

MiniTec UK Limited Terms and Conditions

The Buyer's attention is in particular drawn to the provisions of condition 12.4.

1. Interpretation

1.1 The definitions and rules of interpretation in this condition apply in these conditions.

Buyer: the person, firm or company who purchases the Goods or Services from the Company;

Company: MiniTec UK Limited;

Contract: any contract between the Company and the Buyer for the sale and purchase of the Goods or supply of Services, incorporating these conditions;

Delivery Point: the place where delivery of the Goods is to take place under condition 4;

Event of Insolvency: any of the following events: a) the Buyer has a bankruptcy order made against him or makes an arrangement or composition with his creditors, or otherwise takes the benefit of any statutory provision for the time being in force for the relief of insolvent debtors, or (being a body corporate) convenes a meeting of creditors (whether formal or informal), or enters into liquidation (whether voluntary or compulsory) except a solvent voluntary liquidation for the purpose only of reconstruction or amalgamation, or has a receiver and/or manager, administrator or administrative receiver appointed of its undertaking or any part thereof, or documents are filed with the court for the appointment of an administrator of the Buyer or notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given by the Buyer or its directors or by a qualifying floating charge holder (as defined in paragraph 14 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986), or a resolution is passed or a petition presented to any court for the winding-up of the Buyer or for the granting of an administration order in respect of the Buyer, or any proceedings are commenced relating to the insolvency or possible insolvency of the Buyer; or b) the Buyer suffers or allows any execution, whether legal or equitable, to be levied on his/its property or obtained against him/it, or fails to observe or perform any of his/its obligations under the Contract or any other contract between the Company and the Buyer, or is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or the Buyer ceases to trade; or c) the Buyer encumbers or in anyway charges any of the Goods.

Goods: any goods agreed in the Contract to be supplied to the Buyer by the Company (including any part or parts of them).

Services: any services (such as installation, testing or commissioning of any component or equipment) agreed in the Contract to be supplied to the Buyer by the Company (including any part or parts of such services).

1.2 A reference to a particular law is a reference to it as it is in force for the time being taking account of any amendment, extension, application or re-enactment and includes any subordinate legislation for the time being in force made under it.

1.3 Words in the singular include the plural and in the plural include the singular.

1.4 A reference to one gender includes a reference to the other gender.

1.5 Condition headings do not affect the interpretation of these conditions.

2. Application Of Terms

2.1 Subject to any variation under condition 2.3 the Contract shall be on these conditions to the exclusion of all other terms and conditions (including any terms or conditions which the Buyer purports to apply under any purchase order, confirmation of order, specification or other document).

2.2 No terms or conditions endorsed on, delivered with or contained in the Buyer's purchase order, confirmation of order, specification or other document shall form part of the Contract simply as a result of such document being referred to in the Contract.

2.3 These conditions apply to all the Company's sales and any variation to these conditions and any representations about the Goods or Services shall have no effect unless expressly agreed in writing and signed by an authorised representative of the Company. The Buyer acknowledges that it has not relied on any statement, promise or representation made or given by or on behalf of the Company which is not set out in the Contract. Nothing in this condition shall exclude or limit the Company's liability for fraudulent misrepresentation.

2.4 Each order or acceptance of a quotation for Goods or Services by the Buyer from the Company shall be deemed to be an offer by the Buyer to buy Goods or Services subject to these conditions.

2.5 No order placed by the Buyer shall be deemed to be accepted by the Company until a written acknowledgement of order is issued by the Company or (if earlier) the Company delivers the Goods or Supplies the Services to the Buyer.

2.6 The Buyer shall ensure that the terms of its order and any applicable specification are complete and accurate.

2.7 Quotations where given are without commitment and no contract between the Company and the Buyer shall arise unless and until the Company has accepted the Buyer's order in accordance with clause 2.5. Any quotation is valid for a period of 30 days only from its date, provided that the Company has not previously withdrawn it.

3. Description

3.1 The quantity and description of the Goods or Services shall be as set out in the Company's quotation or acknowledgement of order.

3.2 All samples, drawings, descriptive matter, specifications and advertising issued by the Company and any descriptions or illustrations contained in the Company's catalogues or brochures are issued or published for the sole purpose of giving an approximate idea of the Goods or Services described in them. They shall not form part of the Contract and this is not a sale by sample.

4. Delivery

4.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Company, delivery of the Goods or Services shall take place at the Company's place of business.

4.2 The Buyer shall take delivery of the Goods within 30 days of the Company giving it notice that the Goods are ready for delivery.

4.3 Any dates specified by the Company for delivery of the Goods or Services are intended to be an estimate, are not guaranteed and do not form a term of the Contract. Time for delivery shall not be made of the essence by notice. If no dates are so specified, delivery shall be within a reasonable time.

4.4 Subject to the other provisions of these conditions the Company shall not be liable for any direct, indirect or consequential loss (all three of which terms include, without limitation, pure economic loss, loss of profits, loss of business, depletion of

goodwill, production loss of time charges or any liability to any third parties and similar loss), costs, damages, charges or expenses caused directly or indirectly by any delay in the delivery of the Goods or Services (even if caused by the Company's negligence), nor shall any delay entitle the Buyer to terminate or rescind the Contract unless such delay exceeds 180 days.

4.5 If for any reason the Buyer fails to accept delivery of any of the Goods when they are ready for delivery, or the Company is unable to deliver the Goods on time because the Buyer has not provided appropriate instructions, documents, licences or authorisations:

4.5.1 risk in the Goods shall pass to the Buyer (including for loss or damage caused by the Company's negligence);

4.5.2 the Goods shall be deemed to have been delivered; and

4.5.3 the Company may store the Goods until delivery, whereupon the Buyer shall be liable for all related costs and expenses (including, without limitation, storage and insurance).

4.6 The Buyer shall provide at the Delivery Point and at its expense adequate and appropriate equipment and manual labour for loading the Goods and all necessary access, information, and facilities to provide the relevant Services.

4.7 If the Company delivers to the Buyer a quantity of Goods of up to 30% more or less than the quantity accepted by the Company, the Buyer shall not be entitled to object to or reject the Goods or any of them by reason of the surplus or shortfall and shall pay for such goods at the pro rata Contract rate.

4.8 The Company may deliver the Goods or Services by separate instalments. Each separate instalment shall be invoiced and paid for in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

4.9 Each instalment shall be a separate Contract and no cancellation or termination of any one Contract relating to an instalment shall entitle the Buyer to repudiate or cancel any other Contract or instalment.

4.10 Where agreed by the Company in a Contract, the Company shall undertake the installation of the equipment or material supplied at the Buyer's place of business or the testing or commissioning of a component or equipment or other services subject at all times to the provisions of these Conditions.

5. Non-delivery

5.1 The quantity of any consignment of Goods as recorded by the Company on despatch from the Company's place of business shall be conclusive evidence of the quantity received by the Buyer on delivery unless the Buyer can provide conclusive evidence proving the contrary.

5.2 The Company shall not be liable for any non-delivery of Goods (even if caused by the Company's negligence) unless the Buyer gives written notice to the Company of the non-delivery within 7 days of the date when the Goods would in the ordinary course of events have been received.

5.3 Any liability of the Company for non-delivery of the Goods shall be limited to replacing the Goods within a reasonable time or issuing a credit note at the pro rata Contract rate against any invoice raised for such Goods.

6. Insolvency

The Company, without prejudice to its other rights, may suspend or cancel deliveries of the Goods or cease its manufacture of any Goods or supply of Services or otherwise cease performance of any other Contract if the Buyer suffers or undergoes an Event of Insolvency:

7. Risk/title

7.1 The Goods are at the risk of the Buyer from the time of delivery and the Company will not be liable to the Buyer for any loss or damage to the Goods howsoever occurring after delivery to the Buyer.

7.2 Ownership of the Goods shall not pass to the Buyer until the Company has received in full (in cash or cleared funds) all sums due to it in respect of:

7.2.1 the Goods; and

7.2.2 all other sums which are or which become due to the Company from the Buyer on any account.

7.3 Until ownership of the Goods has passed to the Buyer, the Buyer shall:

7.3.1 hold the Goods on a fiduciary basis as the Company's bailee;

7.3.2 store the Goods (at no cost to the Company) separately from all other goods of the Buyer or any third party in such a way that they remain readily identifiable as the Company's property;

7.3.3 not destroy, deface or obscure any identifying mark or packaging on or relating to the Goods; and

7.3.4 maintain the Goods in satisfactory condition and keep them insured on the Company's behalf for their full price against all risks to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company. On request the Buyer shall produce the policy of insurance to the Company.

7.4 The Buyer may resell the Goods before ownership has passed to it solely on the following conditions:

7.4.1 any sale shall be effected in the ordinary course of the Buyer's business at full market value; and

7.4.2 any such sale shall be a sale of the Company's property on the Buyer's own behalf and the Buyer shall deal as principal when making such a sale.

7.5 The Buyer's right to possession of the Goods shall terminate immediately if the Buyer suffers or undergoes an Event of Insolvency.

7.6 The Company shall be entitled to recover payment for the Goods notwithstanding that ownership of any of the Goods has not passed from the Company.

7.7 The Buyer grants the Company, its agents and employees an irrevocable licence at any time to enter any premises where the Goods are or may be stored in order to inspect them, or, where the Buyer's right to possession has terminated, to recover them.

7.8 Where the Company is unable to determine whether any Goods are the goods in respect of which the Buyer's right to possession has terminated, the Buyer shall be deemed to have sold all goods of the kind sold by the Company to the Buyer in the order in which they were invoiced to the Buyer.

7.9 On termination of the Contract, howsoever caused, the Company's (but not the Buyer's) rights contained in this condition 6 shall remain in effect.

8. Price

8.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the Company in writing, the price for the Goods and the Services shall be the price set out in the Company's price list published on the date of delivery or deemed delivery or as otherwise set out in the Contract.

8.2 The prices are stated ex-works and exclusive of any value added tax and all costs or charges in relation to packaging, loading, unloading, carriage and insurance, all of which amounts the Buyer shall pay in addition when it is due to pay for the Goods and the Services.

8.3 The Company reserves the right to adjust the agreed price prior to despatch of any Goods or performance of any Services by giving the Customer at least 7 days written

	notice of any such increase. If such increase is not acceptable to the Customer, the Customer may, within 3 days of such notice being received or deemed to have been received, terminate the Contract in relation to the affected Goods or Services only with immediate effect by giving written notice to the Supplier.	12.2	All warranties, conditions and other terms implied by statute or common law (save for the conditions implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979) are, to the fullest extent permitted by law, excluded from the Contract.
8.4	The Company reserves the right to charge the Buyer for tests, test certificates, certificates of conformity and for all testing or documentation which is specifically agreed in a Contract.	12.3 12.3.1 12.3.2 12.3.3	Nothing in these conditions excludes or limits the liability of the Company: for death or personal injury caused by the Company's negligence; or under section 2(3), Consumer Protection Act 1987; or for any matter which it would be illegal for the Company to exclude or attempt to exclude its liability; or for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.
9.	Payment	12.3.4	Subject to condition 13.2 and condition 13.3:
9.1	Subject to condition 9.4, payment of the price for the Goods or Services is due in pounds sterling:	12.4 12.4.1	the Company's total liability in contract, tort (including negligence or breach of statutory duty), misrepresentation, restitution or otherwise, arising in connection with the performance or contemplated performance of the Contract shall be limited to the Contract price; and
9.1.1	within 30 days of the date of the invoice or, if specifically agreed with the Buyer, on the last working day of the month following the month in which the Company issues an invoice to the Buyer in each case for approved accounts only.; or	12.4.2	the Company shall not be liable to the Buyer for loss of profit, loss of business, or depletion of goodwill in each case whether direct, indirect or consequential, or any claims for consequential compensation whatsoever (howsoever caused) which arise out of or in connection with the Contract.
9.1.2	for non-approved accounts in advance of delivery of the Goods or Services or, where specifically agreed in advance, in cash at the time of delivery.		
9.2	Time for payment shall be of the essence.		
9.3	No payment shall be deemed to have been received until the Company has received cleared funds.		
9.4	All payments payable to the Company under the Contract shall become due immediately on its termination despite any other provision.	13.	Buyer Indemnity
9.5	The Buyer shall make all payments due under the Contract in full without any deduction whether by way of set-off, counterclaim, discount, abatement or otherwise unless the Buyer has a valid court order requiring an amount equal to such deduction to be paid by the Company to the Buyer.		The Company's liability under this Contract shall be to the Buyer only. The Buyer shall indemnify and hold the Company harmless from and against all actions, claims or demands by third parties, whether in tort or otherwise, howsoever arising directly or indirectly in connection with the use, functioning or otherwise of any Goods or in connection with the performance of any Service, except strictly to the extent that the Company is directly liable to the Buyer in such circumstances (such liability at all times to be subject to conditions 12.3 and 12.4.
9.6	If the Buyer fails to pay the Company any sum due pursuant to the Contract, then without prejudice to any other rights or the Company's remedies:	14.	Assignment
9.6.1	the Buyer shall be liable to pay interest to the Company on such sum from the due date for payment at the annual rate of 4% above the base lending rate from time to time of National Westminster Bank, accruing on a daily basis until payment is made, whether before or after any judgment. The Company reserves the right to claim interest under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998; and	14.1	The Company may assign the Contract or any part of it to any person, firm or company.
9.6.2	the Company shall be entitled to suspend manufacture or delivery of Goods, suspend delivery of any Services or otherwise suspend performance of its obligations under the Contract until all outstanding payments due to the Company are made and the Buyer has provided security (including payment in advance where required) to the Company's satisfaction in relation to any further deliveries of Goods or supply of Services,	14.2	The Buyer shall not be entitled to assign the Contract or any part of it without the prior written consent of the Company.
10.	Cancellation or Variation	15.	Force Majeure
10.1	Cancellation or variation of a Contract or part of a Contract can only be made by mutual consent of the parties in writing. If the Company agrees to such cancellation or variation:		The Company reserves the right to defer the date of delivery or to cancel the Contract or reduce the volume of the Goods ordered by the Buyer (without liability to the Buyer) if it is prevented from or delayed in the carrying on of its business due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Company including, without limitation, acts of God, governmental actions, war or national emergency, acts of terrorism, protests, riot, civil commotion, fire, explosion, flood, epidemic, lock-outs, strikes or other labour disputes (whether or not relating to either party's workforce), or restraints or delays affecting carriers or inability or delay in obtaining supplies of adequate or suitable materials, provided that, if the event in question continues for a continuous period in excess of 30 days, the Buyer shall be entitled to give notice in writing to the Company to terminate the Contract.
10.1.1	the Company reserves the right to levy charges on the Buyer for any loss (including loss of profit) the Company has suffered or will suffer as a result of that cancellation; and		
10.1.2	where the Company allows the Buyer to alter the requirements of the Contract after instructions have been received by the Company the Company reserves the right to amend the delivery time and to revise the price of the relevant Contract, or any other terms and conditions of the Contract as a result of the alteration.	16.	General
11.	Quality	16.1	Each right or remedy of the Company under the Contract is without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Company whether under the Contract or not.
11.1	Where the Company is not the manufacturer of the Goods, the Company shall endeavour to transfer to the Buyer the benefit of any warranty or guarantee given to the Company.	16.2	If any provision of the Contract is found by any court, tribunal or administrative body of competent jurisdiction to be wholly or partly illegal, invalid, void, voidable, unenforceable or unreasonable it shall to the extent of such illegality, invalidity, voidness, voidability, unenforceability or unreasonableness be deemed severable and the remaining provisions of the Contract and the remainder of such provision shall continue in full force and effect.
11.2	The Company warrants that (subject to the other provisions of these conditions) on delivery, and for a period of 12 months from the date of delivery, the Goods shall:	16.3	Failure or delay by the Company in enforcing or partially enforcing any provision of the Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any of its rights under the Contract.
11.2.1	be of satisfactory quality within the meaning of the Sale of Goods Act 1979; and	16.4	Any waiver by the Company of any breach of, or any default under, any provision of the Contract by the Buyer shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default and shall in no way affect the other terms of the Contract.
11.2.2	the Goods shall not be regarded as fit for the Buyer's specific purpose unless the Buyer had made known that purpose to the Company in writing in advance and the Company has confirmed in writing that it is reasonable for the Buyer to rely on the skill and judgement of the Company in this regard.	16.5	The parties to the Contract do not intend that any term of the Contract shall be enforceable by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 by any person that is not a party to it.
11.3	The Company warrants that Services shall be provided using reasonable care and skill.	16.6	This Contract and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law, and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.
11.4	The Company shall not be liable for a breach of any of the warranties in conditions 11.2 or 11.3 unless:	17.	Communications
11.4.1	the Buyer gives prompt written notice of the defect to the Company, and, if the defect is as a result of damage in transit to the carrier, within 7 days of the time when the Buyer discovers or ought to have discovered the defect; and	17.1	All communications between the parties about the Contract shall be in writing and delivered by hand or sent by pre-paid first class post or sent by fax:
11.4.2	the Company is given a reasonable opportunity after receiving the notice of examining such Goods and the Buyer (if asked to do so by the Company) returns such Goods to the Company's place of business at the Buyer's cost for the examination to take place there.	17.1.1	(in case of communications to the Company) to its registered office or such changed address as shall be notified to the Buyer by the Company; or
11.5	The Company shall not be liable for a breach of any of the warranties in condition 11.4 if:	17.1.2	(in the case of the communications to the Buyer) to the registered office of the addressee (if it is a company) or (in any other case) to any address of the Buyer set out in any document which forms part of the Contract or such other address as shall be notified to the Company by the Buyer.
11.5.1	the Buyer makes any further use of such Goods after giving such notice; or	17.2	Communications shall be deemed to have been received:
11.5.2	the defect arises because the Buyer failed to follow the Company's oral or written instructions as to the storage, installation, commissioning, use or maintenance of the Goods or relevant Services or (if there are none) good trade practice; or	17.2.1	if sent by pre-paid first class post, two days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and bank and public holidays) after posting (exclusive of the day of posting); or
11.5.3	the Buyer alters or repairs such Goods without the written consent of the Company.	17.2.2	if delivered by hand, on the day of delivery; or
11.6	Subject to condition 11.3 and condition 11.4, if any of the Goods do not conform with any of the warranties in condition 11.2 the Company shall at its own option repair or replace such Goods (or the defective part) or refund the price of such Goods at the pro rata Contract rate provided that, if the Company so requests, the Buyer shall, at the Buyer's expense, return the Goods or the part of such Goods which is defective to the Company.	17.2.3	if sent by fax on a working day prior to 4.00 pm, at the time of transmission and otherwise on the next working day.
11.7	If the Company complies with condition 11.5 it shall have no further liability for a breach of any of the warranties in condition 11.2 in respect of such Goods.	17.3	Communications addressed to the Company shall be marked for the attention of the Managing Director.
11.8	Any Goods replaced shall belong to the Company and any repaired or replacement Goods shall be guaranteed on these terms for the unexpired portion of the 12 month period.		
12.	Limitation Of Liability		
12.1	Subject to condition 4, condition 5 and condition 12, the following provisions set out the entire financial liability of the Company (including any liability for the acts or omissions of its employees, agents and sub-contractors) to the Buyer in respect of:		
12.1.1	any breach of these conditions, including any deliberate breach of these conditions by a party, or its employees, agents or subcontractors;		
12.1.2	any use made or resale by the Buyer of any of the Goods, or of any product incorporating any of the Goods or of any Services; and		
12.1.3	any representation, statement or tortious act or omission including negligence arising under or in connection with the Contract.		