

# RWE General Terms and Conditions for Purchase of Goods and Services (Netherlands) – 01/2023

#### 1. Contract

- 1.1 Any RWE group company (RWE) may be named in and raise a written purchase order (order). An order is an offer by RWE to purchase the goods, services and/or deliverables as described in the order (goods, services, goods/services) from the contractor named in the order (Contractor). Orders for goods/services placed by RWE are subject to these conditions (together the General Terms and Conditions) (GTC) and severally a condition (condition)).
- 1.2 The Contractor accepts RWE's offer either by expressly giving RWE a notice of acceptance in writing (including returning a signed order) or impliedly by fulfilling the order (in whole or part), in each case within 14 calendar days of the date of the order (accept, acceptance).
- 1.3 On and with effect from acceptance (start date), a contract is made between the Contractor and RWE which is comprised of and subject to the contents of the order and these GTC (contract).
- 1.4 Terms and conditions of the **Contractor** or any deviation from **RWE's GTC** are expressly rejected by **RWE.**
- 1.5 The **order** prevails over any of the **conditions**.

### 2. Interpretation

### 2.1 In these GTC:

- (a) the use of 'including' and similar expressions does not limit the generality of any preceding words.
- (b) unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to a statute or statutory provision includes any statute or statutory provision as enacted, re-enacted or amended either before or during the contract term.
- (c) Writing (writing) means messages sent or received via post with a manuscript signature, a SAP order signed with electronic signature or a simple SAP order without electronic signature.
- 2.2 A reference to applicable law means all law, statute or regulation in force at any time which relates to this contract, the goods/services, RWE's site and the delivery place (including those relating to health and safety, competition, anti-trust, anti-money laundering, anti-corruption/anti-bribery, foreign trade, export control and sanction laws) (applicable law).

### 3. Non-Exclusivity, Group Benefit

3.1 The purchase of goods/ services by RWE pursuant to this contract is on a non-exclusive basis and may be for the benefit of other companies within the RWE group of companies (RWE group).

#### 4. Term

4.1 The contract begins on the start date and ends when all obligations under the contract have been fulfilled (term).

#### 5. Contractor Obligations

5.1 The Contractor:

- (a) supplies the quantities of **goods** and provide the **services** set out on the **order**.
- (b) carries out all relevant risk assessments:
- (c) ensures safe organisation and implementation of the supply of the goods/services; and
- (d) supervises the supply of the **goods/services**, in each case in a competent, lawful, business-like manner and at all times acting in accordance with the **applicable law** and good industry practice.

### 5.2 **The Contractor** complies with:

- (a) RWE's procurement policy (including sustainability) and other relevant policies (including health and safety and security) that RWE gives the Contractor access to or provides to the Contractor;
- (b) **RWE's** reasonable directions; and
- (c) local procedures and processes that RWE gives the Contractor access to or provides to the Contractor if the Contractor accesses RWE's property.
- 5.3 **The Contractor delivers** such goods as are necessary for the proper provision of the **services** and provides such services as are necessary for the proper supply of the **goods**.

#### 6. Delivery

- 6.1 The **Contractor** is responsible at its sole cost and risk including the cost to insure for all transport, loading, collection, handling, storage, packing, unpacking, reception at site and delivery reasonably necessary for the supply of the **goods/services** (deliver, delivery) and obtains and pays for all import permits or licenses required for any part of the **goods** or **the Contractor's** equipment delivered duty paid (as defined in the Incoterms 2020).
- 6.2 **Delivery** includes the delivery of all tools and documentation (e.g. user manuals, health and safety data) relevant to the **goods/services** and their use.
- 6.3 The **Contractor delivers goods/services** by the time (**delivery date**), at the place (**delivery place**) and in the quantity as set out in the **order**.
- 6.4 Any signature from RWE on any delivery note or other documentation presented in connection with the delivery of the goods/services is evidence only of what has been received and is not evidence that the correct quantity of goods has been delivered or that goods/services delivered otherwise comply with the requirements of this contract.

# 7. Delivery Date

7.1 Without prejudice to RWE's rights, if the Contractor considers that it cannot deliver the goods/services on the delivery date, the Contractor must notify RWE of the delay as well as the circumstances causing the delay as soon as the Contractor can.

# 8. Instalment Delivery

- 8.1 The Contractor may not deliver the goods/services in instalments unless stated in the order or unless RWE otherwise agrees in writing in advance.
- 8.2 If any of goods/services are ordered or delivered in instalments, this contract for the purchase of those goods is treated as a single contract and is not severable unless RWE says otherwise.



#### 9. Standards/Quality of Goods/ Services

9.1 The Contractor delivers good marketable title free from encumbrances on all goods/services delivered by the Contractor.

#### 9.2 The goods/services:

- (a) comply with all relevant applicable law;
- (b) adhere to the technical, functional and performance specifications, descriptions or quality standards set out in the **order** or any other document supplied to the **Contractor** by **RWE**:
- (c) are of satisfactory quality, fit for the purpose generally ascribed to such goods/services and also for the purpose specified by RWE and free from any defects;
- (d) are provided with all due skill and care;
- (e) do not infringe RWE's intellectual property rights (including copyright) (IPR) or that of any third party;
- (f) correspond to any description or previous sample supplied by the **Contractor**.

#### 9.3 The **goods** are:

- (a) delivered in the quantity as set out in the order;
- (b) of sound material and workmanship;
- (c) new and free from any lien, charge or other encumbrance:
- (d) fit for use in conjunction with the services (if applicable) and for any other purpose which is indicated in the order or otherwise made known to the Contractor (in each case either expressly or by implication)
- 9.4 The **Contractor** passes on the benefit of all manufacturers' and any other relevant third party warranties or guarantees to **RWE** in relation to the **goods/services**.

## 10. Labelling, Advice Notes and Packaging of Goods

- 10.1The **Contractor** clearly marks the **goods** with **RWE's** name, address, **order** number and with an advice note (detailing the name or description of the **goods**, transport, per component the item number, weight, number or volume and point and date of dispatch) and any other information **RWE** notifies to the **Contractor** that **RWE** requires and makes it clear that the **Contractor** is the supplier of them and the date and place of manufacture, where relevant.
- 10.2The **Contractor** properly labels the **goods** and supply them with all necessary warnings, instructions and other information relevant to their storage and use including, where applicable, any onward transport and/or lifting requirements.
- 10.3The **Contractor** notifies **RWE** about any hazards to health, safety or the environment with full details of the hazardous content or nature of the **goods/services** and details of correct measures to be taken in the event of exposure or spillage.
- 10.4The **Contractor** properly packs the **goods**, secures them and transports them in such a manner as to enable them to reach the **delivery place** in good and new condition.
- 10.5 **RWE** does not need to return to the **Contractor** any packaging materials used in the transportation or **delivery** or supply of **goods/services**.
- 10.6The **Contractor** removes and disposes of any waste in compliance with relevant **applicable law**.

#### 11. Inspection and Testing

- 11.1The Contractor allows RWE to inspect and test the goods/services (and if necessary, re-test and re-inspect) where and when RWE deems it is appropriate to do so or as otherwise required by applicable law. RWE may also include testing and inspection requirements in its order.
- 11.2Where **RWE** tests or inspects or attends the **Contractor's** tests or inspections, the **Contractor** co-operates with **RWE** and gives **RWE** access to all relevant places, documents and any other information. If a fault is found, **RWE** may recover any of its costs from the **Contractor** to re-inspect and/or re-test. If, to resolve a dispute or otherwise, **RWE** arranges an independent person to test, inspect, re-test or re-inspect the **goods/services**, then the **Contractor** and **RWE** are each bound by the outcome of such independent test or inspection. Any test or inspection that **RWE** attends or arranges is not an admission or an acceptance by **RWE** that the **goods/services** comply with this **contract**.

#### 12. Title and Risk

- 12.1Title and risks to **goods** pass to **RWE** upon **delivery** to the **delivery place**.
- 12.2Where, in the provision of the **services** such as dismantling or repairing, materials (including asset components) are created or identified and the removal of them is not part of the **services** then title in them remains with **RWE** and risk in them remains with the **Contractor**. Unless the **contract** states otherwise, the **Contractor** brings these to **RWE's** attention, makes them available for **RWE's** use and keeps them safe and tidy until **RWE** removes them or asks the **Contractor** to remove them.

## 13. Price, Invoicing and Payment

- 13.1In consideration of the successful **delivery** of the **goods/services RWE** pays the price in the fixed price amounts, at the rate and/or at the frequency set out in the **order** (**fee**).
- 13.2The **fee** is exclusive of value added tax (**VAT**)but is inclusive of all other matters including freight, insurance and other **delivery** costs and out-of-pocket expenses including subsistence, accommodation, supply of equipment or tools, payment of the **Contractor's** staff (including salaries, wages, bonuses and other emoluments, statutory charges and levies, pension provisions, overtime or payments for working unsociable hours) and compliance with all obligations under this **contract**.
- 13.3The **Contractor** takes into account all materials and activities required to supply the **goods/services**, all its costs and expenses and all its obligations under this **contract** in setting the **fee**.
- 13.4The **Contractor's** invoices must show date, invoice number, the **Contractor's** name and address, **VAT** breakdown, **order** number, **fees** and the **Contractor** supplies all other information or supporting documentation that **RWE** may reasonably require.
- 13.5The **Contractor** sends its invoices in the format and to the address as required by **RWE** in the **order**.
- 13.6 **RWE** pays invoices within thirty (30) days from date of receipt. If **RWE** disputes an invoice, **RWE** may



- withhold payment of the disputed amount until resolution.
- 13.7lf payment is not made on undisputed amounts when due, the **Contractor** may charge interest at the rate according to the Dutch **applicable law**.
- 13.8Any sum payable under this **contract** for a taxable supply is exclusive of **VAT** payable on it and the recipient of the supply shall pay an amount equal to such **VAT** in addition to any such sum on receipt of a valid **VAT** invoice from a supplying party.
- 13.9 RWE may at any time set off any of the Contractor's liability to RWE or to RWE group against any liability that RWE or RWE group may owe to the Contractor and RWE informs the Contractor if RWE makes any such set off.
- 13.10 Any payment does not affect any rights or obligations of either the Contractor or RWE and does not mean RWE accepts that the Contractor has fully complied with its obligations under this contract.

#### 14. Change and Variation

- 14.1RWE may, in writing, request a change to these GTC and/or an order (including a delivery date or a delivery place) in each case at any time prior to the delivery date.
- 14.2Where a change is requested and is not material, the change is made with no adjustment to the **fee** or **delivery date** unless **RWE** agrees. Where a change is requested and is material, the **Contractor** and **RWE** shall seek to agree the change including any change in the **fee**, the **delivery date** or the **delivery place**.
- 14.3If the **Contractor** and **RWE** are unable to agree any change and **RWE** instructs the **Contractor** in **writing** to implement it, the **Contractor** may recover any direct loss, costs and expenses incurred in implementing the change subject to the production on request of documentary evidence of such direct loss, cost and expenses and subject always to a cap of no more than a sum equivalent to 50% of the **fee** that would have been payable had there been no change unless **RWE** agrees otherwise.
- 14.4If the **Contractor** and **RWE** are unable to agree a change and **RWE** does not instruct the **Contractor** in **writing** to implement it, then either:
  - (a) **RWE** does not proceed with the change; or
  - (b) the **Contractor** or **RWE** can escalate the matter for resolution: and
  - (c) if no agreement is reached via escalation, RWE may elect either not to implement the change or instead, to terminate the contract for no fault.
- 14.5Subject to the above provisions of this **condition**, no variation of this **contract** or any part of it is valid unless it is in **writing**, expressed to be a variation to this **contract** and signed or approved by or on behalf of each of the **Contractor** and **RWE**.

## 15. Guarantee

- 15.1The **Contractor** guarantees that **goods/services** are and will remain compliant with this **contract** for a minimum of twenty-four months from **delivery** or any longer period if set out in the **order** (**guarantee period**).
- 15.2Where any **goods/services** are repaired or replaced, the **guarantee period** commences again

on **delivery** of any repaired or replaced **goods/services**.

### 16. Default and Remedy

- 16.1If the Contractor does not comply with any applicable law or any of these GTC (including if goods/services are not delivered or completed by the delivery date) or if during the guarantee period, RWE finds a defect in design, materials or workmanship (together or separately a default) then the Contractor is liable for the loss suffered by RWE as a result of that default.
- 16.2Where **RWE** is able to, without it causing **RWE** additional **loss**, **RWE** notifies the **Contractor** of the **default** and asks the **Contractor** to repair or rectify it if **RWE** thinks the **default** is capable of remedy.
- 16.3 **RWE** may, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies in this **contract** or at law on written notice to the **Contractor** with **RWE's** reasons:
  - (a) suspend delivery of goods/services for any period reasonable in the circum-stances;
  - (b) ask the **Contractor**, at **RWE's** discretion, to replace/rectify the **default** within a reasonable timescale required by **RWE** where possible; and/or
  - (c) if RWE does not think the Contractor will be able to replace/rectify the default or if the Contractor has tried to do so and failed, RWE may itself replace/rectify the default or ask another person to do so; or
  - (d) if RWE does not consider that it is possible or appropriate for the Contractor to replace/rectify the default or if RWE asks the Contractor to do so and the Contractor fails, reject the goods/services (in whole or part) and/or rescind or terminate the contract (in whole or part); or
  - (e) accept the default in consideration for a reduced fee appropriate to take account of the nature and extent of the default.

# 16.4The **Contractor** pays to **RWE** the value of:

- (a) the goods/services paid by RWE for any cancelled/rejected goods/services or if RWE terminates or rescinds the contract; plus
- (b) any direct cost incurred by **RWE** in relation to the **default** including any additional cost to **RWE** to replace or rectify the **Contractor's** delay or failure; plus
- (c) any payments due and payable by RWE to third parties because RWE relied on the Contractor to comply with the Contractor's obligations under this contract.
- 16.5Where **RWE** gives the **Contractor** notice that the **Contractor** is in **default**, **RWE** may, at its discretion and if to do so mitigates **RWE's loss** and in any event without affecting **RWE's** rights, use and/or receive the benefit of any **goods/services** that the **Contractor** may already have **delivered**, whether they are in **default** or not, in the usual course of **RWE's** business until the **Contractor** replaces and/or rectifies the **default**.
- 16.6Where the **Contractor's default** causes **loss** to any third party, then the **Contractor** indemnifies **RWE** for any **loss** incurred by or awarded against **RWE** by such third party and no maximum liability cap applies to this indemnity.



- 16.7Where the **default** relates to the **Contractor's** unlawful restraint of competition or any other breach of anti-trust or anti-competitive **applicable law** in each case prior to, during the **term** or on expiry or earlier termination of this **contract** the **Contractor** shall pay to **RWE** without affecting other rights and obligations either:
  - (a) the sum equivalent to 15% of the aggregate fees (which as at the start date could reasonably be expected to become due and payable on satisfactory performance of the contract); or
  - (b) the actual **loss** suffered by **RWE**, whichever is the greater.

#### 17. Insurance

- 17.1 Without prejudice to any rights or obligations under the **contract** or at law, the **Contractor** takes out and maintains insurance in force for the term and for the period of time over which the **Contractor** has continuing liabilities under this **contract** or **applicable law**, with reputable and substantial insurers and of the nature and extent as would reasonably be expected taking into account the nature and extent of the **Contractor's** obligations under this **contract** or **applicable law** and which includes the insurance cover set out in this **condition** below and to be evidenced by certificates of insurance made available to **RWE** within seven (7) days of **RWE's** request:
  - (a) employer's liability insurance in the amount of at least €5,000,000 for any one occurrence or the amount required by applicable law, whichever is higher;
  - (b) public, product and environmental liability insurance including against liability to third parties for any death or personal injury and loss of or damage to any physical property including the **goods** in each case arising out of or in connection with the carrying out of the **delivery** of **goods/services** in the amount of at least €5,000,000 for any one occurrence;
  - (c) such other insurances as **applicable law** requires
- 17.2Deductibles applying under any insurance are for the **Contractor's** account where such deductibles relate to **loss** for which the **Contractor** is responsible under the **contract**.
- 17.3Where the **Contractor** receives insurance proceeds from the **Contractor's** insurers relating to an insured event under this **contract**, the **Contractor** pays to **RWE** such sums as are claimed from and/or are due and payable to **RWE** from such insurance proceeds and/or uses them solely to replace/rectify any associated **default**.

# 18. Exclusions and Limits of Liability

- 18.1 Neither the **Contractor** nor **RWE** excludes or limits liability for:
  - (a) fraud, willful default or deceit;
  - (b) fraudulent or negligent misrepresentation;
  - (c) death or personal injury caused by negligence;
  - (d) any other liability that cannot be excluded or limited by applicable law.
- 18.2 Neither the Contractor nor RWE is liable by reason of any default for any indirect or consequential loss or damage in contract or breach of statutory duty,

- misrepresentation or otherwise arising out of or in connection with this **contract**. Indirect and consequential loss includes but is not limited to: economic loss such as loss of indirect profit, loss of contract, loss of revenue, loss of goodwill, loss of production or loss of anticipated savings.
- 18.3 Any liability of RWE to the Contractor or the Contractor to RWE in contract, tort (including negligence) or breach of statutory duty, misrepresentation or otherwise arising out of or in connection with this contract in each case is limited in the aggregate to a sum equal to double the sum of the fees. RWE's cap on liability to the Contractor excludes RWE's liability to pay the Contractor fees which are or become due and payable for goods/services that the Contractor delivers under the contract. The Contractor's cap on liability to RWE excludes the cost to the Contractor to fix a default in the goods/services.
- 18.4 Each cap on liability excludes:
  - (a) any debt or liability where a separate maximum liability is stated in this **contract**; and/or
  - (b) sums recoverable and/or recovered from insurers in relation to the insurance that is required to be taken out under this contract subject to a maximum of the value of minimum level of insurance which this contract requires.
- 18.5 The **Contractor** and **RWE** each has an obligation to take such steps as it is reasonably practicable to do so to mitigate any **loss**, costs or expense which the **Contractor** or **RWE** may suffer or incur as a result of a **default** and nothing in this **condition** limits or excludes this obligation.

## 19. Force Majeure

19.1Neither the **Contractor** nor **RWE** is liable for any event beyond their respective reasonable control which was not reasonably foreseeable as of the **start date** and which directly causes the **Contractor** or **RWE** to be unable to comply with all or a material part of their respective obligations under the **contract** (**event of force majeure**) PROVIDED THAT such event does not arise from the **Contractor's** or **RWE's** act, omission or negligence.

# 19.2An **event of force majeure** is not:

- (a) a strike by or lockout or other industrial dispute or trade dispute involving any of the Contractor's staff;
- (b) non-supply of goods or equipment by any of the Contractor's staff to the Contractor; or
- (c) the **Contractor's** failure to hire suitably qualified **staff**; or
- (d) mechanical or electrical breakdown or failure of any of the Contractor's or the Contractor's staff's equipment, machinery or plant; or
- (e) insolvency or similar financial difficulties.
- 19.3Covid 19 pandemic is itself not deemed to be an **event of force majeure** because it is foreseeable as of the **start date**. Measures to address Covid 19 are to be included in the **contract**. If such measures materially change after the **start date** that change could constitute an **event of force majeure**.
- 19.4Any other pandemic is an **event of force majeure**.



- 19.5If either the **Contractor** or **RWE** is affected by an **event of force majeure,** the **Contractor** or **RWE** as the case may be:
  - immediately issues written notice to the other
    of the nature and extent of the event of force
    majeure and details of any adverse impacts of
    it on the ability to perform obligations under
    the contract; and
  - (b) take such steps as are reasonably practicable in all the circumstances and in consultation with each other to prevent, mitigate and reduce to a minimum the adverse effect of any event of force majeure.

#### 19.6If:

- a written notice in relation to an event of force majeure is not withdrawn within thirty (30) days or such other longer period of time as RWE may determine; or
- (b) loss is incurred by RWE which exceeds in aggregate a sum equal to 50% of the fees which would otherwise be due and payable under the contract for the term but for any disruption or suspension by an event of force majeure (or any higher sum as RWE may determine)
  - then **RWE** may on written notice terminate the **contract** on a no fault basis with immediate effect
- 19.7Unless terminated under **condition** 19.6, when the **event of force majeure** ceases, the **Contractor** and **RWE**, in consultation with each other, take such steps as are reasonably practicable in all the circumstances to resume normal performance of their respective obligations under the **contract**.

## 20. Termination

- 20.1 **RWE** may terminate this **contract** at will at any time by giving to the **Contractor written** notice.
- 20.2 Either the **Contractor** or **RWE** may terminate the **contract** immediately by notice if:
  - (a) the other is in material breach of any of its obligations under the **contract** and the breach is not capable of remedy; or
  - (b) the other is in material breach of any of its obligations and fails to remedy the breach (if capable of remedy) within 14 days of a written notice requesting such remedy (a breach is considered capable of remedy if time is not of the essence in performance of the obligation and if the person in **default** can comply with the obligation within the 30 day period given to comply; or
  - (c) the other becomes insolvent, bankrupt, is in liquidation, administration or receivership, makes an arrangement with its creditors, is unable to pay its debts or suffers possession or sale by an encumbrancer of any of its assets or is subject to orders or events leading to any of the foregoing or suffers any analogous event; or
  - (d) ceases or threatens to cease to trade or ceases to comply or threatens to cease to comply with its obligations under this contract in each case for thirty (30) consecutive days; or
  - demonstrably commits an unlawful restraint of competition or any other breach of anti-trust or anti-competitive applicable law; or

- (f) otherwise a right to terminate accrues pursuant to any condition of this contract or at law
- 20.3 Where RWE may terminate the contract, RWE may instead terminate the contract in respect of part only of the goods/services and in which case, the contract continues in respect of the delivery of the remaining goods/services.
- 20.4 Any rights to terminate under this **contract** are without prejudice to any other rights the **Contractor** or **RWE** may have at law to terminate the **contract** or to **accept** any breach of this contact as having brought the **contract** to an end (including, where relevant, a right to claim repudiatory damages).
- 20.5 Where the **Contractor** is in default because the **Contractor** has demonstrably been involved in unlawful restrictions of competition at **RWE's** expense, then in addition and/or instead of the remedy available to **RWE** under **condition** 18 (*Default and Remedy*) **RWE** may immediately on written notice either rescind or terminate the **contract.** In the event of rescission, the relevant **applicable law** applies.

### 21. Consequences of Termination

- 21.1Termination or expiry of the **contract** will not:
  - (a) affect any rights or liabilities accrued as at the date of expiry or earlier termination;
  - (b) prejudice other rights or remedies (under these **GTC** or otherwise); or
  - (c) affect the coming into force or the continuation in force of any provisions which expressly or by implication are intended to come into force or continue in force on or after the termination or expiry.
- 21.20n termination or expiry the **Contractor**:
  - (a) immediately **delivers** to **RWE** any **goods/services** that **RWE** has paid for;
  - (b) discontinues the provision of further goods/ services; and
  - (c) promptly returns or provides to RWE any and all of RWE's or RWE group's confidential information, personal data and/or property including IPR then in the Contractor's or the Contractor's staff's possession or control. Until they are returned, the Contractor is solely responsible for their safe keeping and will not use them.
- 21.30n any termination or expiry and subject to condition 21.4, RWE pays the Contractor the fees due and payable pro rata for any goods/services delivered (and not cancelled or rejected) and not yet paid for as at the date of expiry or termination.
- 21.4On any early termination RWE has no liability to the Contractor to pay the Contractor for any other sums including any indirect or consequential loss arising out of or in connection with such termination except that if RWE terminates at will or if the Contractor terminates because RWE is in material breach or is insolvent then RWE pays the Contractor for any cost or expense the Contractor is already contractually committed to and directly incurred by the Contractor on the reasonable expectation that the contract would not terminate prior to the expiry of its term provided that the Contractor provides on request documentary



- evidence of such cost and expense and provided further that **RWE** shall not pay the Contractor any sum that exceeds the sum equivalent to 90% of the **fee**s for the balance of the term and which would have been due and payable had the **contract** not terminated early.
- 21.5Where **RWE** terminates for the **Contractor's default, RWE** may recover from the **Contractor**, to the extent not already recovered, the sums set out at **condition** 16 (*Default and Remedy*).

#### 22. Contractor's Staff

- 22.1There is no **contract** between **RWE** and any of the **Contractor's** employees, directors, officers, agents, personnel, staff, contractors, subcontractors or other workers (**staff**).
- 22.2The **Contractor** makes appropriate deductions for tax and national insurance contributions from the remuneration which the **Contractor** pays to its **staff** that it employs.
- 22.3 The **Contractor** ensures that:
  - (a) it supplies its staff with all vehicles and necessary safety and other tools and equipment that they need to deliver the goods/services;
  - (b) all vehicles, equipment and other tools that the Contractor and its staff use to deliver the goods/services are in a good, legal and serviceable condition:
  - (c) its staff are suitably qualified, competent, skilled and experienced and are trained and able to deliver the goods/services and drive the vehicles, handle the goods and all tools and equipment needed to deliver the goods/services safely and in compliance with this contract:
  - (d) it puts procedures in place to ensure that its staff are able to understand and comply with oral and written instructions given by RWE including those which relate to health and safety; and
  - (e) it puts in place suitable precautions to prevent damage to property or injury to person.
- 22.4 Prior to any **staff** performing the **services**, the **Contractor**, to the extent lawful, ensures that each member of the **Contractor's staff** satisfies any checks which are appropriate according to good industry practice or which are reasonably notified by **RWE** to the **Contractor**. Such vetting requirements include but are not limited to: checking identities, rights to work, references, qualifications and driving licenses. The **Contractor** keeps records of such checks and shows the records to **RWE** if **RWE** asks to see them.
- 22.5**The Contractor** provides any information reasonably and lawfully requested by **RWE** in relation to the **Contractor's staff** who **deliver** the **services** within 10 business days of such request being made.
- 22.6The Contractor ensures that its staff:
  - (a) comply with **RWE's** local security and safety arrangements; and
  - (b) carry out their duties so as to cause minimum disruption to **RWE's** business operations.
- 22.7 RWE may at any time on notice to the Contractor remove or request the removal from RWE's premises of any individual whom, in RWE's

- reasonable opinion, is not qualified or competent to be present on **RWE's** site or who at any time acts in a way that contravenes **RWE's** safety or security processes or policies, causes or may cause injury to others or damage to property or who poses any other safety or security risk. The **Contractor's** obligations continue and are not reduced or changed if **RWE** removes or requests such removal.
- 22.8The **Contractor** indemnifies **RWE** and **RWE** group on a full indemnity basis against any loss, liability, damage, expense, claim, fine, demand, proceeding, charge, fine, penalty, demand or cost (including legal fees)(loss) suffered or incurred by **RWE** (and/or **RWE** group) as a result of any failure by the **Contractor** or its **staff** to comply with the **Contractor**'s obligations under this **condition**.
- 22.9Any breach of this **condition** is a material breach and **RWE** may terminate this **contract** for **Contractor default**.

#### 23. RWE Materials Ownership

23.1All information, specifications, drawings, sketches, models, prototypes, samples, tools, designs, technical information or data or other proprietary information or IPR (whether written, oral or otherwise and including personal data) (RWE materials) obtained by the Contractor or made available to the Contractor by RWE or on RWE's behalf remains RWE's property and/or does not become the Contractor's property.

#### 23.2The Contractor:

- (a) keeps **RWE materials** separate from the **Contractor's** property and property of others:
- (b) properly stores and protects them and identifies RWE materials as RWE's property;
- (c) delivers up RWE materials to RWE on request and if the Contractor does not, RWE may enter any of the Contractor's premises or those of the Contractor's suppliers or of any other third party where RWE reasonably considers that RWE materials are stored and repossess them.
- 23.3 Risk in RWE materials passes to the Contractor as soon as the Contractor obtains them or RWE makes its materials available for the Contractor's use.

#### 24. Intellectual Property Rights

- 24.1All the **Contractor's** intellectual property rights (**IPR**) existing on or prior to the **start date** remain vested in the **Contractor** and all **RWE's IPR** existing on or prior to the **start date** remain vested in **RWE**.
- 24.2The Contractor hereby grants to RWE a perpetual, transferable, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty free, worldwide licence to use any of the Contractor's IPR which are necessary for RWE and RWE group to derive the benefit of the goods/services and this contract.
- 24.3The **Contractor** hereby assigns to **RWE** with full title guarantee all **IPR** (including copyright) free from encumbrances in any **goods/services** created or developed by the **Contractor** or by others on the **Contractor's** behalf in relation to this **contract** or otherwise resulting from **delivery** of the **goods/services** (including new or bespoke



- computer code and including any new versions (e. g. updates, upgrades, releases, patches, bugfixes). This assignment either takes effect on the **start date** or immediately on the coming into existence of any new or developed IPR during the **term**.
- 24.4The Contractor agrees to obtain waivers of all moral and other rights, execute all documents and to do any other things reasonably necessary to perfect these rights.
- 24.5Where any software is created or developed for RWE, RWE owns and the Contractor supplies to RWE the source code for software created or developed.
- 24.6Any rights granted by **RWE** to the **Contractor** or the **Contractor's staff** to use **RWE's IPR** cease on expiry or earlier termination of the **term**.
- 24.7The **Contractor** defends and indemnifies **RWE** and **RWE** group from and against any **loss** incurred by and/or awarded against **RWE** and/or **RWE** group in each case as a result of or in connection with:
  - (a) a breach by the **Contractor** or the **Contractor's staff** of **RWE's IPR**; and
  - (b) any claim or action that goods/services (in whole or part) infringe the IPR or any other rights of a third party.
- 24.8The **Contractor** and **RWE** each notify the other of any alleged or actual third party **IPR** claim as soon as is reasonably practicable upon becoming aware of any such claim.
- 24.9 Neither the **Contractor** nor **RWE** make any admission as to liability or agree to any settlement of or compromise any third party **IPR** claim without the prior written consent of the other which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.
- 24.10 The **Contractor** may, on written request to **RWE** and at the **Contractor's** cost and expense and on providing adequate financial security to **RWE** for any debt or liability under the indemnity, have the conduct of or settle all negotiations and litigation arising from any third party **IPR** claim and **RWE** shall, at the **Contractor's** request and expense, give the **Contractor** reasonable assistance in connection with those negotiations and litigation.
- 24.11 If any third party **IPR** claim is made or, in the **Contractor's** opinion, is likely to be made against the **Contractor** or **RWE** then without affecting any rights or obligations the **Contractor** will promptly and at its own expense either:
  - (a) procure for RWE and/or RWE group the right to continue using the goods/services or IPR (or any part of them) in accordance with this contract; or
  - (b) modify or replace the infringing goods/ services (or any part of them) so as to avoid the infringement or alleged infringement and as if they were defective and so as to comply with the condition 16 (Default and Remedy); or
  - (c) pay to **RWE** all sums as set out at **condition**16 (*Default and Remedy*) as if the **goods/services** were defective.
- 24.12 Any breach of this condition is a material breach and RWE may terminate this contract for Contractor default.

#### 25. Confidentiality

- 25.1The order, these GTC, any RWE materials or any other technical or commercial information of a confidential nature (either marked as such or which, by its nature, can reasonably be considered to be confidential) which the Contractor receives from **RWE** (or from a person acting on **RWE's** behalf) either expressly or impliedly or otherwise gleaned by the **Contractor** (including any information relating to RWE's business or financial or other affairs or those of a member of **RWE group** or **RWE's** or their customers or suppliers and including any personal data) (confidential information) is strictly confidential and the Contractor does not use it except as is strictly necessary in the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this contract or disclose it (in whole or in part) to any other person without RWE's prior written consent.
- 25.2The Contractor keeps RWE materials and confidential information safely and will maintain and apply appropriate technical and organizational measures, processes and procedures to safeguard against any unauthorized access, loss, destruction, theft, use or disclosure of personal data and all confidential information. The Contractor will not retain the confidential information longer than is required for the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this contract or as otherwise required or permitted by law.
- 25.3The **Contractor** may disclose confidential information if and to the extent that:
  - (a) the Contractor considers it is necessary to disclose confidential information to the Contractor's staff or group companies for the purpose only of performing the Contractor's obligations under this contract or professional advisers, auditors and bankers, in each case provided that the Contractor places similar conditions of confidentiality on those persons;
  - (b) the Contractor is required to do so by law or any securities exchange or regulatory or governmental body to which the Contractor is subject wherever situated provided that the Contractor gives RWE advance notice warning of this as soon as it is reasonably practicable and legally able to do so;
  - (c) it is or comes into the public domain through no fault of the **Contractor**; or
  - (d) it was previously disclosed to the Contractor by others without any obligation of confidence.
- 25.4The **Contractor** returns **materials** and **confidential information** or any of them promptly to **RWE** (and all copies) at **RWE's** request.
- 25.5The **Contractor** does not make any announcement or publicity statement relating to **RWE**, **RWE group**, the **contract** or any part of it or its subject matter without **RWE's** prior written approval (except as required by **applicable law** or by any legal or regulatory authority in which case the **Contractor** will give **RWE** as much advance warning of this as it is reasonably practicable to do so).
- 25.6The **Contractor** defends and indemnifies **RWE** and **RWE** group from and against any **loss**, incurred by **RWE** and/or **RWE** group as a result of or in



- connection with a breach by the **Contractor** or the **Contractor's staff** of this **condition**.
- 25.7Any breach of this **condition** is a material breach and **RWE** may terminate this **contract** for **the Contractor's default**.
- 25.8The obligations in this **condition** apply for a period of three (3) years after as well as during the **term**.

#### 26. Data Protection

- 26.1The Contractor is obliged to comply with the statutory provisions on data protection (in particular the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)). In case of processing of personal data on behalf of **RWE**, the **Contractor** processes personal data exclusively within the scope of the agreement reached and according to RWE's instructions. A separate agreement is to be made for this purpose in the event of processing by order. The Contractor protects the personal data received from RWE from access by unauthorized third parties by means of suitable technical and organizational measures in accordance with Art. 32 GDPR. The Contractor informs **RWE** without delay in the event of serious disruptions in the course of operations, suspected violations of data protection or other irregularities in the processing of **RWE's** data.
- 26.2The **Contractor's** and **RWE's** respective maximum liability and/or debt to each other under this **condition** is the sum of one million Euro (€1,000,000) in aggregate.
- 26.3Any breach of this condition is a material breach and RWE may terminate this contract for the Contractor's default.

# 27. Information Security and Critical Infrastructure

- 27.1 RWE may ask the Contractor (and the Contractor may already have done so) from time to time to complete a self-declaration form relating to information security and critical infrastructure protection (such as the RWE Prequalification Information Security IT/OT (PIO) or the RWE Data Protection Agreement (DPA)). The Contractor warrants that its answers are and shall remain true and accurate. Any breach of this warranty or false declaration is a material breach of the contract and RWE may terminate for Contractor default.
- 27.2The **Contractor** does not access and does not permit anyone to access **RWE's** computing systems without **RWE's** express written authorization.
- 27.3Where authorized by **RWE** in advance and in writing, **RWE** may provide the **Contractor** with access to **RWE's** computing systems.
- 27.4Where **RWE** provides such access the **Contractor** employs anti-virus procedures and complies with IT policies and procedures that align with **RWE's** security requirements.
- 27.5The **Contractor** may use any access granted to it only to **deliver** the **goods/services** and any such access must be through **RWE's** agreed security gateways and/or firewalls.
- 27.6RWE may terminate the **Contractor's** access to **RWE's** systems at any time without notice to the **Contractor**.
- 27.7The Contractor immediately notifies RWE of any actual or threatened security incidents or security breaches that may affect RWE's systems in any way or lead to unauthorized access to RWE's systems.

27.8Any breach of this **condition** is a material breach and **RWE** may terminate any **contract** with the **Contractor** for **Contractor default**.

#### 28. Business Continuity

- 28.1The **Contractor** has in place and reviews regularly a suitable business continuity plan in relation to general day-to-day service disruptions and disaster recovery affecting either the **Contractor's**, **RWE's** or **RWE group**'s business relevant to this **contract**. The **Contractor**, on request, shares its business continuity plan with **RWE** and takes account of any comments **RWE** may have on it relating to the **Contractor's** obligations under this **contract**.
- 28.2In the event of a business interruption or disaster, the **Contractor** implements its business continuity and/or disaster recovery plan and keeps **RWE** informed of its implementation.

#### 29. Disrepute

29.1The **Contractor** does not use **RWE's** information or do anything that brings **RWE's** name or **RWE group's** name into disrepute or damages or conflicts with **RWE's** or **RWE group's** reputation, goodwill or business interests.

#### 30. Marketing and Advertising

- 30.1The **Contractor** may not, without **RWE's** prior written consent use:
  - (a) any information concerning this **contract**; or
  - (b) photographs of RWE's sites, facilities or personnel in each case for reference or marketing purposes.
- 30.2The **Contractor** may not use **RWE's** trade names, trademarks or logos or those of **RWE group** either individually or in combination with the **Contractor's** trade names or trade names of others.

#### 31. Code of Conduct

- 31.1RWE and RWE group are committed to the RWE Code of Conduct (RWE Code of Conduct) set out at: https://www.group.rwe/en/the-group/compliance/code-of-conduct/.
- 31.2RWE expects the Contractor to accept the Principles of Conduct contained in the RWE Code of Conduct as a basis for cooperation between the Contractor and RWE.
- 31.3RWE also expects the Contractor to commit to support and implement (and that the Contractor will procure that its staff support and implement) the principles on human rights, labour relations, environmental protection and combating of corruption which are established within the framework of the United Nations Global Compact Initiative (www.unglobalcompact.org).

## 32. Combating Corruption

- 32.1The **Contractor** undertakes to not, directly or indirectly in relation to any person: give or receive, offer or ask for any payment or benefit that constitutes undue financial or other advantage of any kind.
- 32.2The **Contractor** complies with all **applicable law** relating to anti-bribery and anti-corruption and the **Contractor** ensures that neither the **Contractor** nor the **Contractor's staff** engage in any activity,



- practice or conduct which constitutes an offence under such **applicable law**.
- 32.3The Contractor indemnifies RWE and RWE group against all loss incurred or suffered by RWE and/or RWE group as a result of a breach by the Contractor or the Contractor's staff of this condition.
- 32.4Any breach of this **condition** is a material breach and **RWE** may terminate this **contract** for **Contractor default.**

#### 33. Sanctions

- 33.1"Sanctions" means any economic or financial sanctions or trade embargoes implemented, administered, or enforced by the European Union, its member states, the United Kingdom, the United Nations Security Council or the United States of America, unless they or compliance with them constitutes a violation of any applicable blocking law (sanctions).
- 33.2The Contractor warrants that neither the Contractor nor any of the Contractor's group companies nor, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, any of the Contractor's directors or officers is:
  - (a) a person against whom **sanctions** have been imposed;
  - (b) owned or controlled by a person against whom sanctions have been imposed;
  - (c) located in or has been registered in or has its registered office in, a country or territory against which **sanctions** applicable to itself or its Government have been imposed (currently but not limited to: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, the Crimea region and the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics).
- 33.3The **Contractor** complies with all **sanctions** and export control requirements applicable to it and its business activities as far as actions in connection with this **contract** are concerned.
- 33.4The **Contractor** does not sell, supply or transfer items received from **RWE** to third parties if this result in the **Contractor** or **RWE** violating any applicable **sanctions** or export control regulations.
- 33.5The **Contractor** does not act or omit to act so as to result in **RWE** violating any applicable **sanctions** or export control regulations.
- 33.6The **Contractor** immediately informs **RWE** in **writing** if the **Contractor** becomes aware of any event or matter which may result in a violation of applicable **sanctions** or export control regulations by the **Contractor** or by **RWE** relating to the **contract**
- 33.7The Contractor indemnifies RWE and RWE group against all loss incurred or suffered by RWE and/or RWE group as a result of a breach by the Contractor or the Contractor's staff of this condition.
- 33.8Any breach of this **condition** is a material breach and **RWE** may terminate this **contract** for **Contractor default**.

# 34. Human Rights

34.1. RWE explicitly refers to its Human Rights Supplier Contract Appendix which applies within the RWE Group and can be consulted under <a href="https://www.rwe.com/humanrights">https://www.rwe.com/humanrights</a>. RWE expects

- the **Contractor** to, and the **Contractor** agrees thereto, explicitly accept and comply with the principles and all obligations contained therein at all times and, in particular, to commit itself to support and implement the principles on human rights, labour relations and environmental protection as stipulated therein in its own business area and towards its own supply chain.
- 34.2. In order to further assess and determine the risk for human rights, labour relations and environmental protection associated with the supply chain, **RWE** may submit, initially and on a frequent or ad hoc basis, and the **Contractor** will reply to in due course, a questionnaire regarding typical risk areas and preventive and remedial actions having been taken and/or are required within the business area of the **Contractor**.
- 34.3. The Contractor is further obliged to inform RWE in due time of any incident, violation of or increased risk to violate any human rights principle affecting RWE in its supply chain with the Contractor.
- 34.4. **RWE** is entitled to carry out audits to determine whether the **Contractor** or any sub-supplier has lived up to its obligations under the Human Rights Supplier Contract Appendix by requesting information, documentary evidence or by conducting on-site inspections, as laid out in the Human Rights Supplier Contract Appendix in more detail
- 34.5. If the **Contractor** evidently fails to fulfil any of the principles and refuses to implement the necessary preventive or remedial measures according to the Human Rights Supplier Contract Appendix, **RWE** reserves, in addition to other remedies which may be available, the right to extraordinary terminate the **contract** with the **Contractor**.
- 34.6. In case **RWE** is held legally liable for a violation of applicable legal requirements under the Lieferkettensorgfaltspflichtengesetz (LkSG) which is attributable to wilful or negligent misconduct of the **Contractor**, in particular by not observing the obligations arising under the Human Rights Supplier Contract Appendix, **RWE** will pass on any fine imposed on it as damage claim under this **contract**.

## 35. Responsibilities as an employer

- 35.1The **Contractor** complies and procures that its **staff** comply with all **applicable law** relating to labour or employment law, including discrimination, equality, minimum wage, employee health, safety and welfare and the **Contractor** will allow to all the **Contractor's staff** all their rights at law.
- 35.2The **Contractor** warrants to **RWE** that all its **staff** performing the **Contractor's** obligations under the **contract** have all necessary rights to work and/or work permits.
- 35.3 Without prejudice to the general obligations mentioned above or otherwise to comply with **applicable law** including data protection, in relation to the **Contractor's staff**, the **Contractor** warrants that it:
  - (a) has effective procedures to verify the age of employees at the time they are recruited;
  - (b) keeps adequate age documents of employees, such as ID copies and personnel records;



- (c) complies with local legal requirements in relation to the minimum age of employees;
- (d) employs employees under the age of 18 only on non-hazardous or daytime work;
- (e) allows employees to leave the place of work after working hours;
- (f) treats all employees in a humane manner, including not subjecting a worker to physical or verbal abuse;
- (g) treats all employees in an acceptable manner in relation to their personal documents, including not requiring employees to lodge deposits or original documents such as ID papers and training certificates;
- (h) treats all employees in an appropriate manner over access to and from the place of work;
   and
- (i) ensures that all employment is voluntary.
- 35.4The **Contractor** at all times during the **term** properly enforces such policies and procedures and carries out periodic monitoring of its compliance with such policies and procedures on an annual or more frequent basis.
- 35.5In the event that the **Contractor** engages any third party **staff** in relation to any activity connected with this **contract** (including, without limitation, where the **Contractor** sub-contracts to any third party), the **Contractor** ensures that provisions equivalent to this **condition** are included within the **contract** or terms of engagement under which the **Contractor** appoints that third party to carry out the relevant activity connected with this **contract.**

# 36. Code of Conduct and Employer Responsibility Infringements

- 36.1 If the **Contractor** become aware of or has reason to believe that it or any of its **staff** have breached or have potentially breached any of the **Contractor's** responsibilities referred to at **conditions** 31 (Code of Conduct), 35 (Responsibilities as an Employer) then the **Contractor** notifies **RWE** of the breach or potential breach and takes steps to rectify the breach or potential breach.
- 36.2 **RWE** uses appropriate means to establish the validity of such breach or potential breach including pursuant to **condition** 39 (*Audit*) and if validated, without prejudice to any rights or obligations under this **contract**, **RWE** may:
  - (a) issue the **Contractor** with a warning to provide as soon as reasonably practicable a detailed action plan to address the potential breach or where necessary to remediate the actual breach and which, if appropriate, is implemented immediately; and/or
  - (b) suspend this **contract** until the potential breach is addressed or where necessary the actual breach is remedied.
- 36.3Where the **Contractor** is given adequate opportunity to address the potential breach or to remedy the actual breach and the **Contractor** has in either case, in **RWE**'s opinion failed to do so, the **Contractor** is in material breach of this **contract** and **RWE** may terminate this **contract** for **Contractor default**.
- 36.4The Contractor indemnifies RWE and RWE group against all loss incurred or suffered by RWE and/or RWE group as a result of a breach of the Contractor's responsibilities in condition 31 (Code

of Conduct) and 35 (Responsibilities as an Employer) or any breach of related **applicable law**.

#### 37. Warranty and Representation

- 37.1The **Contractor** warrants and represents that:
  - (a) it has legal capacity to enter into this contract and ability to deliver the goods/services;
  - (b) the entering into and/or fulfilment of this contract does not breach or contravene any applicable law or contractual requirements or obligations that apply to the Contractor.
  - (c) it has and will maintain all the licenses, permissions, authorizations, consents and permits that it needs to carry out its obligations under the contract and in respect of the goods/services.

#### 38. Records

38.1The **Contractor** will, during the **term** maintain such records relating to the **goods/services** as may be necessary to trace the supply chain and to demonstrate compliance with its obligations under this **contract**, including correct invoicing, information security, obligations of confidentiality and data protection and keep them for as long as **applicable law** requires).

#### 39. Audit

39.1RWE and/or RWE's auditors may access the Contractor's premises and any premises of the Contractor's staff during normal working hours upon giving reasonable notice as appropriate in the circumstances and audit and/or inspect all matters (including all records) at the Contractor's premises and/or at those of the Contractor's staff relating to the supply of the goods/services to RWE and the Contractor's compliance with its obligations in this contract including the Contractor's operations, facilities, working conditions, procedures and systems.

## 40. Assignment

- 40.1The **Contractor** does not assign, novate or otherwise transfer any of the **Contractor's** rights and/or obligations under the **contract** without **RWE's** prior **written** consent.
- 40.2**RWE** may assign or sub-license any of **RWE's** rights under this **contract** within **RWE** group without the **Contractor's** prior consent.

## 41. Subcontracting

- 41.1The **Contractor** does not subcontract any of its obligations under the **contract** or change **subcontractor**s without **RWE's** prior **written** consent or to the extent set out in an **order**.
- 41.2Any appointment of a subcontractor does not affect the **Contractor's** obligations and liabilities.
- 41.3**The Contractor** is primarily liable for any act or omission of the **Contractor's staff**.

#### 42. Entire Agreement

42.1This **contract** constitutes the whole agreement between the **Contractor** and **RWE** and supersedes all previous arrangements or agreements between the **Contractor** and **RWE** relating to the subject matter of this **contract**.



42.2Neither the **Contractor** nor **RWE** has relied on and neither the **Contractor** nor **RWE** has any right or remedy in respect of any statement, representation, assurance or warranty other than as expressly set out in this **contract**.

#### 43. Cumulative Remedies

43.1The rights, powers and remedies conferred on the **Contractor** or **RWE** by this **contract** and the remedies available to the **Contractor** or **RWE** are cumulative and are additional to any right, power or remedy which the **Contractor** or **RWE** may have under **applicable law** unless otherwise stated in the **contract**.

#### 44. Waiver

- 44.1No failure or delay by the **Contractor** or **RWE** to exercise any right or remedy provided under this **contract** or by law constitutes a waiver of that or any other right or remedy, nor does it preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy precludes or restricts the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.
- 44.2No act or omission of either the **Contractor** or **RWE** is or is deemed to be a waiver or release of a right or remedy unless expressly notified in **writing**.

#### 45. Severance

- 45.1If any court or competent authority finds that any condition (or part of any condition) of these GTC is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that condition or part-condition, to the extent required, is deemed to be severable and the validity and enforceability of the other conditions in these GTC is not affected.
- 45.2If any invalid, unenforceable or illegal provision of these GTC would be valid, enforceable and legal if some part of it were amended, the Contractor and RWE shall seek to agree the minimum modification necessary to make it legal, valid and enforceable and align with the original commercial intent of the condition. If no agreement is reached, RWE may terminate the contract with no liability.

#### 46. Third Party Rights

- 46.1To the extent to which any **goods/services** provided pursuant to this **contract** are for the benefit of a company in **RWE group**, that company may enforce the **contract** subject to and in accordance with its terms.
- 46.2Any loss that is suffered by any of **RWE group** companies as a result of a breach of the **contract** or any tort or statutory duty in relation to it is recoverable by **RWE** as a **loss** and is not and is not deemed to be an indirect or consequential **loss** merely because the **loss** is suffered by **RWE group**.

## 47. Notices

- 47.1Any notice given under this **contract** is in **writing** and in each case is delivered personally or sent by recorded delivery to the postal addresses set out in the **order** or otherwise notified.
- 47.2A notice is served at the time of delivery if delivered personally or 3 business days after posting in the case of a postal address in the Netherlands and 5 business days after posting for any other address.

#### 48. Electronic Signature

48.1The **Contractor** and **RWE** agree that electronic signature to the **contract** or changes to it by authorized representatives in accordance with the **contract** is as conclusive of the **Contractor's** and **RWE's** respective intentions to be bound by the **contract** or amendments to it as if signed by hand.

#### 49. Language

- 49.1The language of this **contract** is English and all notices, documents, correspondence and any other information exchanged between the **Contractor** and **RWE** in relation to it is in English unless agreed otherwise by **RWE** in **writing.**
- 49.2The **Contractor** and **RWE** agree that these **GTC** are written in English as a language of convenience only and the English language does not affect the application and/or interpretation of these **GTC** under Dutch law. There is no recourse to English or any other law.

#### 50. Counterparts

- 50.1The **order** may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when executed constitutes a duplicate original. All the counterparts, together with these **GTC** constitute one **contract**.
- 50.2No counterpart is effective until each of the **Contractor** and **RWE** executes and delivers at least one counterpart.

#### 51. Escalation

51.1If a dispute arises out of or in connection with the **contract**, the **Contractor** and **RWE** notify each other and seek to resolve the dispute through negotiations between the **Contractor's** and **RWE's** respective representatives who have the authority to settle it.

## 52. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

- 52.1. Dutch law applies exclusively to this contract and the Contractor and RWE respectively each agree to irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the court in the district of Eastern Brabant in 's-Hertogenbosch as regards any dispute, claim or matter arising under or relating to this contract (including its subject matter, formation and any non-contractual disputes and claims).
- 52.2. Application of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods of 1980 (Vienna Sales Convention, Treaty Series 1981, 184 and 1988, 61) is excluded