

SHIRE SYSTEMS LIMITED

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

FOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT AND ASSOCIATED TRAINING SERVICES



1 INTERPRETATION

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

Business Day: a day (other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday) when banks in London are open for business.

Charges: 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: these terms and conditions as amended from time to time in accordance with clause 13.7.

Contract: the contract between the Supplier and the Customer for the supply of Services in accordance with these Conditions.

Customer: the person or firm who purchases Services from the Supplier.

Deliverables: the deliverables set out in the Order produced by the Supplier for the Customer.

Intellectual Property Rights: patents, rights to inventions, copyright and related rights, trade marks, business names and domain names, rights in get-up, goodwill and the right to sue for passing off, rights in designs, database rights, rights to use, and protect the confidentiality of, confidential information (including know-how), and all other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including all applications and rights to apply for and be granted, renewals or extensions of, and rights to claim priority from, such rights and all similar or equivalent rights or forms of protection which subsist or will subsist now or in the future in any part of the world.

Order: 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 as the case may be.

Services: the services, including the Deliverables, supplied by the Supplier to the Customer as set out in the Specification.

Specification: the description or specification of the Services provided in writing by the Supplier to the Customer.

Supplier: Shire Systems Limited registered in England and Wales with company number 01628050; and

Supplier Materials: has the meaning set out in clause 4.1.7.

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

1.2.1 a **person** includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality);

1.2.2 a reference to a party includes its successors or permitted assigns;

1.2.3 a reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to such statute or statutory provision as amended or re-enacted. A reference to a statute or statutory provision includes any subordinate legislation made under that statute or statutory provision, as amended or re-enacted;

1.2.4 any phrase introduced by the terms **including, include, in particular** or any similar expression, shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms; and

1.2.5 a reference to **writing** or **written** includes faxes.

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, representation, assurance or warranty 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 60 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 Specification or in the Order 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.

4 CUSTOMER'S OBLIGATIONS

4.1 The Customer shall:

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- 4.1.1 ensure that the terms of the Order and any information it provides in the Specification are complete and accurate;
- 4.1.2 co-operate with the Supplier in all matters relating to the Services;
- 4.1.3 provide the Supplier, its employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors, with access to the Customer's premises, office accommodation and other facilities (including remote access) as reasonably required by the Supplier;
- 4.1.4 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;
- 4.1.5 obtain and maintain all necessary licences, permissions and consents which may be required before the date on which the Services are to start;
- 4.1.6 keep and maintain all materials, equipment, documents and other property of the Supplier (**Supplier Materials**) at the Customer's premises in safe custody at its own risk, maintain the Supplier Materials in good condition until returned to the Supplier, and not dispose of or use the Supplier Materials other than in accordance with the Supplier's written instructions or authorisation.

4.2 The Customer shall not, without the prior written consent of the Supplier, at any time from the date of the Contract to the expiry of six months after completion of the Services solicit or entice away from the Supplier or employ or attempt to employ any person who is, or has been, engaged as an employee or sub-contractor of the Supplier.

4.3 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**):

- 4.3.1 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;
- 4.3.2 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
- 4.3.3 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 SOFTWARE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

5.1 Where a Contract is for the provision of software support by the Supplier the following provisions of this clause 5 will also apply.

5.2 The Supplier shall have no obligation to provide the Services where faults arise from:

- 5.2.1 misuse, incorrect use of or damage to the Software from whatever cause (other than any act or omission by the Supplier), including failure or fluctuation of electrical power;
- 5.2.2 failure to maintain the necessary environmental conditions for use of the Software;
- 5.2.3 use of the Software in combination with any equipment or software not provided by the Supplier or not designated by the Supplier for use with any modification forming part of the Supported Software, or any fault in any such equipment or software;
- 5.2.4 relocation or installation of the Software by any person other than the Supplier or a person acting under the Supplier's instructions;
- 5.2.5 any breach of the Customer's obligations under this agreement howsoever arising or having the Software maintained by a third party;
- 5.2.6 operator error.

5.3 The Customer acknowledges that:

5.3.1 it is exclusively responsible for ensuring that the staff of the Customer are trained in the proper use and operation of the Software;

- (a) ensuring the security, completeness and accuracy of all inputs and outputs;
- (b) making regular backup copies of its data to ensure recovery of its data if the Software malfunctions; and
- (c) the selection, use of and results obtained from any other programs, equipment, materials or services used in conjunction with the Software;

5.3.2 it is in a better position than the Supplier to assess and manage its risk in relation to use of the Software.

5.4 No representation or warranty is given by the Supplier that all faults will be fixed or will be fixed within a specified period of time.

6 TRAINING SPECIFIC PROVISIONS

6.1 Where a Contract is for the provision of training services (whether training course places, on-site training or otherwise) the following provisions will apply:

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- 6.1.1 the Supplier shall invoice the Customer on or after receipt of the Order;
- 6.1.2 the Supplier shall be at liberty to request a payment in advance of the commencement of the training;
- 6.1.3 the Supplier will issue joining instructions approximately two weeks before the training course is due to start. Where the training is not at the Customer's site these instructions will include course information, maps and hotel lists.
- 6.1.4 the Supplier reserves the right to cancel any training course without liability in the event the Supplier considers there to be insufficient delegates registered for the course as at the closing day for the course (typically 14 days prior to commencement of the course) or where a Force Majeure Event occurs;
- 6.1.5 if you wish to cancel an Order for training services or change the training date or training location the following provisions will apply:
 - (a) all requests for cancellations and/or changes must be received in writing by the Supplier;
 - (b) any changes will only be effective from the date written confirmation is actually received by the Supplier; and
 - (c) a cancellation charge will apply based on the cost of the Order as specified below:

| Calendar days notice before the start of the course/on-site training | Refund to be made by Supplier |
|---|---|
| 29 calendar days or more | Full refund minus a £29.50 exc VAT administration fee |
| Between 15 and 28 days (inclusive) | 50% refund minus a £29.50 exc VAT administration fee |
| Between 1 and 14 calendar days (inclusive) | No refund will be given |
| Failure to attend | Treated as late cancellation and no refund given |

7 CHARGES AND PAYMENT

- 7.1 The Charges for the Services shall in accordance with the Supplier's standard rates in force at the relevant time and shall be specified in the Order.
- 7.2 The Supplier shall invoice the Customer at such times agreed with the Customer or as set out in the Order or as otherwise specified in these Conditions.
- 7.3 The Customer shall pay each invoice submitted by the Supplier:
 - 7.3.1 within 30 days of the date of the invoice; and
 - 7.3.2 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.

- 7.4 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.
- 7.5 If the Customer fails to make any payment due to the Supplier under the Contract by the due date for payment, then the Customer shall pay interest on the overdue amount at the rate of 4% per cent per annum above the Bank of England's base rate from time to time. Such interest shall accrue on a daily basis from the due date until actual payment of the overdue amount, whether before or after judgment. The Customer shall pay the interest together with the overdue amount.
- 7.6 The Customer shall pay all amounts due under the Contract in full without any set-off, counterclaim, deduction or withholding (except for any deduction or withholding required by law). The Supplier may at any time, 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 The Customer acknowledges that, in respect of any third party Intellectual Property Rights, the Customer's use of any such Intellectual Property Rights is conditional on the Supplier obtaining a written licence from the relevant licensor on such terms as will entitle the Supplier to license such rights to the Customer.
- 8.3 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, its products and services which the receiving party may obtain. The receiving party shall only disclose such confidential information to those of its employees, agents and subcontractors who need to know it for the purpose of discharging the receiving party's obligations under the Contract, and shall ensure that such employees, agents and subcontractors comply with the obligations set out in this clause as though they were a party to the Contract. The receiving party may also disclose such of the disclosing party's confidential information as is required to be disclosed by law, any governmental or regulatory authority or by a court of competent jurisdiction. This clause 8 shall survive termination of the Contract.

10 **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

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 aggregate purchase price received by the Supplier from the Customer under the Contract.

10.3 No representation or warranty is given by the Supplier that all faults will be fixed, or will be fixed within a specified period of time.

10.4 All other conditions, warranties or other terms which might have effect between the parties or be implied or incorporated into a Contract, whether by statute, common law or otherwise, are hereby excluded, including the implied conditions, warranties or other terms as to satisfactory quality, fitness for purpose and the use of reasonable skill and care.

10.5 This clause 10 shall survive termination of the Contract.

11 **TERMINATION**

11.1 Without limiting its other rights or remedies, the Supplier may terminate the Contract by giving the Customer 1 months' written notice.

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:

- 11.2.1 the Customer commits a material breach of any term of the Contract and (if such a breach is remediable) fails to remedy that breach within 30 days of that party being notified in writing to do so;
- 11.2.2 the Customer 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 or limited liability partnership) 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;
- 11.2.3 the Customer 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;
- 11.2.4 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 Customer (being a company);
- 11.2.5 the Customer (being an individual) is the subject of a bankruptcy petition or order;
- 11.2.6 a creditor or encumbrancer of the Customer 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;
- 11.2.7 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 Customer (being a company);
- 11.2.8 the holder of a qualifying floating charge over the assets of the Customer (being a company) has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an administrative receiver;
- 11.2.9 a person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver over the assets of the Customer or a receiver is appointed over the assets of the Customer;
- 11.2.10 any event occurs or proceeding is taken with respect to the Customer in any jurisdiction to which it is subject that has an effect equivalent or similar to any of the events mentioned in clause 10.2.2 to clause 10.2.9 (inclusive);

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11.2.11 the Customer (being an individual) dies or, by reason of illness or incapacity (whether mental or physical), is incapable of managing his own affairs or becomes a patient under any mental health legislation.

11.3 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 and fails to pay all outstanding amounts within 30 days after being notified in writing to do so.

11.4 Without limiting its other rights or remedies, the Supplier may 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 10.2.2) to clause 10.2.11, 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. Until they have been returned, the Customer shall be solely responsible for their safe keeping and will not use them for any purpose not connected with this Contract;

12.1.3 the accrued rights, remedies, obligations and liabilities of the parties as at expiry or termination shall be unaffected, 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 survive termination shall continue in full force and effect.

13 FORCE MAJEURE

13.1 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.

13.2 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.

13.3 If the Force Majeure Event prevents the Supplier from providing any of the Services for more than 4 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.

14 GENERAL

14.1 **Assignment and other dealings.**

14.1.1 The Supplier may at any time assign, transfer, mortgage, 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.

14.1.2 The Customer shall not, without the prior written consent of the Supplier, assign, transfer, mortgage, charge, subcontract, declare a trust over or deal in any other manner with any or all of its rights or obligations under the Contract.

14.2 **Notices.**

14.2.1 Any notice or other communication given to a party under or in connection with the Contract shall be in writing, addressed to that party at its registered office (if it is a company) or its principal place of business (in any other case) or such other address as that party may have specified to the other party in writing in accordance with this clause, and shall be delivered personally, sent by pre-paid first class post or other next working day delivery service, commercial courier or fax.

14.2.2 A notice or other communication shall be deemed to have been received: if delivered personally, when left at the address referred to in clause 14.2.1; if sent by pre-paid first class post or other next working day delivery service, at 9.00 am on the second Business Day after posting; 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, one Business Day after transmission.

14.2.3 The provisions of this clause shall not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action.

14.3 **Severance.**

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- 14.3.1 If any provision or part-provision of the Contract is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid, legal and enforceable. If such modification is not possible, the relevant provision or part-provision shall be deemed deleted. Any modification to or deletion of a provision or part-provision under this clause shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the rest of the Contract.
- 14.3.2 If any provision or part-provision of this Contract is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend such provision so that, as amended, it is legal, valid and enforceable, and, to the greatest extent possible, achieves the intended commercial result of the original provision.
- 14.4 **Waiver.** A waiver of any right under the Contract or law 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 provided under the Contract or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict its further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.
- 14.5 **No partnership or agency.** Nothing in the Contract is intended to, or shall be deemed to, establish any partnership or joint venture between the parties, nor constitute either party the agent of the other for any purpose. Neither party shall have authority to act as agent for, or to bind, the other party in any way.
- 14.6 **Third parties.** A person who is not a party to the Contract shall not have any rights to enforce its terms.
- 14.7 **Variation.** Except as set out in these Conditions, no variation of the Contract, including the introduction of any additional terms and conditions, shall be effective unless it is agreed in writing and signed by the Supplier.
- 14.8 **Governing law.** 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 the law of England and Wales.
- 14.9 **Jurisdiction.** Each party irrevocably agrees that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with this Contract or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).