parties as at expiry or termination shall not be affected, including the right to claim damages in respect of any breach of the Contract which existed at or before the date of termination or expiry; and
 - 12.1.4 clauses which expressly or by implication have effect after termination shall continue in full force and effect.

13. GENERAL

- 13.1 Force majeure:

- 13.1.1 For the purposes of this Contract, "**Force Majeure Event**" means an event beyond the reasonable control of the Supplier including but not limited to strikes, lock-outs or other industrial disputes (whether involving the workforce of the Supplier or any other party), failure of a utility service or transport network, act of God, war, riot, civil commotion, malicious damage, compliance with any law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction, accident, breakdown of plant or machinery, fire, flood, storm or default of suppliers or subcontractors.
 - 13.1.2 The Supplier shall not be liable to the Customer as a result of any delay or failure to perform its obligations under this Contract as a result of a Force Majeure Event.
 - 13.1.3 If the Force Majeure Event prevents the Supplier from providing any of the Services for more than [NUMBER] weeks, the Supplier shall, without limiting its other rights or remedies, have the right to terminate this Contract immediately by giving written notice to the Customer.
- 13.2 Assignment and subcontracting:
- 13.2.1 The Supplier may at any time assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with all or any of its rights under the Contract and may subcontract or delegate in any manner any or all of its obligations under the Contract to any third party or agent.
 - 13.2.2 The Customer shall not, without the prior written consent of the Supplier, assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with all or any of its rights or obligations under the Contract.
- 13.3 Notices:
- 13.3.1 Any notice or other communication required to be given to a party under or in connection with this Contract shall be in writing and shall be delivered to the other party personally or sent by prepaid first-class post, recorded delivery or by commercial courier, at its registered office (if a company) or (in any other case) its principal place of business, or sent by fax to the other party's main fax number.
 - 13.3.2 Any notice or other communication shall be deemed to have been duly received if delivered personally, when left at the address referred to above or, if sent by pre-paid first-class post or recorded delivery, at [9.00 am] on the [second] Business Day after posting, or if delivered by commercial courier, on the date and at the time that the courier's delivery receipt is signed, or if sent by fax, on the next Business Day after transmission.
 - 13.3.3 This clause 11.3 shall not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action. For the purposes of this clause, "writing" shall not include e-mails and for the avoidance of doubt notice given under this Contract shall not be validly served if sent by e-mail.
- 13.4 Waiver:
- 13.4.1 A waiver of any right under the Contract is only effective if it is in writing and shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach or default. No failure or delay by a party in exercising any right or remedy under the Contract or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor preclude or restrict its further exercise. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.
 - 13.4.2 Unless specifically provided otherwise, rights arising under the Contract are cumulative and do not exclude rights provided by law.
- 13.5 Severance:

- 13.5.1 If a court or any other competent authority finds that any provision of the Contract (or part of any provision) is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that provision or part-provision shall, to the extent required, be deemed deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of the Contract shall not be affected.
- 13.5.2 If any invalid, unenforceable or illegal provision of the Contract would be valid, enforceable and legal if some part of it were deleted, the provision shall apply with the minimum modification necessary to make it legal, valid and enforceable.
- 13.6 No partnership: Nothing in the Contract is intended to, or shall be deemed to, constitute a partnership or joint venture of any kind between any of the parties, nor constitute any party the agent of another party for any purpose. No party shall have authority to act as agent for, or to bind, the other party in any way.
- 13.7 Third parties: A person who is not a party to the Contract shall not have any rights under or in connection with it.
- 13.8 Variation: Except as set out in these Conditions, any variation, including the introduction of any additional terms and conditions, to the Contract, shall only be binding when agreed in writing and signed by the Supplier.
- 13.9 Governing law and jurisdiction: This Contract, and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims), shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law, and the parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.