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## Vinyl Cladding New Zealand Limited – Terms & Conditions of Trade

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### 1. Definitions

- 1.1 “Contractor” means Vinyl Cladding New Zealand Limited, its successors and assigns or any person acting on behalf of and with the authority of Vinyl Cladding New Zealand Limited.
- 1.2 “Client” means the person/s or any person acting on behalf of and with the authority of the Client requesting the Contractor to provide the Works as specified in any proposal, quotation, order, invoice or other documentation, and:
- (a) if there is more than one Client, is a reference to each Client jointly and severally; and
  - (b) if the Client is a part of a Trust, shall be bound in their capacity as a trustee; and
  - (c) includes the Client’s executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.
- 1.3 “Works” means all Works or Materials supplied by the Contractor to the Client at the Client’s request from time to time (where the context so permits the terms ‘Works’ or ‘Materials’ shall be interchangeable for the other).
- 1.4 “Price” means the Price payable (plus any Goods and Services Tax (GST) where applicable) for the Works as agreed between the Contractor and the Client in accordance with clause 5 below.

### 2. Acceptance

- 2.1 The Client is taken to have exclusively accepted and is immediately bound, jointly and severally, by these terms and conditions if the Client places an order for or accepts delivery of any Works.
- 2.2 These terms and conditions may only be amended with the consent of both parties in writing and shall prevail to the extent of any inconsistency with any other document or contract between the Client and the Contractor.
- 2.3 Where the Contractor gives advice, recommendations, information, assistance or service to the Client or the Client’s agent, regarding the Materials or Works then it is given in good faith and the Contractor shall not be liable in any way whatsoever for any damages, losses or costs however arising resulting from the Client relying on the same. In addition, none of the Contractor’s agents or representatives are authorised to make any representations, statements, conditions or agreements not expressed by the manager of the Contractor in writing nor is the Contractor bound by any such unauthorised statements.
- 2.4 These terms and conditions may be meant to be read in conjunction with the Contractor’s Hire Form, and:
- (a) where the context so permits, the terms ‘Works’ or ‘Materials’ shall include any supply of Equipment, as defined therein; and
  - (b) if there are any inconsistencies between the two documents then the terms and conditions contained therein shall prevail.
- 2.5 Electronic signatures shall be deemed to be accepted by either party providing that the parties have complied with Section 226 of the Contract and Commercial Law Act 2017 or any other applicable provisions of that Act or any Regulations referred to in that Act.

### 3. Errors and Omissions

- 3.1 The Client acknowledges and accepts that the Contractor shall, without prejudice, accept no liability in respect of any alleged or actual error(s) and/or omission(s):
- (a) resulting from an inadvertent mistake made by the Contractor in the formation and/or administration of this contract; and/or
  - (b) contained in/omitted from any literature (hard copy and/or electronic) supplied by the Contractor in respect of the Works.
- 3.2 In the event such an error and/or omission occurs in accordance with clause 3.1, and is not attributable to the negligence and/or wilful misconduct of the Contractor; the Client shall not be entitled to treat this contract as repudiated nor render it invalid.

### 4. Change in Control

- 4.1 The Client shall give the Contractor not less than fourteen (14) days prior written notice of any proposed change of ownership of the Client and/or any other change in the Client’s details (including but not limited to, changes in the Client’s name, address, contact phone or fax number/s, change of trustees or business practice). The Client shall be liable for any loss incurred by the Contractor as a result of the Client’s failure to comply with this clause.

### 5. Price and Payment

- 5.1 At the Contractor’s sole discretion, the Price shall be either:
- (a) as indicated on invoices provided by the Contractor to the Client in respect of Works performed or Materials supplied; or
  - (b) the Contractor’s quoted Price (subject to clause 5.2) which shall be binding upon the Contractor provided that the Client shall accept the Contractor’s quotation in writing within fifteen (15) days.
- 5.2 The Contractor reserves the right to change the Price:
- (a) if a variation to the Materials which are to be supplied is requested; or
  - (b) if a variation to the Works originally scheduled (including any applicable plans or specifications) is requested; or
  - (c) where additional Works are required due to the discovery of hidden or unidentifiable difficulties (including, but not limited to, poor weather conditions, limitations to accessing the site, availability of machinery, safety considerations, prerequisite work by any third party not being completed, change of design, hidden pipes and wiring in walls etc.) which are only discovered on commencement of the Works; or
  - (d) in the event of increases to the Contractor in the cost of labour or materials which are beyond the Contractor’s control.
- 5.3 Variations will be charged for on the basis of the Contractor’s quotation, and will be detailed in writing, and shown as variations on the Contractor’s invoice. The Client shall be required to respond to any variation submitted by the Contractor within ten (10) working days. Failure to do so will entitle the Contractor to add the cost of the variation to the Price. Payment for all variations must be made in full at the time of their completion.
- 5.4 At the Contractor’s sole discretion, a non-refundable deposit may be required.
- 5.5 Time for payment for the Works being of the essence, the Price will be payable by the Client on the date/s determined by the Contractor, which may be:
- (a) on completion of the Works; or
  - (b) by way of progress payments in accordance with the Contractor’s specified progress payment schedule. Such progress payment claims may include the reasonable value of authorised variations and the value of any Materials delivered to the worksite but not yet installed;

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- (c) for certain approved Client's, the due date is either seven (7) or twenty (20) days following the end of the month in which a statement is posted to the Client's address or address for notices;
- (d) failing any notice to the contrary, the date which is seven (7) days following the date of any invoice given to the Client by the Contractor.
- 5.6 At the agreement of both parties, payment of the Price may be subject to retention by the Client of an amount (hereafter called the "Retention Money"), being a set amount or equal to a percentage of the Price. The Client shall hold the Retention Money for the agreed period following completion of the Works during which time all Works are to be completed and/or all defects are to be remedied.
- 5.7 Payment may be made by cheque, bank cheque, electronic/on-line banking, credit card (a surcharge may apply per transaction), or by any other method as agreed to between the Client and the Contractor.
- 5.8 The Client shall not be entitled to set off against, or deduct from the Price, any sums owed or claimed to be owed to the Client by the Contractor nor to withhold payment of any invoice because part of that invoice is in dispute.
- 5.9 Unless otherwise stated the Price does not include GST. In addition to the Price, the Client must pay to the Contractor an amount equal to any GST the Contractor must pay for any supply by the Contractor under this or any other contract for the sale of the Materials. The Client must pay GST, without deduction or set off of any other amounts, at the same time and on the same basis as the Client pays the Price. In addition, the Client must pay any other taxes and duties that may be applicable in addition to the Price except where they are expressly included in the Price.
- 6. Delivery of the Works**
- 6.1 Subject to clause 6.2 it is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the Works start as soon as it is reasonably possible.
- 6.2 The Works' commencement date will be put back and the completion date extended by whatever time is reasonable in the event that the Contractor claims an extension of time (by giving the Client written notice) where completion is delayed by an event beyond the Contractor's control, including but not limited to any failure by the Client to:
- (a) make a selection; or
  - (b) have the site ready for the Works; or
  - (c) notify the Contractor that the site is ready.
- 6.3 The Contractor may deliver the Works by separate instalments. Each separate instalment shall be invoiced and paid in accordance with the provisions in these terms and conditions.
- 6.4 Any time specified by the Contractor for delivery of the Works is an estimate only and the Contractor will not be liable for any loss or damage incurred by the Client as a result of delivery being late. However, both parties agree that they shall make every endeavour to enable the Works to be supplied at the time and place as was arranged between both parties. In the event that the Contractor is unable to supply the Works as agreed solely due to any action or inaction of the Client, then the Contractor shall be entitled to charge a reasonable fee for re-supplying the Works at a later time and date, and/or for storage of the Materials.
- 7. Risk**
- 7.1 If the Contractor retains ownership of the Materials under clause 12 then:
- (a) where the Contractor is supplying Materials only, all risk for the Materials shall immediately pass to the Client on delivery and the Client must insure the Materials on or before delivery. Delivery of the Materials shall be deemed to have taken place immediately at the time that the Materials are delivered by the Contractor or the Contractor's nominated carrier to the Client's nominated delivery address (even if the Client is not present at the address).
  - (b) where the Contractor is to both supply and install Materials then the Contractor shall maintain a contract works insurance policy until the Works are completed. Upon completion of the Works all risk for the Works shall immediately pass to the Client.
- 7.2 At the Contractor's sole discretion, the cost of the delivery is in addition to the Price.
- 7.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 7.1 if the Client specifically requests the Contractor to leave Materials outside the Contractor's premises for collection or to deliver the Materials to an unattended location then such materials shall always be left at sole risk of the Client and it shall be the Client's responsibility to ensure the Materials are insured adequately or at all. In the event that such Materials are lost, damaged or destroyed then replacement of the Materials shall be at the Client's expense.
- 7.4 The Client warrants that any structures to which the Materials are to be affixed are able to withstand the installation of the Materials once installed. If for any reason (including the discovery of asbestos, erosion, etc.) that the Contractor, or employees of Contractor, reasonably form the opinion that the Client's premises is not safe for the installation of Materials to proceed then the Contractor shall be entitled to delay installation of the Materials (in accordance with the provisions of clause 6.2 above) until the Contractor is satisfied that it is safe for the installation to proceed.
- 7.5 The Contractor shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy of any plans, specifications and other information provided by the Client. The Client acknowledges and agrees that in the event that any of this information provided by the Client is inaccurate, the Contractor accepts no responsibility for any loss, damages, or costs however resulting from these inaccurate plans, specifications or other information.
- 7.6 The Client acknowledges that all descriptive specifications, illustrations, drawings, data, dimensions, ratings and weights stated in the Contractor's or the manufacturer's fact sheets, price lists or advertising material, are approximate only and are given by way of identification only. The Client shall not be entitled to rely on such information, and any use of such does not constitute a sale by description, and does not form part of the contract, unless expressly stated as such in writing by the Contractor.
- 7.7 Where the Client has provided instructions or specifications for the Contractor to complete the Works (including, but not limited to, any requested variation to the original design), then the Contractor shall accept no liability whatsoever for the finished Works being deemed as unsatisfactory to the Client.
- 7.8 Where the Contractor gives advice or recommendations to the Client, or the Client's agent, regarding the suitability of the work site for the laying of concrete slabs, foundations or similar Works and such advice or recommendations are not acted upon then the Contractor shall require the Client or their agent to authorise commencement of the Works in writing. The Contractor shall not be liable in any way whatsoever for any damages or losses that occur after any subsequent commencement of the Works.
- 7.9 Where the Client has supplied Materials for the Contractor to complete the Works, the Client acknowledges that he accepts responsibility for the suitability of purpose, quality and any faults inherent in the Materials. The Contractor shall not be responsible for any defects in the Works, any loss or damage to the Materials (or any part thereof), howsoever arising from the use of Materials supplied by the Client.

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- 7.10 The Client acknowledges that Materials supplied may exhibit variations in shade tone, colour, texture, surface and finish, and may fade or change colour over time. The Contractor will make every effort to match batches of product supplied in order to minimise such variations but shall not be liable in any way whatsoever where such variations occur.
- 7.11 In the event that the worksite is disturbed due adverse weather conditions, the Client acknowledges that they shall be liable for the cost of rectification.
- 7.12 The Contractor shall not be liable for any defect in the Materials/Works if the Client does not follow the Contractor's recommendations.

### 8. Access

- 8.1 The Client shall ensure that the Contractor has clear and free access to the work site at all times to enable them to undertake the Works. The Contractor shall not be liable for any loss or damage to the site (including, without limitation, damage to pathways, lawns, plants, driveways and concreted or paved or grassed areas) unless due to the negligence of the Contractor.
- 8.2 It is the responsibility of the Client to ensure that access is suitable to accept the weight of laden trucks, earth moving equipment or other equipment/machinery as may be deemed necessary by the Contractor.

### 9. Underground Locations

- 9.1 Prior to the Contractor commencing any work the Client must advise the Contractor of the precise location of all underground services on the site and clearly mark the same. The underground mains & services the Client must identify include, but are not limited to, electrical services, gas services, sewer services, pumping services, sewer connections, sewer sludge mains, water mains, irrigation pipes, telephone cables, fibre optic cables, oil pumping mains, and any other services that may be on site.
- 9.2 Whilst the Contractor will take all care to avoid damage to any underground services the Client agrees to indemnify the Contractor in respect of all and any liability claims, loss, damage, costs and fines as a result of damage to services not precisely located and notified as per clause 9.1.

### 10. Client's Responsibilities

- 10.1 It is the intention of the Contractor and agreed by the Client that it is the responsibility of the Client to provide and have erected scaffolding to enable the Works to be undertaken (where in the Contractor's opinion it is deemed necessary). It is also agreed that all scaffolding erected will comply with industry safety standards and that any person erecting the scaffolding shall be suitably qualified to ensure its safe and proper erection and where necessary shall hold a current certificate of competency and/or be fully licensed.
- 10.2 The Client agrees to remove any furniture, furnishings or personal goods from the vicinity of the Works and agrees that the Contractor shall not be liable for any damage caused to those items through the Client's failure to comply with this clause.

### 11. Surplus Materials

- 11.1 Unless otherwise stated elsewhere in this contract:
- (a) demolished Materials remain the Client's property; and
  - (b) Materials which the Contractor brings to the site which are surplus remain the property of the Contractor.

### 12. Title

- 12.1 The Contractor and the Client agree that ownership of the Materials shall not pass until:
- (a) the Client has paid the Contractor all amounts owing to the Contractor; and
  - (b) the Client has met all of its other obligations to the Contractor.
- 12.2 Receipt by the Contractor of any form of payment other than cash shall not be deemed to be payment until that form of payment has been honoured, cleared or recognised.
- 12.3 It is further agreed that:
- (a) until ownership of the Materials passes to the Client in accordance with clause 12.1 that the Client is only a bailee of the Materials and unless the Materials have become fixtures must return the Materials to the Contractor on request.
  - (b) the Client holds the benefit of the Client's insurance of the Materials on trust for the Contractor and must pay to the Contractor the proceeds of any insurance in the event of the Materials being lost, damaged or destroyed.
  - (c) the production of these terms and conditions by the Contractor shall be sufficient evidence of the Contractor's rights to receive the insurance proceeds direct from the insurer without the need for any person dealing with the Contractor to make further enquiries.
  - (d) the Client must not sell, dispose, or otherwise part with possession of the Materials other than in the ordinary course of business and for market value. If the Client sells, disposes or parts with possession of the Materials then the Client must hold the proceeds of any such act on trust for the Contractor and must pay or deliver the proceeds to the Contractor on demand.
  - (e) the Client should not convert or process the Materials or intermix them with other goods but if the Client does so then the Client holds the resulting product on trust for the benefit of the Contractor and must sell, dispose of or return the resulting product to the Contractor as it so directs.
  - (f) unless the Materials have become fixtures the Client irrevocably authorises the Contractor to enter any premises where the Contractor believes the Materials are kept and recover possession of the Materials.
  - (g) the Contractor may recover possession of any Materials in transit whether or not delivery has occurred.
  - (h) the Client shall not charge or grant an encumbrance over the Materials nor grant nor otherwise give away any interest in the Materials while they remain the property of the Contractor.
  - (i) the Contractor may commence proceedings to recover the Price of the Materials sold notwithstanding that ownership of the Materials has not passed to the Client.

### 13. Personal Property Securities Act 1999 ("PPSA")

- 13.1 Upon assenting to these terms and conditions in writing the Client acknowledges and agrees that:
- (a) these terms and conditions constitute a security agreement for the purposes of the PPSA; and

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- (b) a security interest is taken in all Materials and/or collateral (account) – being a monetary obligation of the Client to the Contractor for Works – that have previously been supplied and that will be supplied in the future by the Contractor to the Client.
- 13.2 The Client undertakes to:
- (a) sign any further documents and/or provide any further information (such information to be complete, accurate and up-to-date in all respects) which the Contractor may reasonably require to register a financing statement or financing change statement on the Personal Property Securities Register;
  - (b) indemnify, and upon demand reimburse, the Contractor for all expenses incurred in registering a financing statement or financing change statement on the Personal Property Securities Register or releasing any Materials charged thereby;
  - (c) not register, or permit to be registered, a financing statement or a financing change statement in relation to the Materials and/or collateral (account) in favour of a third party without the prior written consent of the Contractor; and
  - (d) immediately advise the Contractor of any material change in its business practices of selling Materials which would result in a change in the nature of proceeds derived from such sales.
- 13.3 The Contractor and the Client agree that nothing in sections 114(1)(a), 133 and 134 of the PPSA shall apply to these terms and conditions.
- 13.4 The Client waives its rights as a debtor under sections 116, 120(2), 121, 125, 126, 127, 129, 131 and 132 of the PPSA.
- 13.5 Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Contractor, the Client waives its right to receive a verification statement in accordance with section 148 of the PPSA.
- 13.6 The Client shall unconditionally ratify any actions taken by the Contractor under clauses 13.1 to 13.5.

### 14. Security and Charge

- 14.1 In consideration of the Contractor agreeing to supply the Works, the Client charges all of its rights, title and interest (whether joint or several) in any land, realty or other assets capable of being charged, owned by the Client either now or in the future, to secure the performance by the Client of its obligations under these terms and conditions (including, but not limited to, the payment of any money).
- 14.2 The Client indemnifies the Contractor from and against all the Contractor's costs and disbursements including legal costs on a solicitor and own client basis incurred in exercising the Contractor's rights under this clause.
- 14.3 The Client irrevocably appoints the Contractor and each director of the Contractor as the Client's true and lawful attorney/s to perform all necessary acts to give effect to the provisions of this clause 14 including, but not limited to, signing any document on the Client's behalf.

### 15. Defects In Materials

- 15.1 The Client shall inspect the Materials on delivery and shall within three (3) days of delivery (time being of the essence) notify the Contractor of any alleged defect, shortage in quantity, damage or failure to comply with the description or quote. The Client shall afford the Contractor an opportunity to inspect the Materials within a reasonable time following delivery if the Client believes the Materials are defective in any way. If the Client shall fail to comply with these provisions the Materials shall be presumed to be free from any defect or damage. For defective Materials, which the Contractor has agreed in writing that the Client is entitled to reject, the Contractor's liability is limited to either (at the Contractor's discretion) replacing the Materials or repairing the Materials.
- 15.2 Materials will not be accepted for return other than in accordance with 15.1 above.

### 16. Returns

- 16.1 Returns will only be accepted provided that:
- (a) the Client has complied with the provisions of clause 15.1; and
  - (b) the Contractor has agreed in writing to accept the return of the Materials; and
  - (c) the Materials are returned at the Client's cost within seven (7) days of the delivery date; and
  - (d) the Contractor will not be liable for Materials which have not been stored or used in a proper manner; and
  - (e) the Materials are returned in the condition in which they were delivered and with all packaging material, brochures and instruction material in as new condition as is reasonably possible in the circumstances.
  - (f) The clients agrees that the contractor can charge a restocking fee of 45% on all original un-opened packaged items and/or at the contractors sole discretion, on any items opened or left over from any single packaged amount, a restocking fee of 65% of the retail price. In this and all events, this is in additional, to any recollection transport costs the contractor may incur to effect restocking of any such items.
  - (g) The client acknowledges and agrees it is at the Contractors sole discretion to accept the return of any unwanted product.
- 16.2 The Contractor will not accept the return of Materials for credit.
- 16.3 Non-stocklist items or Materials made to the Client's specifications are under no circumstances acceptable for credit or return.

### 17. Warranties

- 17.1 For Materials not manufactured by the Contractor, the warranty shall be the current warranty provided by the manufacturer of the Materials. The Contractor shall not be bound by nor be responsible for any term, condition, representation or warranty other than that which is given by the manufacturer of the Materials.

### 18. Consumer Guarantees Act 1993

- 18.1 If the Client is acquiring Materials for the purposes of a trade or business, the Client acknowledges that the provisions of the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993 do not apply to the supply of Materials by the Contractor to the Client.

### 19. Intellectual Property

- 19.1 Where the Contractor has designed, drawn, written plans or a schedule of Works, or created any products for the Client, then the copyright in all such designs, drawings, documents, plans, schedules and products shall remain vested in the Contractor, and shall only be used by the Client at the Contractor's discretion. Under no circumstances may such designs, drawings and documents be used without the express written approval of the Contractor.

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- 19.2 The Client warrants that all designs, specifications or instructions given to the Contractor will not cause the Contractor to infringe any patent, registered design or trademark in the execution of the Client's order and the Client agrees to indemnify the Contractor against any action taken by a third party against the Contractor in respect of any such infringement.
- 19.3 The Client agrees that the Contractor may (at no cost) use for the purposes of marketing or entry into any competition, any documents, designs, drawings, plans or products which the Contractor has created for the Client.

### 20. Default and Consequences of Default

- 20.1 Interest on overdue invoices shall accrue daily from the date when payment becomes due, until the date of payment, at a rate of two and a half percent (2.5%) per calendar month (and at the Contractor's sole discretion such interest shall compound monthly at such a rate) after as well as before any judgment.
- 20.2 If the Client owes the Contractor any money the Client shall indemnify the Contractor from and against all costs and disbursements incurred by the Contractor in recovering the debt (including but not limited to internal administration fees, legal costs on a solicitor and own client basis, the Contractor's collection agency costs, and bank dishonour fees).
- 20.3 Further to any other rights or remedies the Contractor may have under this contract, if a Client has made payment to the Contractor, and the transaction is subsequently reversed, the Client shall be liable for the amount of the reversed transaction, in addition to any further costs incurred by the Contractor under this clause 20, where it can be proven that such reversal is found to be illegal, fraudulent or in contravention to the Client's obligations under this contract.
- 20.4 Without prejudice to the Contractor's other remedies at law the Contractor shall be entitled to cancel all or any part of any order of the Client which remains unfulfilled and all amounts owing to the Contractor shall, whether or not due for payment, become immediately payable if:
- (a) any money payable to the Contractor becomes overdue, or in the Contractor's opinion the Client will be unable to make a payment when it falls due;
  - (b) the Client has exceeded any applicable credit limit provided by the Contractor;
  - (c) the Client becomes insolvent or bankrupt, convenes a meeting with its creditors or proposes or enters into an arrangement with creditors, or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
  - (d) a receiver, manager, liquidator (provisional or otherwise) or similar person is appointed in respect of the Client or any asset of the Client.

### 21. Compliance with Laws

- 21.1 The Client and the Contractor shall comply with the provisions of all statutes, regulations and bylaws of government, local and other public authorities that may be applicable to the Works.
- 21.2 The Client shall obtain (at the expense of the Client) all licenses, approvals, applications and permits that may be required for the Works.
- 21.3 The Client agrees that the site will comply with any WorkSafe guidelines relating to building/construction sites and any other relevant safety standards or legislation.

### 22. Cancellation

- 22.1 Without prejudice to any other remedies the Contractor may have, if at any time the Client is in breach of any obligation (including those relating to payment) under these terms and conditions the Contractor may suspend or terminate the supply of Works to the Client. The Contractor will not be liable to the Client for any loss or damage the Client suffers because the Contractor has exercised its rights under this clause.
- 22.2 The Contractor may cancel any contract to which these terms and conditions apply or cancel delivery of Works at any time before the Works are commenced by giving written notice to the Client. On giving such notice the Contractor shall repay to the Client any sums paid in respect of the Price, less any amounts owing by the Client to the Contractor for Works already performed. The Contractor shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from such cancellation.
- 22.3 In the event that the Client cancels the delivery of Works the Client shall be liable for any and all loss incurred (whether direct or indirect) by the Contractor as a direct result of the cancellation (including, but not limited to, any loss of profits).
- 22.4 Cancellation of orders for products made to the Client's specifications, or for non-stocklist items, will definitely not be accepted once production has commenced, or an order has been placed.

### 23. Privacy Act 1993

- 23.1 The Client authorises the Contractor or the Contractor's agent to:
- (a) access, collect, retain and use any information about the Client;
    - (i) (including any overdue fines balance information held by the Ministry of Justice) for the purpose of assessing the Client's creditworthiness; or
    - (ii) for the purpose of marketing products and services to the Client.
  - (b) disclose information about the Client, whether collected by the Contractor from the Client directly or obtained by the Contractor from any other source, to any other credit provider or any credit reporting agency for the purposes of providing or obtaining a credit reference, debt collection or notifying a default by the Client.
- 23.2 Where the Client is an individual the authorities under clause 23.1 are authorities or consents for the purposes of the Privacy Act 1993.
- 23.3 The Client shall have the right to request the Contractor for a copy of the information about the Client retained by the Contractor and the right to request the Contractor to correct any incorrect information about the Client held by the Contractor.

### 24. Service of Notices

- 24.1 Any written notice given under this contract shall be deemed to have been given and received:
- (a) by handing the notice to the other party, in person;
  - (b) by leaving it at the address of the other party as stated in this contract;
  - (c) by sending it by registered post to the address of the other party as stated in this contract;
  - (d) if sent by facsimile transmission to the fax number of the other party as stated in this contract (if any), on receipt of confirmation of the transmission;

- (e) if sent by email to the other party's last known email address.
- 24.2 Any notice that is posted shall be deemed to have been served, unless the contrary is shown, at the time when by the ordinary course of post, the notice would have been delivered.

**25. Trusts**

- 25.1 If the Client at any time upon or subsequent to entering in to the contract is acting in the capacity of trustee of any trust ("Trust") then whether or not the Contractor may have notice of the Trust, the Client covenants with the Contractor as follows:
- (a) the contract extends to all rights of indemnity which the Client now or subsequently may have against the Trust and the trust fund;
  - (b) the Client has full and complete power and authority under the Trust to enter into the contract and the provisions of the Trust do not purport to exclude or take away the right of indemnity of the Client against the Trust or the trust fund. The Client will not release the right of indemnity or commit any breach of trust or be a party to any other action which might prejudice that right of indemnity.
  - (c) The Client will not without consent in writing of the Contractor (the Contractor will not unreasonably withhold consent), cause, permit, or suffer to happen any of the following events:
    - (i) the removal, replacement or retirement of the Client as trustee of the Trust;
    - (ii) any alteration to or variation of the terms of the Trust;
    - (iii) any advancement or distribution of capital of the Trust; or
    - (iv) any resettlement of the trust property.

**26. Construction Contracts Act 2002**

- 26.1 The Client hereby expressly acknowledges that:
- (a) the Contractor has the right to suspend work within five (5) working days of written notice of its intent to do so if a payment claim is served on the Client, and:
    - (i) the payment is not paid in full by the due date for payment and no payment schedule has been given by the Client; or
    - (ii) a scheduled amount stated in a payment schedule issued by the Client in relation to the payment claim is not paid in full by the due date for its payment; or
    - (iii) the Client has not complied with an adjudicator's notice that the Client must pay an amount to the Contractor by a particular date; and
    - (iv) the Contractor has given written notice to the Client of its intention to suspend the carrying out of construction work under the construction contract.
  - (b) if the Contractor suspends work, it:
    - (i) is not in breach of contract; and
    - (ii) is not liable for any loss or damage whatsoever suffered, or alleged to be suffered, by the Client or by any person claiming through the Client; and
    - (iii) is entitled to an extension of time to complete the contract; and
    - (iv) keeps its rights under the contract including the right to terminate the contract; and may at any time lift the suspension, even if the amount has not been paid or an adjudicator's determination has not been complied with.
  - (c) if the Contractor exercises the right to suspend work, the exercise of that right does not:
    - (i) affect any rights that would otherwise have been available to the Contractor under the Contractual Remedies Act 1979; or
    - (ii) enable the Client to exercise any rights that may otherwise have been available to the Client under that Act as a direct consequence of the Contractor suspending work under this provision.

**27. General**

- 27.1 The failure by either party to enforce any provision of these terms and conditions shall not be treated as a waiver of that provision, nor shall it affect that party's right to subsequently enforce that provision. If any provision of these terms and conditions shall be invalid, void, illegal or unenforceable the validity, existence, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected, prejudiced or impaired.
- 27.2 These terms and conditions and any contract to which they apply shall be governed by the laws of New Zealand and are subject to the jurisdiction of the Christchurch Courts of New Zealand.
- 27.3 The Contractor shall be under no liability whatsoever to the Client for any indirect and/or consequential loss and/or expense (including loss of profit) suffered by the Client arising out of a breach by the Contractor of these terms and conditions (alternatively the Contractor's liability shall be limited to damages which under no circumstances shall exceed the Price of the Works).
- 27.4 The Contractor may licence and/or assign all or any part of its rights and/or obligations under this contract without the Client's consent.
- 27.5 The Client cannot licence or assign without the written approval of the Contractor.
- 27.6 The Contractor may elect to subcontract out any part of the Works but shall not be relieved from any liability or obligation under this contract by so doing. Furthermore, the Client agrees and understands that they have no authority to give any instruction to any of the Contractor's sub-contractors without the authority of the Contractor.
- 27.7 The Client agrees that the Contractor may amend these terms and conditions by notifying the Client in writing. These changes shall be deemed to take effect from the date on which the Client accepts such changes, or otherwise at such time as the Client makes a further request for the Contractor to provide Works to the Client.
- 27.8 Neither party shall be liable for any default due to any act of God, war, terrorism, strike, lock-out, industrial action, fire, flood, storm or other event beyond the reasonable control of either party.
- 27.9 Both parties warrant that they have the power to enter into this contract and have obtained all necessary authorisations to allow them to do so, they are not insolvent and that this contract creates binding and valid legal obligations on them.
- 27.10 Any dispute or difference arising as to the interpretation of these terms and conditions or as to any matter arising hereunder, shall be submitted to, and settled by, either adjudication in accordance with the Construction Contracts Act 2002 and/or by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act 1996 or its replacement(s).

