



PART 4

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

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PART 4A GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

1. CONSTRUCTION OF CONTRACT

- 1.1 A reference to a party to the Contract includes:
- a) in the case of a natural person, that person and his/her personal representatives and assigns (transferees); and
 - b) in the case of a corporation, the corporation, its successors and assigns (transferees).
- 1.2 Where a party is composed of 2 or more persons, each item of agreement by the party binds:
- a) all of those persons collectively; and
 - b) each of them as an individual.
- 1.3 A reference to:
- a) the singular includes the plural, and vice versa;
 - b) a gender includes each other gender;
 - c) a person includes a corporation, a firm, and a voluntary association;
 - d) an Act includes an Act that amends, consolidates or replaces the Act;
 - e) a section or other provision of an Act includes a section or provision that amends, consolidates or replaces the section or provision;
 - f) money is a reference to Australian dollars and cents;
 - g) a time of day is a reference to Australian Eastern Standard Time;
 - h) a document includes, but is not limited to, any drawing, specification, material, record or other means by which information can be stored or reproduced.
- 1.4 Clause headings exist for convenience only and are to be disregarded when interpreting the Contract.
- 1.5 All information delivered as part of the Goods supplied under the Contract must be written in English. Where any document is a translation into English, the translation must be accurate.
- 1.6 Measurements of physical quantity must be in Australian legal units as prescribed under the *National Measurement Act 1960*, or, if Goods are imported, units of measurement as agreed by the Principal.
- 1.7 If a provision of the Contract is void, voidable, illegal or unenforceable, the provision will be deemed deleted from the Contract.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 In the Contract, except where the context otherwise requires:
- 'Act'** means an Act passed by the Commonwealth Parliament or the Queensland Parliament and includes subordinate legislation under an Act.
- 'Authorised Officer'** see Clause 30.1.
- 'Clause'** means a clause of the Contract.
- 'Contract'** means the document which constitutes or evidences or, as the case may be, all the documents which constitute or evidence the final and concluded agreement between the Principal and the Contractor.
- 'Contract Commencement Date'** mean is upon signing of contract documents
- 'Contract Expiry Date'** means 3 (three) years plus possible extension of 1 (One) plus 1 (One) year.
- 'Contract Material'** means New Contract Material and Existing Contract Material.
- 'Contract Price'** means the monetary consideration stated in the Contract for the supply of the Goods to the Principal whether expressed as a lump sum, price per unit, by weight, volume or otherwise.
- 'Contractor'** means the party whose Offer to supply the Goods is accepted by the Principal (by Letter of Acceptance).
- 'Date for Delivery'** means:
- (a) if the Contract or Order specifies a date for delivery, that date; or
 - (b) if the Contract or Order specifies a period of time for delivery, the last day of that period.

'Defective Goods' see Clause 11.1.

'Dispute Notice' see Clause 20.2.

'Existing Contract Material' means any material that exists at the commencement of the Contract and which is provided in connection with the Contract.

'Extension Period' means **The period after the extension date with an optional 1 (One) Year plus 1 (One) year.**

'Force Majeure' means anything outside the control of a party, including but not limited to, acts of God, fire, storm, flood, earthquake, explosion, accident, acts of the public enemy, war, rebellion, insurrection, sabotage, epidemic, quarantine restriction, and acts (including laws, regulations, disapprovals or failures to approve) of any statutory authority.

'General Conditions of Contract' means these General Conditions of Contract.

'Goods' means the goods the subject of the Contract which are more particularly described in the Specification or such of them as shall be described in an Order.

'GST' means the goods and services tax under the GST Act.

'GST Act' means *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* and includes other GST related legislation.

'Intellectual Property Rights' means all copyright, patents and all rights in relation to inventions, trademarks and designs or any rights to registration of such rights, whether created before, on or after the date of the Contract.

'Letter of Acceptance' means a letter from the Principal to the Contractor advising the Contractor of the Principal's acceptance of the Offer.

'Local Government' means a local government for a local government area described by regulation under the *Local Government Act 2009*.

'Moral Rights' means the right of integrity of authorship, the right of attribution of authorship and the right not to have authorship falsely attributed, more particularly as conferred by the *Copyright Act 1968*, and rights of a similar nature anywhere in the world whether existing before commencement of the Term or which may come into existence on or after the date of the Contract.

'New Contract Material' means any material provided in connection with the Contract that is created, written or otherwise brought into existence by or on behalf of the Contractor in the course of performing the Contract.

'Offer' means the written offer (in the form of the Tender Response) submitted to the Principal by the Contractor to provide the Goods and, if applicable, as amended in writing by any post offer negotiations.

'Order' means an order for Goods placed by the Principal with the Contractor under the terms of the Contract and **'Ordered'** has a corresponding meaning.

'Personal Information' has the meaning given in the *Information Privacy Act 2009*.

'Principal' means Goondiwindi Regional Council

'Rejected Goods' see Clause 9.1.

'Request for Quotation' means the Request for Quotation given to prospective tenderers inviting offers to tender for the supply of the Goods of which these General Conditions of Contract form part.

"RTI Act" means the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

'Special Conditions of Contract' means the Special Conditions of Contract included in the Request for Tender.

'Specification' includes any specification included in the Request for Quotation.

'Term' means the period for which the Contract will be in effect as specified in Clause 3, including any period of extension under Clause 3.

3. TERM

- 3.1 The Term of the Contract shall begin on the Contract Commencement Date and expire on the Contract Expiry Date unless:
- terminated earlier in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract; or
 - extended by the Principal for the Extension Period.
- 3.2 The Principal may, in its sole discretion, by written notice (an "Extension Notice") to the Contractor given not less than 1 month prior to the Contract Expiry Date extend the Term by the Extension Period.

4. EVIDENCE OF CONTRACT

- 4.1 The Contract between the Principal and the Contractor is constituted by the following documents:
- Order;
 - Correspondence passing between the Principal and the Contractor clarifying any aspect of the Request for Quotation;
 - Email or letter of acceptance.
- 4.2 Where there arises any inconsistency or ambiguity between provisions in the different documents which constitute the Contract, the order of precedence to resolve the inconsistency or ambiguity shall be from document (a) to (g) in Clause 4.1.

5. SUPPLY OF GOODS BY ORDER

- 5.1 Where an Order is placed with the Contractor, the Contractor must supply Goods:
- in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Order; and
 - that comply with the Specification.
- 5.2 The Contractor must supply all Orders for Goods placed by the Principal during the Term.
- 5.3 Where the Contract is for the supply of Goods by reference to:
- "variable quantities" — the Principal is not required to purchase all or any Goods other than Goods Ordered by the Principal during the Term;
 - "fixed quantities" — the Principal shall purchase the quantity identified in the Order.
- 5.4 The Principal may Order:
- any 1 type or item of the Goods; and
 - Goods in 1 lot or instalments or in such quantities as may be required from time to time.
- 5.5 Where the Contractor receives an Order from a person other than the Authorised Officer the Contractor must:
- not supply the Goods identified in the Order; and
 - refer the Order to the Authorised Officer.
- 5.6 The Contract does not confer on the Contractor an exclusive right to supply the Goods to the Principal.
- 5.7 The Principal may obtain the Goods or any part of the Goods from an alternate supplier at any time during the Term.

6. QUALITY OF GOODS

- 6.1 Unless the Specification states otherwise, all Goods supplied must be in accordance with Australian Standards where such exist. Where an Australian Standard does not exist the relevant ISO Standard shall apply.
- 6.2 All Goods supplied must be in new and unused condition and of recent origin, unless the Specification states otherwise.
- 6.3 If no sample or standard is stated in the Specification, the Goods supplied must be fit for the purpose (if any) stated in the Specification.

- 6.4 Contractor must document its compliance with its obligations under the Contract and use a Quality Assured System to assist in this compliance where relevant. The Contractor is not released or discharged from its obligations under the Contract from use of a Quality Assured System.
- 6.5 If relevant, the Contractor shall allow access to the Contractor's Quality Assured System by the Principal to enable effective monitoring of the Contractor's compliance in the supply of the Goods under the Contract.
- 6.6 Packaging and labelling of all Goods, and in particular Goods of a hazardous or toxic nature, must comply with all relevant laws and the requirements of any relevant statutory authority.

7. DELIVERY OF GOODS

- 7.1 The Contractor must deliver all of the Goods identified in an Order to the location stated in the Contract or the Order, as the case may be.
- 7.2 The Goods must be delivered on or before the Date for Delivery.
- 7.3 Time shall be of the essence in all cases.
- 7.4 Upon it becoming evident to the Contractor that delivery of the Goods is likely to be delayed beyond the Date for Delivery, the Contractor must promptly notify the Principal in writing or via email. Such notification shall not release the Contractor from its obligation to deliver by the Date for Delivery or from any other obligation under the Contract, unless the Principal agrees in writing. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any increase in the Contract Price or damages, costs or expenses in connection with any delay.
- 7.5 The Contractor shall not be entitled to any extension of time for delivery of the Goods except with the prior written consent of the Principal. The Principal may in its sole discretion:
 - a) grant its consent; or
 - b) refuse its consent.
- 7.6 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract, the Contractor must pay all packaging, freight, insurance, and other charges whatsoever, in connection with the delivery of Goods and the return of Goods wrongly supplied and all packaging.
- 7.7 If the Goods or any part of the Goods is a hazardous substance, the Contractor must:
 - a) prepare a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the substance; and
 - b) give a copy of the MSDS to Council when first supplying the substance to Council; and
 - c) otherwise comply with the obligations of the Contractor as a supplier of a hazardous substance in the *Workplace Health and Safety Act 1995*.
- 7.8 In Clause 7.7, "hazardous substance" and "MSDS" have the meaning given in the *Workplace Health and Safety Regulation 2008*.

8. RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE OF GOODS

- 8.1 Delivery and receipt of Goods, shall not of itself constitute acceptance of the Goods by the Principal, with acceptance being subject to the approval of the Authorised Officer.
- 8.2 The Authorised Officer will accept the Goods as soon as practicable and in any event within 7 days after the Authorised Officer is satisfied that they conform with the Contract.
- 8.3 The Principal shall be deemed to have accepted the Goods on the earlier of:
 - a) the date the Authorised Officer gives written notice to the Contractor that the Goods have been accepted; and
 - b) 14 days after the date of receipt of the Goods by the Principal, but only if the Principal retains the Goods and does not give written notice to the Contractor that the Goods have been rejected under Clause 9.
- 8.4 Where it is a term of the Contract that the Goods must be installed or commissioned, the Principal shall not be deemed to have accepted the Goods unless the Goods are satisfactorily installed or commissioned within the period stipulated in the Contract or, if no period is stipulated, within a reasonable period.
- 8.5 The Principal may conduct any examination or testing of the Goods. If the testing shows that the Goods do not comply with the Specification, the Order or the Contract or are otherwise defective, the cost of the testing shall be a debt due and payable by the Contractor to the Principal.
- 8.6 The risk of any damage, deterioration, theft or loss of the Goods after delivery but prior to acceptance shall remain with the Contractor except where the damage, deterioration, theft or loss results from a negligent act or omission of the Principal or any agent or employee of the Principal.

9. REJECTION AND REMOVAL OF GOODS

- 9.1 If Goods are found to be defective or not in accordance with the Specification, the Order or the Contract ("Rejected Goods"), the Principal may reject any or all of the Rejected Goods.
- 9.2 The Authorised Officer must notify the Contractor in writing within a reasonable time of the rejection of the Rejected Goods and may direct that the Rejected Goods be removed and either replaced or rectified by the Contractor at the Contractor's expense within such time as the Authorised Officer, acting reasonably, may direct.
- 9.3 If the Contractor fails to duly and properly remove, replace or rectify the Rejected Goods within the time specified in a direction given under Clause 9.2, the Principal shall be entitled to :
- exercise a lien upon the Rejected Goods to cover all costs, fees and expenses of the Principal; and
 - sell the Rejected Goods; or
 - have the Rejected Goods redelivered at the Contractor's risk and expense to the Contractor's premises, where the Contractor must accept redelivery of the Rejected Goods.
- 9.4 The Principal shall not be responsible for the care or custody of any Rejected Goods.
- 9.5 Where the Contractor fails to deliver Goods by the Date for Delivery, or where Goods are rejected and the Contractor fails to replace the Rejected Goods or deliver Goods conforming with the Contract in accordance with a direction given under Clause 9.2, the Principal:
- shall have the right to purchase from another supplier substitute Goods of the kind and quality ordered; or
 - where it is not possible or practical to purchase from another supplier substitute Goods of the kind and quality Ordered, purchase Goods which, in the opinion of the Principal, are most suitable, even though such Goods may be of a superior kind and quality.
- 9.6 All costs and expenses incurred by the Principal in exercising the rights of the Principal under Clause 9.5 in excess of the Contract Price, shall be a debt due and payable by the Contractor to the Principal.

10. PROPERTY IN THE GOODS

- 10.1 Upon payment for the Goods, property in the Goods shall pass to the Principal.
- 10.2 Payment shall include credit by way of set off.

11. DEFECTIVE GOODS

- 11.1 Where, after acceptance, Goods are subsequently found not to comply with the Specification, the Order or the Contract ("Defective Goods"), the Principal may give written notice to the Contractor of the defect, and require the Contractor to, within a reasonable period:
- remove the Defective Goods from the Principal's premises and, at the Contractor's expense, either replace them with Goods which comply or rectify the Goods so that they comply; or
 - refund the price paid for the Defective Goods and remove the Defective Goods from the Principal's premises.
- 11.2 Upon a refund of the price paid for the Defective Goods, property in the Defective Goods shall revert to the Contractor.
- 11.3 Any expense incurred by the Principal under Clause 11.1 shall be a debt due and payable by the Contractor to the Principal.
- 11.4 The Principal shall not be entitled to exercise any rights under this Clause in respect of any defect or deficiency that ought to have been apparent on reasonable examination of the Goods prior to acceptance.
- 11.5 Where the Defective Goods are not replaced or rectified by the Contractor in accordance with a notice given under Clause 11.1(a), the Principal may exercise the powers contained in Clauses 9.2 to 9.5 inclusive as if the same referred to the Defective Goods under the provisions of this Clause and the provisions of Clauses 9.2 to 9.6 inclusive were set out in this Clause.

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1 The Contractor must have and maintain:
- insurance under the *Workers' Compensation and Rehabilitation Act 2003* to cover workers, eligible persons, self employed contractors, directors, trustees and partners; and

- b) public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$20,000,000.00 in respect of any one occurrence and for an unlimited number of claims; and
 - c) product liability insurance in an amount not less than \$20,000,000.00 in respect of any one occurrence and for an unlimited number of claims; and
 - d) professional indemnity insurance in an amount not less than \$5,000,000.00 in respect of any one occurrence and for an unlimited number of claims.
- 12.2 The Contractor must, upon receipt of a written request at any time from the Principal, produce evidence that the insurances required by this Clause 12 have been effected and maintained.
- 12.3 Each public liability insurance policy must either insure the Principal and the Contractor severally, for their respective entitlements and interests under the Contract, and for this purpose accept that the insured comprises at least the Principal and the Contractor as if a separate insurance policy were issued to each of them (but not so as thereby to increase the sum insured) or be endorsed to note the interest of the Principal under the Contract.
- 12.4 Each public liability insurance policy must contain a cross liability provision waiving the insurer's right of subrogation at least against the Principal save in relation to damage intentionally caused by the Principal.
- 12.5 Each insurance policy must:
- a) limit the insurer's entitlement to avoid the policy to be available only against whichever of the insured has actually breached its obligation of disclosure or an obligation under the policy; and
 - b) cover the Contractor's liability upon the obligations it has assumed and the indemnities it has given in the Contract; and
 - c) contain no exclusions, endorsements or alterations not approved in writing by the Principal (that approval not to be unreasonably withheld); and
 - d) contain an undertaking by the insurer to notify the Principal in writing not later than 30 days before it terminates or materially alters the policy; and
 - e) otherwise contain provisions acceptable to, or required by the Principal (but the Principal may not require unreasonably the inclusion, retention, modification or exclusion of a provision); and
 - f) remain current at all times during the Term.
- 12.6 If the Contractor is obliged to have and maintain professional indemnity insurance, the policy of insurance must cover the Contractor and its servants and agents for liability under the Contract for the amount specified in Clause 12.1. The Contractor must maintain the professional indemnity insurance on terms and conditions no less favourable to the Principal than those approved under this Clause 12, for the Term and, after expiry or termination of the Contract upon request in writing.
- 12.7 If an insurance policy obtained by the Contractor provides for a deductible, the Contractor indemnifies the Principal against any cost attributable to the deductible.
- 12.8 The Contractor must promptly pay all premiums, stamp duty, GST and other money entailed in maintaining any insurance required under this Clause 12.
- 12.9 The Contractor must give the Principal upon request a copy of the relevant policy document and the insurer's receipt for the last premium paid or a certificate of currency with respect to each of the insurance policies the Contractor is required to maintain under this Clause 12.
- 12.10 The Contractor must inform the Principal in writing of any claim or of the occurrence of any event that may give rise to a claim under any policy of insurance effected pursuant to this Clause 12 within 7 days thereof and must ensure that the Principal is kept fully informed of subsequent actions and developments concerning the event or claim.
- 12.11 This Clause 12 shall survive termination or expiration of the Contract.

13. INVOICING

- 13.1 The Contractor must submit invoices to the Authorised Officer on a monthly basis, unless otherwise specified in the Special Conditions of Contract. The Principal will not have any obligation to pay the Contractor for Goods until the Authorised Officer has been given a correctly rendered invoice.
- 13.2 A correctly rendered invoice must:
- a) identify the Goods the subject of the invoice; and
 - b) specify the title of the Contract; and
 - c) specify the Contract number allocated to the Contract by the Principal (or any other number as the Principal may specify in writing to the Contractor for the purposes of the Contract)(if any); and
 - d) specify details of the Order; and
 - e) specify details of the Contract Price requested by the Principal; and
 - f) provide sufficient detail to enable the Authorised Officer to assess progress against targets (if any) set out in the Order or the Specification; and
 - g) specify the Australian Business Number of the Contractor; and
 - h) specify the address for payment of the Contractor; and
 - i) specify the date of delivery of the Goods identified in the invoice; and
 - j) specify the Contractor's invoice number and invoice date; and
 - k) specify the Contract Price payable by the Principal and particulars of any GST payable in respect of the Contract Price; and
 - l) otherwise comply with the requirements of a tax invoice for the purposes of the GST Act.
- 13.3 Upon receipt of an invoice, the Authorised Officer may require the Contractor to provide additional information to assist the Authorised Officer to determine whether or not an amount is payable.

14. PAYMENT

- 14.1 Subject to the Authorised Officer's certification that:
- a) the Goods supplied by the Contractor comply with the relevant Order, the Specification and the Contract; and
 - b) the Goods supplied by the Contractor are complete; and
 - c) the Contractor's invoice is in accordance with the Contract,
- the Principal must pay the amount due to the Contractor within 30 days of receipt of an invoice (or such other period as may be mutually agreed in writing between the parties) or, if additional information is required by the Authorised Officer, within 30 days (or such other period as may be mutually agreed in writing between the parties) after receipt of the additional information.
- 14.2 If the Principal pays an invoiced amount to the Contractor, and it is subsequently found not to have been a correctly rendered invoice, the Principal may deduct any overpaid amount owed to the Principal from the next invoiced payment or, if no other payment is due to the Contractor pursuant to the Contract, recover the amount from the Contractor as a debt due and payable to the Principal.
- 14.3 Payment of money to the Contractor does not constitute an admission by the Principal that Goods have been supplied in accordance with the Contract.
- 14.4 Failure by the Principal to pay the amount payable by the due time will not be grounds to invalidate or avoid the Contract.
- 14.5 The Contractor shall not be entitled to any interest or charge for extending credit or allowing time for the payment of the Contract Price unless otherwise provided in the Contract.
- 14.6 The Principal may deduct from moneys due to the Contractor under the Contract or on any other account, any moneys due from the Contractor to the Principal under the Contract or on any other account, and if those moneys are insufficient, the Principal may have recourse to any security held by the Principal under the Contract. Nothing in this Clause shall affect the right of the Principal to recover from the Contractor any moneys due from the Contractor to the Principal or any balance that remains owing after the deduction of moneys due from the Contractor to the Principal.

15. VARIATION OF ORDER

- 15.1 The Principal may at any time give written notice to the Contractor requiring the Contractor to decrease or omit any part of the Goods to be supplied by the Contractor pursuant to an Order.
- 15.2 After receipt of a notice under Clause 15.1, the Contractor must reduce or cease work in accordance with the notice and immediately take all steps necessary to minimise the loss suffered by the Contractor as a result of the notice.
- 15.3 Where Goods have been decreased or omitted under this Clause, the Principal must pay the Contractor:
- for the Goods supplied as varied by the notice under Clause 15.1; and
 - any reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor which are directly attributable to the reduction in the Goods to be supplied by the Contractor to the Principal pursuant to the Order.

16. VARIATION OF PRICE

- 16.1 On each anniversary of the Contract Commencement Date during the Term the Contract Price shall be adjusted by applying the formula:

$$\text{Contract Price} \times \frac{\text{Index 2}}{\text{Index 1}}$$

For the purposes of this Clause 16:

- “**Index 1**” means the CPI published with respect to the quarter year last expiring before the Contract Commencement Date;
- “**Index 2**” means the CPI published with respect to the quarter year last expiring before the relevant Adjustment Date;
- “**Adjustment Date**” means each anniversary of the Contract Commencement Date during the Term;
- “**CPI**” means the Consumer Price Index (All Groups) Brisbane figure published from time to time by the Australian Bureau of Statistics or, if no Consumer Price Index (All Groups) Brisbane figure is published at the relevant time by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, an index that the Australian Statistician nominates as appropriate (whether by public notice or by specific advice to the Principal or the Contractor).

17. DUTY

- 17.1 The Contractor must pay all duty imposed under the *Duties Act 2001* on the Contract.

18. GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

- 18.1 Words and phrases defined in the GST Act have the same meaning in this Contract unless the context indicates otherwise.
- 18.2 The Contract Price includes the Principal's liability for GST on the supply of the Goods. The Principal is not obliged to pay any additional amount to the Contractor on account of GST on the supply of the Goods.
- 18.3 The Contractor must ensure that all invoices rendered to the Principal under the Contract are in a format that identifies any GST paid, and which permits the Principal to claim an input tax credit. However, this Clause 18.3 does not apply if the supply of the Goods is not a taxable supply.

19. TERMINATION

- 19.1 If the Contractor:
- breaches any Clause of the Contract; or
 - suspends payment of its debts or is unable to pay its debts; or
 - has execution levied on any of the assets of the Contractor and the execution is not satisfied within 28 days; or,
 - enters into an arrangement, reconstruction or compromise with its creditors or any of them; or
 - has a receiver appointed for all or any part of the assets of the Contractor; or

- f) has an application made or order filed for the Contractor's administration, voluntary or compulsory liquidation, winding-up, dissolution or bankruptcy; or
- g) ceases to carry on business,

the Contractor will be in breach of the Contract and the Principal may give to the Contractor a written notice to remedy the breach.

- 19.2 If within 14 days of receiving a notice under Clause 19.1 the Contractor does not remedy the breach, the Principal may immediately terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the Contractor.
- 19.3 In addition, or as an alternative to termination of the Contract in accordance with Clause 19.2, the Principal may, in circumstances which would otherwise entitle the Principal to terminate the Contract in accordance with Clause 19.2:
 - a) let such contracts as the Principal decides are necessary to perform that part of the obligations of the Contractor under the Contract as are yet to be performed or any of them; and
 - b) suspend or cease all payments otherwise due to the Contractor.
- 19.4 This Clause 19 shall survive termination or expiration of the Contract.

20. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 20.1 The parties agree to attempt in good faith to resolve through negotiation any dispute regarding the Contract.
- 20.2 If a dispute arises between the parties regarding the Contract, a party may give written notice of the dispute to the other party (a "Dispute Notice"). A Dispute Notice must adequately identify and provide details of the dispute.
- 20.3 A Dispute Notice must be referred to a panel consisting of a representative of the Contractor who is authorised to settle the dispute and the Authorised Officer.
- 20.4 Within 7 days of the giving of the Dispute Notice, the panel must confer at least once to attempt to resolve the dispute or to agree on resolving the dispute by other means.
- 20.5 If the dispute has not been resolved within 28 days of the giving of the Dispute Notice, the dispute must be referred to arbitration.
- 20.6 Arbitration shall be effected by an arbitrator who shall be nominated by the Authorised Officer. The arbitration must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Commercial Arbitration Act 1990*.
- 20.7 Nothing in this Clause shall prejudice the right of a party to institute proceedings to enforce payment due under the Contract or to seek injunctive or urgent declaratory relief in respect of a dispute under this Clause 20 or any matter arising under the Contract.

21. CLAUSES TO SURVIVE EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION

- 21.1 The following Clauses survive the expiration or termination of the Contract:
 - a) Clause 22 – Intellectual Property Rights; and
 - b) Clause 23 – Release and Indemnity; and
 - c) Clause 25 – Confidentiality; and
 - d) Clause 34 – Right to Information and Disclosure; and
 - e) Clause 35 – Information Privacy.

22. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 22.1 The Contractor warrants that the supply of the Goods by the Contractor to the Principal and the use of the Contract Material by the Principal under the Contract will not infringe the Intellectual Property Rights of any third party.
- 22.2 The Contractor must indemnify the Principal against any claim by a third party in relation to infringement of the Intellectual Property Rights of the third party of or incidental to the supply of the Goods by the Contractor to the Principal under the Contract.
- 22.3 In respect of the supply of the Goods by the Contractor under the Contract, the Contractor must at all times indemnify and keep indemnified the Principal from and against any loss or liability (including reasonable legal costs and expenses) incurred by the Principal arising from any claim, demand, suit, action or proceeding (including a claim for a breach of a person's Intellectual Property Rights) by any person against the Principal

where the loss or liability arose out of, or in connection with, or in respect of, the supply of the Goods by the Contractor under the Contract.

- 22.4 The indemnities in Clause 22.3 will be granted irrespective of whether legal proceedings are instituted and the means, manner or nature of any settlement, compromise or determination. The Principal may recover a payment from the Contractor under this indemnity before it makes the payment in respect of which the indemnity is given.
- 22.5 Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, title to and Intellectual Property Rights in all New Contract Material provided to the Principal, including each and every stage of design and production of it, will upon its creation vest in the Principal.
- 22.6 The Contract does not affect Intellectual Property Rights in Existing Contract Material, but the Contractor grants, and will ensure that relevant third parties grant, to the Principal, a paid up non-exclusive, non-transferable licence:
- a) to use, reproduce, communicate to the public and adapt for its own use; and
 - b) to perform any other act with respect to copyright; and
 - c) to manufacture, sell, hire or otherwise exploit a product or process or to provide a service or to licence a third party to do any of those things in respect of,
- the Existing Contract Material but only as part of the Contract Material (and any further development of that material).
- 22.7 Where specified in the Special Conditions of Contract, right and title to the Intellectual Property Rights in the Contract Material so specified will vest in the Contractor and the Contractor grants to the Principal, a non-exclusive, transferable, irrevocable and paid-up licence to use, reproduce, communicate to the public and adapt the Contract Material on the terms and conditions specified in the Special Conditions of Contract.
- 22.8 Where the Contractor is an individual, the Contractor consents to any acts or omissions of the Principal in the exercise of rights or assignments granted under this Clause that might otherwise constitute an infringement of the Moral Rights of the Contractor.
- 22.9 Without limiting Clause 22.8, the Contractor consents, in relation to the Contract Material:
- a) to being attributed as author of works comprised in the Contract Material in a form and manner acceptable to the Principal; and
 - b) to the specific acts or omissions set out in the Contract.
- 22.10 Prior to an individual commencing work in respect of the Contract Material on behalf of the Contractor, the Contractor must obtain from that individual, in writing, and provide to the Principal, upon request:
- a) all consents, permissions and assignments to enable the Principal to exercise in full, without cost to the Principal and without impediment, the rights granted under this Clause 22; and
 - b) without limiting paragraph (a), a consent to any act or omission (including the specific acts or omissions set out in the Contract) which would otherwise infringe the Moral Rights of that individual. If requested by the Principal, such consent must be in a form specified by the Principal.

23. RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

- 23.1 The Contractor will be liable for loss or damage (including personal injury whether or not resulting in death) suffered by the Principal or any officer, servant or agent of the Principal arising from the unlawful or negligent acts or omissions of the Contractor, its employees, subcontractors or agents, in the course of the supply (or attempted or purported supply) of Goods under the Contract.
- 23.2 The Contractor releases and indemnifies the Principal and all officers, servants and agents of the Principal from and against all actions whatsoever and howsoever arising which may be brought or made against any of them by any person, including the Contractor, arising from:
- a) any wilful or negligent act or omission of the Contractor or any person for whose conduct the Contractor is liable; and
 - b) any unlawful or negligent act or omission of the visitors, invitees or licensees of the Contractor; and
 - c) death, injury, loss or damage suffered by the Contractor, its employees, subcontractors or agents, or any of its visitors, invitees or licensees except where the death, injury, loss or damage is caused by the negligence or other wrongful act or omission of the Principal or any officer, servant or agent of the Principal.
- 23.3 In the event of any claim or action being made or brought against the Principal, the Principal may retain any money due to the Contractor in respect of Goods supplied under the Contract for the purpose of settling or defending the claim or action. If the money retained is not sufficient for the purpose of settling or defending the

claim or action, the balance outstanding in respect of the claim or action may be recovered from the Contractor as a debt due and payable to the Principal.

24. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 24.1 The Contractor warrants that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, at the commencement of the Term, no conflict of interest exists or is likely to arise in the performance of its obligations under the Contract. If, during the Term, a conflict of interest or risk of such conflict arises because of work undertaken for any person other than Principal, the Contractor must promptly give written notice to the Authorised Officer of that conflict of interest or risk of it.
- 24.2 The Contractor must take all reasonable measures to ensure that its employees, agents and subcontractors do not, during the Term, engage in any activity or obtain any interest, which is in conflict with providing the Goods to the Principal. Any such activity must be disclosed in writing to the Authorised Officer immediately.
- 24.3 Where the Authorised Officer receives a notice of conflict of interest under this Clause, the Principal may give the Contractor a written notice to remedy the conflict under Clause 19.1.

25. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 25.1 The Contractor must, and must ensure that its employees, agents and approved subcontractors, keep confidential any information obtained in the course of performing the Contract.
- 25.2 If required by the Special Conditions of Contract, the Contractor's employees, agents and approved subcontractors must deliver to the Principal a confidentiality undertaking in the form required by the Principal.
- 25.3 In the event of a breach of a confidentiality undertaking entered into pursuant to Clause 25.2, the Principal may terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the Contractor.
- 25.4 However, the Contractor may disclose any information:
 - a) which it is legally required or entitled to disclose; or
 - b) to its legal and accounting advisers for the purposes of obtaining advice in relation to the Contract or any matter arising from the Contract.

26. ASSIGNMENT

- 26.1 The Contractor must not assign or subcontract any of the rights or obligations of the Contractor under the Contract (either for the supply of the Goods or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the Principal. Any consent given by the Principal:
 - a) may be conditional; and
 - b) will not relieve the Contractor from any of its liabilities or obligations under the Contract.
- 26.2 The Contractor is liable to the Principal for the acts and omissions of subcontractors and employees and agents of subcontractors as if they were the acts or omissions of the Contractor.

27. NEGATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCY ETC

- 27.1 The Contractor must not represent itself or allow itself to be represented as being an employee or agent of the Principal.
- 27.2 The Contractor will not, by virtue of the Contract, be or become an employee or agent of the Principal.
- 27.3 Nothing in the Contract is to be taken or construed as creating the relationship of a partnership, joint venture or principal and agent, between any of the parties to the Contract.

28. NOTICES

- 28.1 Notices under the Contract may be delivered by pre-paid postage or certified mail, by hand or by facsimile transmission. Notices are deemed given 5 days after deposit in the mail with postage pre-paid or certified, when delivered by hand, or if sent by facsimile transmission, upon completion as evidenced by a facsimile transmission record. Where a notice is given by facsimile the original document must be posted on the same day as the transmission is sent. The addresses for service of notices are:
 - a) for the Principal – **65 Egerton Street, Emerald 4720 Phone no. 1300 242 686**
 - b) for the Contractor – the address for service and facsimile number (if any) of the Contractor specified in the Offer.

28.2 A party may change its address for service of notices by giving written notice to every other party to the Contract.

29. FORCE MAJEURE

29.1 A party will not be entitled to exercise its rights or remedies upon the default of another party to the Contract (whether at common law or pursuant to the Contract) if that default:

- a) is caused by Force Majeure; or
- b) continues for less than 3 days.

29.2 Without limitation, where the event of Force Majeure continues for a period of more than 14 days, the Principal may terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the Contractor.

30. AUTHORISED OFFICER

30.1 The Principal may, by giving written notice to the Contractor, appoint a representative (the "Authorised Officer") who shall be responsible for administering the Contract on behalf of the Principal. The Principal may change the identity of the Authorised Officer from time to time. The Principal must give written notice to the Contractor of any change in the identity of the Authorised Officer from time to time. The appointment of an Authorised Officer does not prevent the Principal from exercising any of its rights under the Contract.

30.2 For the avoidance of doubt, the Principal may appoint more than 1 Authorised Officer. If the Principal appoints more than 1 Authorised Officer:

- a) each Authorised Officer must be responsible for administering a specified part of the Contract on behalf of the Principal; and
- b) the Principal may not appoint more than 1 Authorised Officer to administer a specified part of the Contract; and
- c) the Principal must give written notice to the Contractor detailing which part of the Contract is to be administered by each Authorised Officer.

30.3 The Contractor may appoint a representative who shall be responsible for administering the Contract on behalf of the Contractor by giving written notice to the Principal. The Contractor may change the identity of the Contractor's representative from time to time. The Contractor must give written notice to the Principal of any change in the identity of the Contractor's representative from time to time.

31. WARRANTIES

31.1 The Contractor warrants that at the time of delivery the Goods will:

- a) be free from defects in materials, workmanship and installation; and
- b) comply with all relevant laws and the requirements of any relevant statutory authority; and
- c) be fit for the purpose (if any) stated in the Specification.

32. SECURITY AND ACCESS

32.1 The Contractor must, when using any premises or facilities of the Principal, comply with all reasonable directions and procedures as notified by the Principal or an Authorised Officer, including those relating to security and occupational health and safety which are in effect at the premises or facility.

33. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

33.1 The Contractor must not involve the Principal in any industrial dispute arising between the Contractor and any employee of the Contractor.

34. RIGHT TO INFORMATION AND DISCLOSURE

34.1 The RTI Act provides members of the public with a legally enforceable right to access documents held by Queensland Government agencies (including Local Governments).

34.2 The RTI Act requires that documents be disclosed upon request, unless the documents are exempt, or on balance, disclosure is contrary to the public interest.

- 34.3 Information provided by the Contractor is potentially subject to disclosure to third parties pursuant to the RTI Act.
- 34.4 If disclosure under the RTI Act, or general disclosure of information provided by the Contractor, would be of substantial concern to the Contractor, because it would disclose trade secrets, information of commercial value, the purpose or results of research, or other information of a confidential nature, including Personal Information, this should be indicated by the Contractor. The Principal cannot guarantee that any information provided by the Contractor will be protected from disclosure under the RTI Act.

35. INFORMATION PRIVACY

- 35.1 Where the Contractor or its subcontractors have access to or are responsible for holding Personal Information, the Contractor must:
- a) comply with parts 1 and 3 of chapter 2 of the *Information Privacy Act 2009* as if the Contractor were the Principal; and
 - b) ensure that the Personal Information is protected against loss, unauthorised access, use, modification or disclosure, and against other misuse; and
 - c) not use the Personal Information other than for the purpose of the Contract, unless required or authorised by law; and
 - d) not disclose the Personal Information without the written agreement of the Principal, unless required or authorised by law; and
 - e) not transfer the Personal Information outside Australia without the consent of the Principal; and
 - f) ensure that its personnel do not access, use or disclose the Personal Information other than in the performance of their duties; and
 - g) immediately notify the Principal if it becomes aware that a disclosure of Personal Information is, or may be, required or authorised by law; and
 - h) fully cooperate with the Principal, to enable the Principal to respond to applications for access to, or amendment of, a document containing an individual's Personal Information and to privacy complaints; and
 - i) comply with such other privacy and security requirements as the Principal reasonably advises the Contractor from time to time.
- 35.2 Where the Principal is not reasonably satisfied, on the basis of information provided to it by the Contractor, that proper practices are in place to ensure that the privacy and disclosure of information requirements for Personal Information are being observed and maintained, the Principal may at any time require the Contractor to make its subcontractors aware of its obligations, in accordance with this clause 35 including, when requested by the Principal, requiring any subcontractor to promptly sign a privacy undertaking in a form approved by the Principal.

36. MISCELLANEOUS

- 36.1 The Contractor must comply with all relevant laws and the requirements of any relevant statutory authority in supplying the Goods.
- 36.2 The Contract is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Queensland, and the parties submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts of that State and all Courts competent to hear appeals therefrom.
- 36.3 No agreement or understanding that varies or amends the Contract will bind any party unless and until agreed to in writing by all parties.
- 36.4 None of the conditions of the Contract will be waived or deemed waived, except by notice in writing signed by the party waiving the right.
- 36.5 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all communications, negotiations, arrangements and agreements either oral or written between the parties with respect to the subject matter referred to in the Contract.
- 36.6 The parties to the Contract are independent contractors and nothing in the Contract will appoint the Contractor as an agent or employee of the Principal.

37. USE BY OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

- 37.1 A Local Government other than the Principal (an "Other Local Government") may access the Contract subject to mutual agreement in writing of the Principal, the Contractor and the Other Local Government.

37.2 Responsibility for establishing and managing any contract between the Contractor and the Other Local Government rests with the Other Local Government.

PART 4B SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

38. SUPPLY OF SERVICES

The Contractor agrees to hire Plant to GRC for the term in accordance with this contract.

39. CONTRACT TERM

The contract term shall be from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

40. CONTRACT RATES

The Contractor must hire Plant at the Contract Rates as provided in Schedules A and/or B. The Contract Rates shall be inclusive of all taxes, fuel, insurance, operator's travel and accommodation, plus all other expenses and charges which may be incurred. The Contractor may vary the Contract Rates during the Term of the Contract under the provisions of item 1.4 of the Condition of Expression of Interest.

The Contractor warrants that the Contract Rates are sufficient to ensure the Contractor is able to meet all statutory requirements in respect of the Contractor's operators and employees.

41. PAYMENT OF CONTRACT RATES

GRC agrees to pay the Contract Rates in accordance with these Conditions of Contract.

42. CONTRACTORS OBLIGATIONS

The Contractor must:

- a) **Act with Diligence** – perform the Plant Hire services in accordance with this contract in a diligent and competent manner and with all reasonable skill and care.
- b) **Provide Resources** – provide, manage and maintain sufficient resources including human resources to enable it to fulfil its obligations under this contract.
- c) **Maintain Licences** – procure and maintain all licences requires from all regulatory authorities for the provision by the Contractor of the Plant Hire Services.
- d) **Maintenance** – provide or ensure all Plant is maintained so that it complies with the Plant Requirements detailed in Annexure A at all times.
- e) **Comply with Laws** – comply with any laws applicable to the supply of Plant Hire Services and particularly the Workplace Health and Safety requirements and the Environment Requirements of this contract.

43. DELIVERY

The Contractor must, following receipt of an Order for the hire of plant, deliver the plant in the required condition and, if applicable, with an operator to the site by the time shown on the Order.

44. SUBSTITUTION

When plant is on hire, the Contractor may substitute another plant item if:

- (a) in the opinion of GRC, the plant becomes unserviceable; or
- (b) the plant is sold or disposed of.

The substitution may only be made if:

- (a) GRC is notified in writing and supplied with full details of the replacement plant;
- (b) the substitute plant is at least equivalent to the original plant;
- (c) the substitute plant is included on the Schedule; and
- (d) the same hire rate applies.

Upon substitution and for the duration of the substitution, all the provisions relating to the original plant apply to the substitute plant. GRC will not accept a substitute plant item at the commencement of a hire instead of the plant described on the order.

The Contractor may substitute another Operator but only if GRC is satisfied that the new Operator meets the Operator Competency Requirements detailed in Appendix B.

45. DURATION OF HIRE

- a) The anticipated duration of the Hire for the project is as stated in the Order;
- b) GRC may alter the duration of a Hire initially by verbal notice to the Contractor which will be followed by formal notification;
- c) The minimum hire period for each shift, including weekends, is 3 hours;
- d) GRC may bring a Hire to an end with:
 - i. Three hours' notice where the duration of hire is less than one week;
 - ii. One day's notice where the duration of hire is greater than one week.
- e) The Contractor may not bring a Hire to an end before the time of the expiration of the anticipated period of hire specified by GRC in the Order; and
- f) Where GRC brings a Hire to an end before the expiration of the anticipated period of hire specified in the Order, the Contractor is entitled to transport costs to and from the Site, but is not entitled to any other expenses or damages incurred or suffered as a result of the termination.

46. MANAGEMENT OF NON-PERFORMANCE

GRC may implement procedures to manage the non-performance Contractors, if the Contractor fails to:

- (a) Provide an acceptable standard of performance;
- (b) Unreasonable delays in complying with any direction given by GRC;
- (c) Maintain Plant to the Plant Requirements detailed in Annexure A;
- (d) Provide Operators that meet the Operator Competency Requirements detailed in Appendix A;
- (e) Effect and maintain all the registration, licence and insurance requirements for any plant;
- (f) Make any item of Plant available for inspection when required to do so by GRC;
- (g) Make any operator available for assessment when required to do so by GRC; and
- (h) Adhere to the Workplace Health and Safety Requirements.

If the Contractor fails to comply with the requirements specified by GRC, GRC may in its absolute discretion, remove the relevant Plant or all items of Plant items listed in the EOI from the Hire of Plant Register.

GRC may remove the Contractor's EOI from the Hire of Plant Register at any time if:

- (a) The Contractor has offered Plant to GRC which it does not own, or is not entitled to offer;
- (b) The Contractor becomes bankrupt;
- (c) Action is taken against the Contractor which may result in its winding up;
- (d) A liquidator, receiver, receiver and manager or administrator is appointed to the Contractor.

47. SELECTION OF PLANT

Items of plant will be selected in accordance with the selection criteria specified in clause 1.9.

GRC is not restricted or bound to hire plant from the Plant Hire Register and may, at its absolute discretion, hire from any other party.

48. PLANT TRANSPORT COSTS

- (a) The Contractor will be paid the lump sum cost for transport stated in the Order if the Contractor has arranged for transport to and from the specified Site.
- (b) If GRC provides transport, then the Contractor has no entitlement to payment.
- (c) The Contractor must provide a quote for transport costs upon request by GRC for each hire. The quoted transport costs will be taken into account by GRC in determining the value for money of the hire.
- (d) The quoted transport costs will be recorded on the Order.
- (e) The Contractor is only entitled to the amount quoted for transport costs irrespective of:
 - i. The actual duration of the hire as compared to the anticipated duration stated in the Order; or
 - ii. Any transport provided by the Contractor to move the Plant and/or accessories and attachments on the Site.
- (f) If the Hire is terminated, the Contractor is not entitled to transport costs or costs for the removal of the Plant from the Site.

49. APPROVAL OF SUBCONTRACTORS

- a) The Contractor may only subcontract any part of the work under this contract:
 - i. With the consent of GRC; and
 - ii. On such conditions as GRC may impose in its absolute discretion.
- b) GRC is not liable for refusing consent under this clause.

50. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBCONTRACTORS

- a) The Contractor is responsible for ensuring the suitability of subcontractors for the work proposed to be carried out and that the work performed by the subcontractors meets all the requirements of this contract.
- b) The Contractor is liable to GRC for the acts, omissions, defaults and neglects of all subcontractors which cause loss or damage to GRC or which place the Contractor in breach of this contract.

51. WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY

General Requirements

As a condition of this contract, GRC requires that any Contractor will at all times identify and exercise all necessary precautions, and comply with relevant legislation, for the Workplace Health and Safety (WH&S) of all persons who may be affected by actions of the Contractor.

The Contractor will provide GRC with a copy of its WH&S policies, procedures, or measures implemented for individual workplaces at least ten (10) working days prior to commencing work, or in the event of not having effective policies and procedures, will adopt GRC relevant WH&S policies and procedures.

The Contractor will comply with any reasonable direction given by GRC relating to WH&S and may be required to undertake Council's induction program at the Contractors expense.

Legislative Requirements

The Contractor has an obligation under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* to provide a safe place and a safe system of work so as not to place at risk the Contractor's own employees and well as other workers and the general public at the workplace. The Contractor must comply with all relevant enactments, associated Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011, Standards, Codes of Practices and GRC WH&S policies and procedures which are in any way applicable to this contract, or the performance of the services under this contract.

Responsibilities

The Contractor has an obligation to take all practicable steps to ensure the WH&S of its employees, sub-contractors and their employees and other people (not employees) who may be affected by the Contractor's work practices.

Hazards

The Contractor will:

- (a) Undertake a site hazard identification to systematically identify and assess hazards;
- (b) Establish and maintain a register (or form) of on-site hazards in which the Contractor will record each identified hazards, the date it was identified and the control measures taken to control the hazard; and
- (c) The Contractor will make the register (or form) available to GRC for inspection when requested.

Hazardous Work

Specific indication for hazardous work must be outlined e.g., hot work – using a hot work permit, hazardous substances, confined spaces permit, asbestos, excavation, trenching, height work and working with explosives.

Risk Assessment

The Contractor must prepare and submit risk assessments and relevant control strategies prior to commencement of work under the contract. The completed risk assessment and control strategies will be reviewed and approved by GRC prior to the commencement of work under the contract.

Relevant generic risk assessments and controls will be acceptable.

Training & Supervision

The Contractor must ensure that all workplace staff are competent in the work being undertaken. The Contractor will provide the employees with information and supervision about hazardous work processes or material.

All employees are to have a general induction and the Contractor is to produce records of their construction industry induction ticket. Each person visiting a construction workplace is to receive a site-specific induction and records are to be kept of the induction.

Incident Notification

The Contractor is required to report any serious bodily injuries or dangerous events to the relevant authority within the specified time frame. In addition, the Contractor must promptly notify GRC of any accident, injury, property or environmental damage, which occurs during the carrying out of the contract work.

All lost time incidents are to be immediately notified to GRC. The Contractor must within 3 days of any such incident provide a report giving complete details of the incident, including results of the investigations into the causes, and any recommendations or strategies identified for the preventions in the future.

Non-Compliance

During the performance of work under the contract, GRC may inform the Contractor that it is:

- (a) Not conducting the work in compliance with the WH&S Legislation or relevant policies and procedures; or
- (b) Conducting the work in such a way as to endanger the WH&S of the Contractor's employees, GRC employees or the general public.

In this instance, GRC will direct the Contractor to promptly remedy the breach of WH&S or direct the Contractor to suspend work until such time as the Contractor satisfies GRC that the work will be resumed in a safe manner. QA procedures and forms for non-compliance will apply.

If the Contractor fails to rectify any breaches of WH&S for which work has been suspended, or if the Contractor's performance has involved recurring breaches of WH&S, GRC may notify Workplace Health and Safety Queensland and request that an inspector visit the workplace. GRC may terminate the work forthwith, depending on the severity of the issue.

52. GENERAL

GRC reserves the right to call quotations or tenders for specific works or projects outside the jurisdiction of this contract.