PURCHASE ORDER TERMS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES

These terms and conditions apply to the CONTRACT between COMPANY and CONTRACTOR, which may be in the form of a purchase order or a work statement (the “CONTRACT”). These terms and conditions are binding between COMPANY and CONTRACTOR and supersede and replace any CONTRACTOR terms and conditions or previous contracts for SCOPE. In the event any special terms are agreed between the parties, the special terms will prevail over terms contained in these terms and conditions. Where these terms and conditions are attached to or incorporated in a CONTRACT issued under an existing contract, the terms and conditions of that existing contract will prevail.

PART A

1. DEFINITIONS

Capitalised words and expressions have the following meanings when interpreting the CONTRACT:

ACCEPTANCE: COMPANY accepts SCOPE in writing or is deemed to have accepted SCOPE in the manner specified by the CONTRACT.

AFFILIATE: in reference to a PERSON, any other PERSON that: (a) directly or indirectly controls or is controlled by the first PERSON; or (b) is directly or indirectly controlled by a PERSON that also directly or indirectly controls the first PERSON. A PERSON controls another PERSON if that first PERSON has the power to direct or cause the direction of the management of the other PERSON, whether directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries or otherwise, and whether by ownership of shares or other equity interests, the holding of voting rights or contractual rights, by being the general partner of a limited partnership, or otherwise. Any AFFILIATE of Royal Dutch Shell, plc is an AFFILIATE of COMPANY.

AGENCY PERSONNEL: those CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL who are not direct employees, but are working under the direct control and supervision of CONTRACTOR GROUP.

ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS: the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, the United Kingdom Bribery Act 2010, and all other APPLICABLE LAWS that prohibit tax evasion, money laundering or otherwise dealing in the proceeds of crime or the bribery of, or the providing of unlawful gratuities, facilitation payments, or other benefits to, any GOVERNMENT or any other PERSON.

APPLICABLE DATA PROTECTION LAW: all laws, rules, regulations, governmental requirements, codes as well as international, federal, state, provincial laws applicable to COMPANY when acting as a controller or processor of PERSONAL DATA, in particular REGULATION (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

APPLICABLE LAWS: where applicable to a PERSON, property, or circumstance, and as amended from time to time: (a) statutes (including regulations enacted under those statutes); (b) national, regional, provincial, state, municipal, or local laws; (c) judgments and orders of courts of competent jurisdiction; (d) rules, regulations, and orders issued by AUTHORITIES; and (e) regulatory approvals, permits, licences, approvals, and authorisations.

AUTHORITIES: the government and any county, municipality, local government, or other political subdivision, instrumentality, ministry, or department which has jurisdiction over any part of SCOPE, or any county, municipality, local government or other political subdivision thereof.

BOOKS AND RECORDS: books, accounts, contracts, records, and documentation, in electronic format or otherwise, in respect of the CONTRACT and performance of SCOPE.

COMPANY GROUP: COMPANY and (a) its CO-VENTURERS and JOINT VENTURES; (b) any AFFILIATE of COMPANY, its JOINT VENTURES, or its CO-VENTURERS; and (c) any director, officer, employee, or other individual working under the direct control and supervision of COMPANY, its JOINT VENTURES, or CO-VENTURERS, or the AFFILIATES of COMPANY, its JOINT VENTURES, or CO-VENTURERS. A reference to COMPANY GROUP includes a reference to each of its members severally.

COMPANY PROVIDED ITEMS: items of materials, equipment, services, or facilities, provided by COMPANY to CONTRACTOR to perform SCOPE.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: all technical, commercial, photographic or other information, and all documents and other tangible items that record information, whether on paper, in machine readable format, by sound or video, by way of samples or otherwise, relating to a PERSON’s business, including WORK PRODUCT, PERSONAL DATA and SCOPE provided to that PERSON, business plans, property, way of doing business, business results or prospects, the terms, negotiations, and existence of the CONTRACT, proprietary software, IP RIGHTS, and business records. A reference to COMPANY GROUP’S CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION includes WORK PRODUCT and the terms, negotiations, and existence of the CONTRACT.

CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS: (a) indirect or consequential losses; and (b) loss of production, loss of product, loss of use, and loss of revenue, profit, or anticipated profit, whether direct, indirect, or consequential, and whether or not the losses were foreseeable at the time of entering into the CONTRACT.

CONTRACT PRICE: the total amount payable by COMPANY to CONTRACTOR in accordance with the CONTRACT.

CONTRACTOR EQUIPMENT: any machinery, plant, tools, equipment, goods, materials, supplies, and other items (including all appropriate associated spare parts, storage containers, packing, and securing) owned or contracted for by CONTRACTOR GROUP, provided title has not passed and will not pass to COMPANY under the CONTRACT.

CONTRACTOR GROUP: CONTRACTOR and: (a) its SUBCONTRACTORS, (b) any AFFILIATE of CONTRACTOR or its SUBCONTRACTORS; and (c) any director, officer, employee, other PERSON or AGENCY PERSONNEL employed by or acting for and on behalf of CONTRACTOR, its SUBCONTRACTORS, or the AFFILIATES of CONTRACTOR and its SUBCONTRACTORS. A reference to CONTRACTOR GROUP includes a reference to each of its members severally.

CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL: any individual provided by CONTRACTOR GROUP, whether directly or indirectly, and assigned to work in connection with the performance of SCOPE, whether or not an employee of CONTRACTOR GROUP.
CO-VENTURER: any PERSON who is a party to a joint operating agreement, including a JOINT VENTURE, unitisation agreement, or similar agreement: (a) with COMPANY or any of its AFFILIATES; and (b) which agreement is related to SCOPE performed under the CONTRACT. A reference to CO-VENTURERS includes a reference to each CO-VENTURER severally and to its respective successors and permitted assigns.

FORCE MAJEURE EVENT: the events qualifying as a force majeure event as expressly set out in the CONTRACT.

GOODS: goods, materials, products, and equipment to be supplied by CONTRACTOR under the CONTRACT.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL: (a) any official or employee of any government, or any agency, ministry, or department of a government (at any level); (b) anyone acting in an official capacity for a government regardless of rank or position; (c) any official or employee of a company wholly or partially controlled by a government (e.g. a state-owned oil company), political party, or any official of a political party; (d) any candidate for political office, or any officer or employee of a public international organisation (e.g. the United Nations or the World Bank); and (e) any immediate family member (meaning a spouse, dependent child, or household member) of any of the foregoing.

HSSE STANDARDS: (a) all HSSE policies, manuals, standards, rules, and procedures, as communicated to CONTRACTOR by or on behalf of COMPANY, designed to manage HSSE risks during performance of SCOPE under the CONTRACT; (b) all APPLICABLE LAWS relating to HSSE; and (c) any other rules and procedures (whether issued by COMPANY GROUP or otherwise) in force at a relevant COMPANY GROUP WORKSITE at the time of performance of SCOPE.

INDEMNIFY: release, save, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless.

INDIRECT TAXES: any of the following: (a) value added tax; (b) goods and services tax; or (c) sales tax or similar levy.

INSOLVENCY EVENT: if a PERSON: (a) stops or suspends, or threatens to stop or suspend, payment of all or a material part of its debts, or is unable to pay its debts as they fall due; (b) ceases or threatens to cease to carry on all or a substantial part of its business; (c) begins negotiations for, starts any proceedings concerning, proposes or makes any agreement for the reorganisation, compromise, deferral, or general assignment of, all or substantially all of its debts; (d) makes or proposes an arrangement for the benefit of some or all of its creditors of all or substantially all of its debts; (e) takes any step with a view to the administration, winding up, or bankruptcy of that PERSON; (f) is subject to an event in which all or substantially all of its assets are subject to any steps taken to enforce security over those assets or to levy execution or similar process, including the appointment of a receiver, trustee in bankruptcy, or similar officer; or (g) is subject to any event under the law of any relevant jurisdiction that has an analogous or equivalent effect to any of the INSOLVENCY EVENTS listed above.

IP RIGHTS: all patents, copyright, database rights, design rights, rights in CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, including know-how and trade secrets, inventions, moral rights, trademarks and service marks (all whether registered or not and including all applications for any of them and all equivalent rights in all parts of the world), whenever and however arising for their full term, and including any divisions, re-issues, re-examinations, continuations, continuations-in-part, and renewals.

JOINT VENTURE: any entity: (a) which itself is not an AFFILIATE OF COMPANY; (b) in which an AFFILIATE OF COMPANY has a direct or indirect ownership interest; and (c) the activities of which are related to SCOPE.

LIABILITIES: liabilities for all claims, losses, damages, costs (including legal fees), and expenses.

LIENS: liens, attachments, charges, claims, or other encumbrances against SCOPE or property of COMPANY GROUP.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: amounts agreed in the CONTRACT, that CONTRACTOR must pay to COMPANY if certain events or performance obligations as specified in the CONTRACT are not achieved or not timely achieved.

OTHER CONTRACTOR: any other contractor engaged by COMPANY to perform WORK at the WORKSITE.

OTHER PERMITTED BUYER: (a) JOINT VENTURES; and (b) SHELL CONTRACTORS.

PERSON: a natural person or a legal entity, including any partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, corporation, firm, trust, body corporate, government, governmental body or agency, or unincorporated venture.

PERSONAL DATA: any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual, unless otherwise defined under APPLICABLE LAWS related to the protection of individuals, the processing of such information, and security requirements for and the free movement of such information.

RESTRICTED JURISDICTION: countries or states that are subject to comprehensive trade sanctions or embargoes (as may be amended by the relevant GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES from time to time).

RESTRICTED PARTY: (a) any PERSON targeted by national, regional, or multilateral trade or economic sanctions under APPLICABLE LAWS; (b) any PERSON designated on the United Nations Financial Sanctions Lists, European Union (EU) or EU Member State Consolidated Lists, US Department of the Treasury Office of Foreign Assets Control Lists, US State Department Non-proliferation Sanctions Lists, or US Department of Commerce Denied Persons List, in force from time to time; or (c) any AFFILIATES of such PERSONS; and (d) any PERSON acting on behalf of a PERSON referred to in the foregoing.

SCOPE: the GOODS to be delivered or the SERVICES to be performed, as the case may be, by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR under this CONTRACT, and all other activities and obligations to be performed by or on behalf of CONTRACTOR under this CONTRACT.

SERVICES: services to be supplied by CONTRACTOR under the CONTRACT, including the results of those services.

SHELL CONTRACTOR: a PERSON acting as a contractor of an AFFILIATE of Royal Dutch Shell plc.

SOFTWARE: any software forming part of SCOPE or necessary for the intended use of SCOPE, including, as applicable, the database and all machine codes, binaries, object codes or source codes, whether in a machine or human readable form, and all improvements, modifications, and updates, flow charts, logic diagrams, passwords, and output tapes, and any future updates, releases, and generally available associated software items, together with the licence to use them or ownership rights in them.

STANDARDS OF PRACTICE: with reference to SCOPE and the performance of SCOPE, the sound standards, methods, skill, care, techniques, principles, and practices that are recognised and generally accepted in the international oil, gas, and petrochemical industry.

SUBCONTRACT: any contract between CONTRACTOR and a SUBCONTRACTOR or between a SUBCONTRACTOR and another SUBCONTRACTOR of any tier for the performance of any part of SCOPE, including any call off under framework agreements of
COMPANY or an AFFILIATE of COMPANY and supply agreements for materials.

SUBCONTRACTOR: any party to a SUBCONTRACT, other than COMPANY and CONTRACTOR, including any employers of AGENCY PERSONNEL (except as explicitly provided otherwise).

TAXES: all taxes, duties, levies, import, export, customs, stamp or excise duties (including clearing and brokerage charges), charges, surcharges, withholdings, deductions, or contributions that are imposed or assessed by any competent authority of the country where SCOPE is performed or any other country in accordance with APPLICABLE LAWS.

TRADE CONTROL LAWS: all APPLICABLE LAWS concerning the import, export, or re-export of goods, software, or technology, or their direct product, including: (a) applicable customs regulations, Council Regulation (EC) No. 428/2009; (b) any sanction regulations issued by the Council of the European Union; (c) the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (“ITAR”); (d) the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR”); and (e) the regulations and orders issued or administered by the US Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control in relation to export control, anti-boycott, and trade sanctions matters.

VARIATION: a modification or alteration of, addition to, or deletion of, all or part of SCOPE.

VARIATION ASSESSMENT: a proposal prepared by CONTRACTOR in respect of a VARIATION in which it provides full detail of the following: (a) the impact of the proposed VARIATION on SCOPE; (b) a detailed schedule for the performance of adjusted SCOPE; (c) the effect on the CONTRACT PRICE (if any), determined in accordance with the CONTRACT; and (d) any other information COMPANY concludes is necessary for its evaluation.

VARIATION ORDER: a written order for a VARIATION authorised by COMPANY.

WORK PRODUCT: any and all information, reports, data, drawings, computer programs, source and object codes, program documentation, spread sheets, presentations, analyses, results, conclusions, findings, solutions, calculations, studies, concepts, codes, manuals, inventions, business models, designs, prototypes, magnetic data, flow charts, recommendations, working notes, specifications or other information, documents, or materials, which arise out of or are made, created, or generated for COMPANY, as a part of SCOPE, or which are made, created, or generated from or using COMPANY GROUP’s CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION or COMPANY GROUP’s IP RIGHTS.

WORKSITE: lands, waters, and other places on, under, in, or through which SCOPE or activities in connection with SCOPE are to be performed, including manufacturing, fabrication, or storage facilities, offshore installations, floating construction equipment, vessels, offices, workshops, camps, or messing facilities. WORKSITE does not include any lands, waters, or other places used during transportation to and from WORKSITES.

2. REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO SCOPE
   (a) This CONTRACT is non-exclusive and carries no requirement for COMPANY to place any orders or purchase any minimum quantities. COMPANY may acquire same or similar SCOPE from other suppliers.
   (b) Time is of the essence for the performance of SCOPE.
   (c) Any information supplied by COMPANY is the property of COMPANY and will not be used by CONTRACTOR for any purpose other than for performance of the CONTRACT.

3. REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO GOODS
   (a) CONTRACTOR guarantees that GOODS supplied in connection with the performance of SCOPE will be: (i) without fault, defect, or deficiency; (ii) new on delivery, unless otherwise specified in the CONTRACT; (iii) fit for use for any purpose specified in the CONTRACT; and (iv) in strict conformance with the CONTRACT and any specification, drawing, or other description supplied by COMPANY to CONTRACTOR and agreed to as part of the CONTRACT.
   (b) Unless a different period is specified in the SCOPE DESCRIPTION, CONTRACTOR’s warranty for GOODS applies to all defects arising within 12 months of COMPANY’s ACCEPTANCE of GOODS.
   (c) Following ACCEPTANCE by COMPANY of the GOODS, the warranties set out in this Article are in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied by statute, common law, custom, usage, or otherwise.
   (d) CONTRACTOR retains risk of loss of and damage to the GOODS until delivery is complete in accordance with the INCOTERMS in any case where INCOTERMS are specified, otherwise when COMPANY takes physical possession of the GOODS.
   (e) Title to the GOODS will pass to COMPANY at the earlier of: (i) risk of loss of and damage to the GOODS passing to COMPANY; or (ii) as COMPANY makes payment for the GOODS.
   (f) CONTRACTOR will pack the GOODS so that they may be transported and unloaded safely. CONTRACTOR represents that, on delivery, the GOODS will have been accurately described, classified, marked, and labelled, in accordance with the CONTRACT, all APPLICABLE LAWS, and STANDARDS OF PRACTICE.

4. REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO SERVICES
   4.1. SERVICES Warranties
      (a) CONTRACTOR warrants that all SERVICES supplied in connection with the performance of SCOPE will be: (i) performed in accordance with the CONTRACT; (ii) fit for use for any purpose specified in the CONTRACT; and (iii) free from any defect or deficiency.
      (b) Unless a different period is specified in the SCOPE description, CONTRACTOR’s warranty for SERVICES applies to all defects arising within 12 months of COMPANY’s ACCEPTANCE of the SERVICES.
      (c) Following ACCEPTANCE by COMPANY of the SERVICES, the warranties set out in this Article are in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied by statute, common law, custom, usage, or otherwise.
      (d) CONTRACTOR will supply SERVICES diligently, efficiently, and carefully, in a good and professional manner, and in accordance with the CONTRACT and all STANDARDS OF PRACTICE. CONTRACTOR will furnish all skills, labour, supervision, equipment, goods, materials, supplies, transport, and storage required for SERVICES.

4.2. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL in Connection with SERVICES
Where required by COMPANY, CONTRACTOR will perform at its own expense security background checks and obtain entry credentials for CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL on COMPANY GROUP WORKSITES.

5. COMPENSATION, PAYMENT, AND INVOICING
   (a) COMPANY agrees to pay the CONTRACT PRICE to CONTRACTOR in the currency specified in the Schedule of Prices, and at the times and in the manner specified in this Article. The CONTRACT PRICE is all-inclusive except for value added tax or sales tax.
   (b) CONTRACTOR will invoice only after ACCEPTANCE of SCOPE, except as otherwise provided in the CONTRACT.
   (c) COMPANY will pay CONTRACTOR any undisputed amount within the time period specified in the CONTRACT after receipt of a correct and adequately supported invoice. An invoice is considered unsupported when COMPANY cannot reasonably
verify the legitimacy or accuracy of the invoice using the information provided by CONTRACTOR or if supporting documentation is missing.

(d) Payment of an invoice is not: (i) by itself an accord and satisfaction, or otherwise a limitation of the rights of the parties in connection with the matter; or (ii) evidence SCOPE was performed in accordance with the CONTRACT.

(e) If COMPANY disputes an invoice, COMPANY may withhold payment of any disputed part of an invoice and pay only the undisputed part. COMPANY may, on notice to CONTRACTOR, set off any liabilities between CONTRACTOR and COMPANY arising out of the CONTRACT or any other agreement. Any exercise by COMPANY of its rights under this provision will be without prejudice to any other rights or remedies available to COMPANY.

6. QUALITY ASSURANCE

CONTRACTOR must have quality assurance programs in place adequate to support its performance of SCOPE.

7. ACCESS TO COMPANY SYSTEMS, INFORMATION, OR INFRASTRUCTURE

In the event that performance of SCOPE requires CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL to access COMPANY GROUP’s technical information, information technology, or resources (including COMPANY’s infrastructure), CONTRACTOR will sign and comply with COMPANY’s standard terms and conditions for access and security, unless other terms applicable to the CONTRACT were agreed on by the parties in writing.

8. VARIATIONS

COMPANY may request, or CONTRACTOR may initiate, a VARIATION ASSESSMENT for reasons of emergency, safety, or other reasonable necessity. CONTRACTOR is not entitled to a VARIATION for matters that were included in SCOPE, or matters that CONTRACTOR agreed to perform or take into account in connection with the CONTRACT. COMPANY may reject or accept the VARIATION ASSESSMENT by issuing a VARIATION ORDER.

9. INSPECTIONS, TESTING, AND ACCEPTANCE OF SCOPE

(a) To confirm SCOPE complies with the CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR will perform all tests and inspections required by the CONTRACT, APPLICABLE LAWS and, unless otherwise specified in the CONTRACT, STANDARDS OF PRACTICE.

(b) CONTRACTOR will request ACCEPTANCE from COMPANY: i) of GOODS by completion of delivery; or ii) of SERVICES by writing on completion of SCOPE. Other than to start the period for any warranty of limited duration, ACCEPTANCE does not limit or waive any remedies.

10. REMEDIAL ACTIONS

If defects in SCOPE are discovered, CONTRACTOR will provide a plan to remedy the defects and will remedy the defects in an expeditious manner. Without prejudice to other remedies it may have, COMPAN may perform or have others perform some or all of the remedial actions, and CONTRACTOR will pay or promptly reimburse COMPANY for all costs CONTRACTOR would have been liable for under the CONTRACT where: (i) emergency situations or other HSSE risks require the immediate performance of remedial actions; (ii) CONTRACTOR presents a plan which does not provide for expeditious completion of warranty work; or (iii) CONTRACTOR does not timely complete the actions according to the agreed schedule.

CONTRACTOR’s warranties against defects are assignable, and CONTRACTOR will assign to COMPANY all manufacturers’ warranties or will pursue for COMPANY or its assignee all warranties that cannot be assigned.

PART B

1. PERFORMANCE

(a) CONTRACTOR will participate in business performance reviews to discuss HSSE performance, CONTRACTOR’S financial condition and other key performance indicators (KPIs).

(b) The frequency of business performance reviews will be established by the SCOPE description or alternatively, by COMPANY’S representative.

2. TAXES

2.1 CONTRACTOR TAXES

(a) COMPANY is not liable for any of CONTRACTOR’s income taxes; any withholding taxes imposed on gross amounts; any franchise tax measured by capital, capital stock, net worth, gross margin, gross receipt, or gross profit; any minimum or alternative minimum tax; or any TAXES imposed by law on CONTRACTOR that are prohibited by law from being passed on to COMPANY. COMPANY is not liable to CONTRACTOR for any employment related TAX, fee, or charge. COMPANY is not liable for any of CONTRACTOR’s inventory based taxes, ad valorem taxes, or property taxes.

(b) COMPANY is responsible for filing returns and paying inventory-based taxes, ad valorem taxes, and property taxes on property or inventory that it owned on the assessment date.

2.2 INDIRECT TAXES

COMPANY will pay all federal, state, and local TAXES or other TAXES that are imposed on transactions governed by the CONTRACT. For purposes of this Article, “TAXES” includes the following US taxes: federal, state, and local excise taxes, sales and transaction taxes, gross receipts taxes, utility taxes, environmental taxes and fees, or any other taxes that CONTRACTOR may be required to collect or pay on the transactions governed by the CONTRACT, except any taxes imposed on CONTRACTOR that by APPLICABLE LAW cannot be passed on to COMPANY.

2.3 Customs Responsibilities

If the CONTRACT involves GOODS imported into the customs territory of the United States, the party acting as the importer of record for US Customs purposes is responsible for filing the clearance declaration and is liable for paying any applicable import related fees or TAXES, such as customs duties, harbor maintenance fees, merchandise processing fees, and oil spill fees. CONTRACTOR will provide the importer of record with all documentation necessary to support the customs declaration. If the CONTRACT involves GOODS for which US import duty drawback can be claimed, the parties may separately negotiate the sharing of the drawback refund.

2.4 Local (USA) Requirements

CONTRACTOR will provide to COMPANY a properly completed I.R.S. Form W-8 or I.R.S. Form W-9, as appropriate, to enable COMPANY to determine if US income tax withholding is required. If U.S. withholding applies, COMPANY will withhold amounts on its payments to CONTRACTOR as required under US law, unless CONTRACTOR provides COMPANY with the appropriate documentation to mitigate the TAX.

2.5 Requirements Pertaining to Intangible Drilling Costs

COMPANY may be able to claim the Intangible Drilling Cost deduction under Section 263(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for SCOPE purchased under the CONTRACT. Accordingly, to substantiate those claims, it is necessary for CONTRACTOR to invoice the prices to be paid by COMPANY separated into “Material” and “Non-Material” costs, with CONTRACTOR’S profit and overhead allocated to each category as appropriate. (i) "Non-Material” costs are those costs covering intangible items that would have no salvage value at the end of the life of a project, such as design
engineering, fabrication labour, and materials and equipment handling, testing, and inspection of materials through incorporation into SCOPE, CONTRACTOR’s installation labour, transportation costs for materials used in fabrication, and the completed item. (ii) “Material” costs are those costs for tangible items that ultimately have a salvage value at the end of the life of a project. This category does not include items that are consumed in the delivery of the SERVICES (e.g. welding supplies used in welding). For example, material costs would typically include the value of steel plate used in the fabrication process as well as hardware, valves, pipe, fittings, motors, etc. purchased by CONTRACTOR for incorporation into SCOPE.

2.6 Withholding
(a) If CONTRACTOR is required to collect TAXES on a transaction governed by this CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR will invoice that TAX as a separate line item on the invoice.
(b) CONTRACTOR will not collect any TAXES for which COMPANY furnishes to CONTRACTOR, in a timely manner, a valid and properly completed exemption certificate or valid licence for which CONTRACTOR may claim an available exemption from TAXES. COMPANY will be responsible for any TAXES, interest, and penalties if the exemption certificate, licence, or other form of proof of exemption is disallowed by the proper tax authority. If a refund opportunity arises with respect to any TAXES paid by CONTRACTOR as a result of the transactions governed by the CONTRACT, both parties will cooperate to pursue the refund to pay to the party that incurred the TAX burden.
(c) If CONTRACTOR holds a valid exemption certificate, it will provide copies or further information to substantiate an entitlement to avoid the withholding, which COMPANY may then rely on to apply the exemption.

3. LIENS
CONTRACTOR warrants good and clear title to SCOPE supplied. CONTRACTOR will not permit CONTRACTOR GROUP to place any LIENS or claim any LIENS. CONTRACTOR will immediately notify COMPANY and promptly remove any LIINES by CONTRACTOR GROUP.

4. SUSPENSION
(a) COMPANY may suspend the CONTRACT or part of SCOPE for cause by written notice with immediate effect pending COMPANY’s decision on termination where COMPANY concludes it has grounds to terminate the CONTRACT for cause. Where suspending for cause, CONTRACTOR will not be entitled to any VARIATION or other compensation.
(b) COMPANY may suspend the CONTRACT or part of SCOPE for convenience at its own discretion with seven days’ prior written notice. CONTRACTOR may seek a VARIATION if actions required by suspension impact the schedule or timing of SCOPE.
(c) COMPANY may at any time withdraw by written notice all or part of a suspension and CONTRACTOR will resume performance.

5. TERMINATION
5.1. Termination by COMPANY for cause
(a) COMPANY may terminate the CONTRACT or part of SCOPE for cause by written notice with immediate effect if: (i) in connection with the performance of the CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR GROUP breaches its own Business Principles, or if it has no equivalent principles, then Shell’s Business Principles; (ii) CONTRACTOR GROUP violates ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS, applicable competition laws, TRADE CONTROL LAWS, other APPLICABLE LAWS, or HSSE STANDARDS or causes COMPANY to be in violation of those laws or HSSE STANDARDS; (iii) CONTRACTOR GROUP becomes a RESTRICTED PARTY; or (iv) CONTRACTOR is subject to an INSOLVENCY EVENT.
(b) COMPANY may terminate the CONTRACT or part of SCOPE for cause where COMPANY determines CONTRACTOR materially breached a term or condition of the CONTRACT other than those set out in the preceding paragraph. COMPANY will first provide written notice which may require CONTRACTOR to remedy the breach, or COMPANY may terminate the CONTRACT if COMPANY determines the breach is not capable of timely remedied, or it is not subsequently remedied.

5.2 Termination by COMPANY for convenience
COMPANY may terminate the CONTRACT or part of SCOPE for convenience at its own discretion with 30 days’ prior written notice.

5.3. Termination by CONTRACTOR for cause
(a) CONTRACTOR may terminate the CONTRACT if COMPANY fails to pay an undisputed amount to CONTRACTOR that is properly presented, due, and payable for more than 60 days and exceeds 5% of the CONTRACT PRICE, assuming complete performance of the CONTRACT, subject to: (i) CONTRACTOR giving COMPANY with prior written notice specifying the unpaid amount which is due and payable for more than 60 days and requiring it to be paid within a further period of 45 days of such notice; and (ii) COMPANY failure to cure or provide proper grounds for non-payment during the notice period.
(b) CONTRACTOR'S termination rights do not apply to non-payment in the case of COMPANY’S valid exercise of set off rights.

5.4. CONTRACTOR Obligations on Termination
On any termination, CONTRACTOR will promptly cease performance, give access to SCOPE in progress, avoid unreasonable interference with others, and take reasonable steps to allow COMPANY to complete SCOPE, including turning over all documentation for SCOPE and SOFTWARE which was to be supplied in connection with the CONTRACT.

5.5. Compensation in the Event of Termination
(a) If COMPANY terminates the CONTRACT or part of SCOPE for cause, COMPANY will determine and pay (subject to valid set offs) the amounts owed to CONTRACTOR for SCOPE properly performed in accordance with the CONTRACT prior to termination.
(b) If COMPANY terminates the whole of the CONTRACT “for convenience” or CONTRACTOR validly terminates for non-payment, COMPANY will also pay reasonable, unavoidable, and auditable demobilisation costs that COMPANY has specifically agreed elsewhere in the CONTRACT to pay on termination for convenience by COMPANY.

5.6. Exclusive Reasons for Termination
The parties waive any right to terminate, rescind, or otherwise end the CONTRACT, on grounds other than those set out in the CONTRACT.

6. LIQUIDATED DAMAGES
Any LIQUIDATED DAMAGES set out in the CONTRACT are genuine pre-estimates of the losses that may be sustained by failure of performance. COMPANY may claim demonstrated general damages in any case where LIQUIDATED DAMAGES are unenforceable.

7. LIABILITIES AND INDEMNITIES
(a) Liability for loss of and damage to property and for personal injury, death, or disease to any PERSON, arising in connection with the CONTRACT, will be determined in accordance with APPLICABLE LAW.
(b) Neither party will be liable to the other for that other party’s own CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS, regardless of negligence or other fault.
(c) Neither party excludes or limits its LIABILITIES to the extent they may not be excluded under APPLICABLE LAW.
(d) Solely for purposes of any workers’ compensation law that might be applicable to CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL involved in performance of the CONTRACT, COMPANY is considered the “statutory employer” of those CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL, as that term is defined under the appropriate workers’ compensation law or case law interpreting it in cases where activities related to the CONTRACT make it applicable. Nothing in this sub-article negates any other provision of the CONTRACT that addresses the independent contractor status of CONTRACTOR or CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL, nor does this sub-article mean that any member of COMPANY GROUP is the employer of any CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

8. INSURANCE

Prior to commencement of performance, CONTRACTOR will arrange any insurance required by APPLICABLE LAW, and maintain that insurance in effect throughout the duration of the CONTRACT. Satisfaction of the obligation to procure insurance and perform other actions in connection with this Article will not relieve CONTRACTOR of any other obligations or LIABILITIES.

9. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, BUSINESS PRINCIPLES, AND HSSE STANDARDS

9.1. APPLICABLE LAWS

(a) CONTRACTOR will comply with APPLICABLE LAWS in the performance of the CONTRACT and will notify COMPANY of any material breaches.

(b) CONTRACTOR and COMPANY will comply with the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) Hazard Communication Standard (“HCS”) - 29 CFR 1910.1200 (and any state OSHA Standard) in connection with the supply or use of hazardous chemicals, as applicable. Material Safety Data Sheets (“MSDS” or now called “Safety Data Sheets” or “SDS”) provided in connection with those requirements will be current, in English, and otherwise meet the requirements of the HCS. Where supplying a chemical substance, CONTRACTOR will provide only chemical substances listed in the Toxic Substances Control Act Chemical Substance Inventory (“TSCA Inventory”), which is maintained by the US Environmental Protection Agency. CONTRACTOR will verify each chemical’s inclusion on the TSCA Inventory by sending COMPANY a letter or an MSDS that expressly verifies the chemical’s TSCA Inventory Listing. If CONTRACTOR becomes aware of a chemical substance that has been supplied which is not on the TSCA Inventory, CONTRACTOR will immediately notify COMPANY in writing.

(c) This CONTRACT may involve the performance of SCOPE for agencies of the government of the United States, or contracts for supply which are funded in part or in whole by US government agencies, therefore: (i) In all cases where applicable, CONTRACTOR GROUP will abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-1.4(a), 60-300.5(a), and 60-741.5(a). Those regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, colour, religion, sex, or national origin. Moreover, those regulations require that, where applicable, members of CONTRACTOR GROUP take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, colour, religion, sex, national origin, protected veteran status, or disability; (ii) In all cases where applicable, CONTRACTOR GROUP will comply with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, Executive Order 13627 Strengthening Protections Against Trafficking in Persons in Federal Contracts, Federal Acquisition Regulation; Ending Trafficking in Persons and any other applicable law or regulation establishing restrictions on trafficking in persons, the procurement of commercial sex acts, or the use of forced labour; and (iii) Where applicable, CONTRACTOR confirms that it is and will remain in compliance with all ethics rules for US government contractors, and executive orders, laws, and regulations pertaining to US government contractors. CONTRACTOR will notify COMPANY if a member of CONTRACTOR GROUP is a former employee of a federal agency who is prohibited from receiving compensation under 41 U.S.C. § 2104.

(d) In connection with its policies against use or possession of illegal or unauthorised drugs or controlled substances, intoxicating beverages, or weapons of any type, including firearms on its premises, CONTRACTOR agrees that entry onto COMPANY GROUP WORKSITES constitutes consent to and recognition of the right of COMPANY GROUP and its authorised representatives to search the person, vehicle, and other property of individuals while on those premises. CONTRACTOR must have in place at its own expense a substance abuse policy meeting applicable STANDARDS OF PRACTICE if all or part of the performance of SCOPE on COMPANY GROUP WORKSITES or in transportation of its products or materials: (i) requires exercise of independent action and results in direct and immediate irreversible effects; and (ii) creates substantial risk of serious physical injury to fellow employees or the general public, or significant environmental damage.

(e) 33 CFR Parts 101-106, Maritime Security, 6 CFR Part 27, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (“CFATS”), 49 CFR Part 1520 (Protection of Sensitive Information), other APPLICABLE LAWS, or COMPANY GROUP requirements may apply to certain COMPANY GROUP facilities or operations. Where applicable because CONTRACTOR will perform at least part of SCOPE at COMPANY GROUP WORKSITES, or will handle COMPANY GROUP’s products or materials, CONTRACTOR will become informed of and comply, at its own expense, with these and similar requirements for (i) security; (ii) handling of sensitive security information; (iii) screening of individuals through the Department of Homeland Security database and other databases; (iv) advance provision for entry credentials; (v) security compliance training; (vi) conduct of required CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL pre-assignment background investigations; and (vii) related matters.

(f) Where CONTRACTOR is providing SCOPE to Shell Upstream operations, CONTRACTOR is required to be familiar with and comply with applicable guidelines, policies, and procedures which are located at www.shellcontractor.com. This includes policies for health and safety, as well as requirements regarding use of COMPANY contracted aircraft and marine vessels, and compliance with COMPANY’s land transportation programs for deliveries to and from its sites.

(g) Prior to commencement of any drilling or production services on the Outer Continental Shelf, COMPANY will provide and CONTRACTOR must execute a written Safety and Environmental Management Systems Contract Interface Document (“SEMS CID”) confirming the development, implementation, and maintenance of a safety and environmental management system program satisfactory to COMPANY in compliance with 30 CFR 250 Subpart S. The SEMS CID will document how policies and procedures interface where COMPANY and CONTRACTOR have compatible but independent SEMS program elements. COMPANY may decide to identify and confirm previously established programs in place between COMPANY and CONTRACTOR or their AFFILIATES.

CONTRACTOR is responsible for adhering to all COMPANY HSSE STANDARDS, including compliance with the applicable guidelines, policies, and procedures which are located in the SEMS CID. By entering into this CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR acknowledges that COMPANY and CONTRACTOR have
identified or prepared a SEMS CID which will be applicable to SCOPE, and CONTRACTOR has a copy on file and in its possession. The applicable SEMS CID may also be located at http://cid.4sems.com.

(h) Where permitted by APPLICABLE LAW, CONTRACTOR will establish a fitness to work program acceptable to COMPANY for CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL performing job tasks identified by COMPANY as included in those requirements. Identified job tasks include remote location work, jobs requiring respiratory protection, and job descriptions identified at www.shellcontractor.com or by CONTRACTOR’s contract representative or business focal point. Compliance with requirements will be at CONTRACTOR’s expense, including any medical assessments, if necessary, and any costs to reassign workers or provide for appeal processes.

(i) CONTRACTOR will at its own cost reasonably cooperate with COMPANY’s efforts to minimise tariffs and duties owed for imports from countries with “Free Trade” agreements (“FTA”) with the US (listed at http://www.usit.gov/fta-agreements/free-trade-agreements). In those cases, for each item purchased under this CONTRACT, CONTRACTOR will provide COMPANY with one of the following documents: (i) Certificate of Origin (“Certificate”); (ii) a Letter of Origin (“Letter”); or (iii) a letter stating the reasons why the products do not qualify for free trade treatment under the FTA, the country of origin of the products, and the Harmonised Tariff Schedule number (“Non-FTA Letter”). Each document CONTRACTOR sends to COMPANY must be complete and correctly filled out in accordance with US law and customs regulations. CONTRACTOR will send the Certificate, Letter, or Non-FTA Letter to COMPANY prior to the first shipment of products. For each following year, CONTRACTOR will send to COMPANY a Certificate, Letter, or Non-FTA Letter by November 15th of the current year to cover products for the subsequent year.

(j) COMPANY is a member of the Customs-Trade Partnership against Terrorism (“C-TPAT”) program offered by the United States Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”). Where CONTRACTOR is providing imported merchandise, directly or indirectly, to COMPANY, CONTRACTOR will at its own cost reasonably cooperate with COMPANY’s efforts to comply with the requirements of C-TPAT. CONTRACTOR will (i) provide identifying information concerning its own membership in C-TPAT and provide COMPANY with Status Verification Interface account number or evidence of membership in an equivalent supply chain security program; (ii) promptly complete the Security Self-Assessment Questionnaire required by COMPANY (at https://scs.integrationpoint.net/Logon.aspx or through other means approved by COMPANY); and (iii) read and provide COMPANY prompt written assurance (through completion of a form provided by COMPANY) of compliance with minimum C-TPAT security criterion (found at http://www.cbp.gov/border-security/ports-entry/cargo-security/c-tpat-customs-trade-partnership-against-terrorism/apply/security-criteria). CONTRACTOR must require use of high security seals for containers meeting or exceeding the current PAS ISO 17712 standard, and ensure that carriers, forwarders, storage operators, and similar links in CONTRACTOR’s supply chain meet those requirements. CONTRACTOR will also ensure its supply chain will reasonably cooperate where inspections or audits are required by COMPANY or CBP and address issues which may be identified.

9.2. Business Principles


(b) CONTRACTOR agrees that CONTRACTOR GROUP will adhere to and notify of violations of the principles contained in the Shell General Business Principles and Shell Supplier Principles (or where CONTRACTOR has adopted equivalent principles, to those equivalent principles) in all its dealings with or on behalf of COMPANY, in connection with this CONTRACT and related matters.

(c) If CONTRACTOR GROUP supplies staff that work on behalf of COMPANY or represent COMPANY, CONTRACTOR commits that the staff will behave in a manner that is consistent with the Shell Code of Conduct.

9.3. Anti-Bribery and Corruption

(a) CONTRACTOR represents that, in connection with this CONTRACT and related matters: (i) it is knowledgeable about ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS and will comply with those laws; (ii) CONTRACTOR GROUP has not made, offered, authorised, or accepted, and will not make, offer, authorise, or accept, any payment, gift, promise, or other advantage, whether directly or through any other PERSON, to or for the use or benefit of any GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL or any other PERSON where that payment, gift, promise, or other advantage would: (A) comprise a facilitation payment; or (B) violate the relevant ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS.

(b) CONTRACTOR will immediately notify COMPANY if CONTRACTOR receives or becomes aware of any matter that is prohibited by the preceding paragraph.

(c) CONTRACTOR affirms that no PERSON in CONTRACTOR GROUP is a government official or other PERSON who could assert illegal influence on behalf of COMPANY or its AFFILIATES. If a PERSON in CONTRACTOR GROUP becomes a government official, CONTRACTOR will promptly notify COMPANY and remove that individual from performance in connection with SCOPE at COMPANY’s request.

(d) CONTRACTOR will maintain adequate internal controls and procedures to ensure compliance with ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS, including the ability to demonstrate compliance through adequate and accurate recording of transactions in its BOOKS AND RECORDS.

(e) COMPANY will have the right to confirm compliance with ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS and record keeping by audit. CONTRACTOR will keep BOOKS AND RECORDS available for five years following termination of the CONTRACT.

(f) CONTRACTOR will INDEMNIFY COMPANY GROUP for any LIABILITIES arising out of CONTRACTOR GROUP’s breach of ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS or any related undertakings under this Article.

9.4. Export and Trade Controls

(a) CONTRACTOR will comply with, all applicable TRADE CONTROL LAWS and will provide COMPANY with necessary data to comply with TRADE CONTROL LAWS.

(b) CONTRACTOR will ensure that, except with the prior written consent of COMPANY: (i) COMPANY PROVIDED ITEMS are not exported, provided, or made available to any RESTRICTED JURISDICTION or RESTRICTED PARTIES; (ii) CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL with access to COMPANY GROUP’s technical information, information technology resources (including COMPANY GROUP’s infrastructure), or COMPANY GROUP WORKSITES, are not RESTRICTED PARTIES or nationals of a RESTRICTED JURISDICTION; and (iii) CONTRACTOR will not utilise SUBCONTRACTORS that are RESTRICTED PARTIES.

9.5. PERSONAL DATA Protection

(a) The parties may provide each other with PERSONAL DATA in the course of the performance of this CONTRACT, the
processing and transfer of which will be done in accordance with APPLICABLE DATA PROTECTION LAW. Each party is a data controller in respect of the PERSONAL DATA. The parties may provide each other with PERSONAL DATA in the course of the performance of this CONTRACT, the processing and transfer of which will be done in accordance with APPLICABLE DATA PROTECTION LAW. Each party is a data controller in respect of the PERSONAL DATA.

(b) Where COMPANY is located in the European Economic Area and CONTRACTOR is located in a country that has not been deemed to provide an adequate level of protection for PERSONAL DATA and has not implemented a program or certification that is recognised as providing an adequate level of protection in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the standard contractual clauses as set out in the Annex to Decision to 2004/915/EC are incorporated into this agreement in full including the data processing principles set forth in Annex A to those clauses.


In performing SCOPE at COMPANY GROUP WORKSITES, or other location if specified in the HSSE STANDARDS, CONTRACTOR will, and will ensure that CONTRACTOR GROUP will, at all times: (i) pursue Shell’s HSSE principle of Goal Zero; (ii) comply with Shell’s “Life Saving Rules”, at http://www.shell.com/lifesavingrules; and (iii) comply with other applicable HSSE STANDARDS.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY

10.1 Obligations in Connection with CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

(a) CONTRACTOR will, and will ensure that CONTRACTOR GROUP will, not disclose or permit a disclosure to a third party of COMPANY GROUP’s CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION without the prior written consent of COMPANY and will use COMPANY GROUP’s CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION only in connection with performance of the CONTRACT.

(b) Information that CONTRACTOR can prove at disclosure is public knowledge, in the possession of CONTRACTOR without binder of secrecy, or developed independently of COMPANY’s CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION is not CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. Restrictions on disclosure of COMPANY’s CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION will cease if CONTRACTOR can prove that the information had become part of the public knowledge through no fault of CONTRACTOR GROUP or is subsequently disclosed to CONTRACTOR without an obligation of confidentiality by a third party who has the legal right to do so.

(c) On COMPANY’s request, CONTRACTOR will return promptly any CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION and delete it from electronic storage, and delete or destroy all extracts or analyses that reflect any CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

10.2 CONTRACTOR Information

Except where the obligation is expressly stated elsewhere in the CONTRACT or through a separate agreement, COMPANY GROUP will not have an obligation of non-disclosure or non-use regarding information provided by CONTRACTOR or any other member of CONTRACTOR GROUP.

10.3 External Communications

(a) CONTRACTOR must obtain written approval from COMPANY before proceeding with any external communications in connection with the CONTRACT, disclosure of business relationships, or use of COMPANY’s trademarks. CONTRACTOR will ensure that other members of CONTRACTOR GROUP abide by this requirement.

(b) Pursuant to the Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016, COMPANY and CONTRACTOR acknowledge that an individual may not be held criminally or civilly liable under any federal or state trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that: (i) is made in confidence to a government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney, solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (ii) is made in a document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal.

11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

(a) Except for IP RIGHTS vested with CONTRACTOR as provided below, all ownership rights, title, and interest in and to SCOPE and WORK PRODUCT will vest in COMPANY. This CONTRACT does not grant CONTRACTOR GROUP any rights, title, or interest in or to COMPANY GROUP’s IP RIGHTS, other than those set out in the CONTRACT. IP RIGHTS created by modifications, amendments, enhancements, or improvements (including tailor-made to the specifications of COMPANY) to COMPANY GROUP’s IP RIGHTS, or made using COMPANY GROUP’s CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, will vest with COMPANY or its nominee when created.

(b) CONTRACTOR, warranting that it is entitled to do so, grants to COMPANY GROUP the irrevocable, non-exclusive, perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free right and licence, with the right to grant sub-licences, to possess, and use any of CONTRACTOR’s IP RIGHTS embodied in SCOPE, including the right to import, export, operate, sell, maintain, modify and repair SCOPE. CONTRACTOR warrants that any possession or use of SCOPE as delivered by CONTRACTOR or of CONTRACTOR’s IP RIGHTS will not infringe the IP RIGHTS of any third party.

(c) COMPANY’s ownership rights in SCOPE under this article will not extend to CONTRACTOR’S IP RIGHTS that: (i) pre-existed the performance under the CONTRACT; (ii) are developed independently from performance of the CONTRACT; or (iii) are used by CONTRACTOR in connection with or to perform the CONTRACT, but are not based on or arising out of COMPANY GROUP’s IP RIGHTS or CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

(d) CONTRACTOR will INDEMNIFY COMPANY GROUP, assignees, transferees, and sublicensees permitted by this CONTRACT for any LIABILITIES resulting from any claim that the ownership possession or use of any SCOPE or WORK PRODUCT infringes or misappropriates the IP RIGHTS of any third party.

12. FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE AUDIT

(a) COMPANY will have the right to audit: (i) invoiced charges and proper invoicing; (ii) other BOOKS AND RECORDS; and (iii) the performance of any other of CONTRACTOR’s obligations under the CONTRACT, where capable of being verified by audit.

(b) Based on the findings of the audit the parties will settle any amounts charged incorrectly within 45 days of any audit finding; and CONTRACTOR will provide or re-perform any SCOPE where the requirement to do so is identified by any audit within 45 days of any audit finding.

(c) CONTRACTOR will keep BOOKS AND RECORDS available for audit for the longer of the following periods: (i) five years following termination of the CONTRACT or any longer period as required by APPLICABLE LAWS; or (ii) two years after the period expires on any obligation of CONTRACTOR to perform or re-perform any SCOPE.

(d) If a longer period is specified in the CONTRACT for retention of relevant BOOKS AND RECORDS for compliance with ANTI-CORRUPTION LAWS, CONTRACTOR will comply with that requirement.

13. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

13.1 Independent CONTRACTOR

CONTRACTOR is an independent contractor in all aspects of performance under the CONTRACT. CONTRACTOR is responsible for the method and manner of performance to achieve the results required by the CONTRACT.

13.2 No Business Relationship
(a) The parties agree that the CONTRACT does not constitute a partnership, joint venture or fiduciary relationship for tax purposes. If it is interpreted that way, the parties agree to be excluded from the provisions of Subchapter K of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Neither party is appointed as an agent of the other. The CONTRACT does not provide for CONTRACTOR to make any commitment on behalf of COMPANY GROUP.

(b) CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL are not to be considered employees of COMPANY GROUP and are not eligible to participate in any of COMPANY GROUP’s employee benefit plans. CONTRACTOR will indemnify COMPANY GROUP for any LIABILITIES related to claims for private or governmental benefits by CONTRACTOR GROUP.

14. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL AND SUBCONTRACTING

14.1 Responsibility

CONTRACTOR is responsible for any SCOPE performed by and all activities, omissions, and defaults of any SUBCONTRACTOR and all CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL as if they were the activities, omissions, or defaults of CONTRACTOR.

14.2 Condition to SUBCONTRACT

CONTRACTOR may not subcontract any part of its obligations under the CONTRACT except as agreed in writing by COMPANY.

14.3 Formation and Content of SUBCONTRACTS; Further Requirements

CONTRACTOR will ensure that SUBCONTRACTS are in all material respects consistent with the terms and conditions of the CONTRACT.

15. ASSIGNMENT

An assignment or novation by a party of all or part of the CONTRACT requires the written consent of the other party, except that COMPANY may assign and novate all or part of the CONTRACT to an AFFILIATE without the consent of CONTRACTOR by giving written notice to CONTRACTOR.

16. FORCE MAJEURE

(a) COMPANY and CONTRACTOR are each excused from performance of the affected part of an obligation of the CONTRACT while performance is prevented by a FORCE MAJEURE EVENT unless the event was contributed to by the fault of the party or was due to circumstances that could have been avoided or mitigated by the exercise of reasonable diligence.

(b) Only the following are FORCE MAJEURE EVENTS: (i) riots, wars, blockades, or threats or acts of sabotage or terrorism; (ii) earthquakes, floods, fires, named hurricanes or cyclones, tidal waves, or tornadoes; (iii) radioactive contamination, epidemics, maritime or aviation disasters; (iv) strikes or labour disputes at a national or regional level or involving labour not forming part of CONTRACTOR GROUP or COMPANY GROUP, which materially impair the ability of the party claiming force majeure to perform the CONTRACT; (v) government sanctions, embargoes, mandates, or laws, that prevent performance; (vi) except as expressly provided otherwise in the CONTRACT, inability of a party to timely obtain licences, permits, or AUTHORITIES’ consents required for performance; or (vii) non-performance of a party’s SUBCONTRACTOR where the SUBCONTRACTOR has been or is affected by one of the above FORCE MAJEURE EVENTS. However, performance will only be excused under this sub-paragraph if the parties to the CONTRACT agree that substitute performance by another SUBCONTRACTOR is impracticable under the circumstances.

(c) A party whose performance is delayed or prevented will use reasonable endeavours to notify the other party and mitigate the effects of any FORCE MAJEURE.

(d) COMPANY may terminate the CONTRACT or part of SCOPE if any FORCE MAJEURE EVENT results in a delay that exceeds 90 consecutive or 180 cumulative days.

17. NOTICES

All notices or other communications under the CONTRACT must be in English and in writing, and: (i) delivered by hand; (ii) sent by prepaid courier; (iii) sent by registered post; or (iv) sent by email with confirmation receipt requested. Notices and communications are effective when actually delivered at the address specified in the CONTRACT.

18. GOVERNING LAW, DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND REMEDIES

18.1. Governing Law

This CONTRACT, and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with this CONTRACT or its subject matter or formation, including any non-contractual disputes or claims, will be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, excluding conflict of law rules and choice of law principles that provide otherwise. The United Nations Convention on the International Sale of Goods will not apply to this CONTRACT.

18.2. Dispute Resolution

(a) Any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with the CONTRACT or its subject matter or formation, whether in tort, contract, under statute, or otherwise, including any question regarding its existence, validity, interpretation, breach, or termination, and including any non-contractual claim, will be finally and exclusively resolved by arbitration by the International Centre for Dispute Resolution under its then current commercial arbitration rules.

(b) The arbitral tribunal, to be appointed in accordance with the arbitration rules, will consist of one arbitrator. However, if either party asserts the amount in controversy exceeds USD $5 million, then the tribunal will consist of three arbitrators.

(c) The seat of the arbitration will be Houston, Texas, USA.

(d) The language of the arbitration will be English.

(e) Nothing in this Article will be construed as preventing any party from seeking conservatory or similar interim relief from any court with competent jurisdiction. Any award rendered by the arbitral tribunal will be made in writing and will be final and binding on the parties. The parties will carry out the award without delay. Judgment upon any award or order may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. All aspects of the arbitration will be considered confidential.

18.3. Specific Performance

COMPANY is entitled to specific performance of the CONTRACT.

19. ADDITIONAL LEGAL PROVISIONS

(a) The parties retain their rights and remedies under APPLICABLE LAWS, subject to any provisions in the CONTRACT that provide otherwise.

(b) A provision of the CONTRACT is not waived unless made in writing by an authorised representative of the waiving party.

(c) Provisions that state that they survive or by their nature are intended to survive completion of performance or termination of the CONTRACT do so, along with all remedies attached to them.

(d) Amendments to the CONTRACT must be made in writing and signed by the parties’ authorised representatives in order to be binding.

(e) CONTRACTOR GROUP or COMPANY GROUP not a party to the CONTRACT, but conferred rights in it are entitled to enforce those rights, but are not required to consent to amend or terminate those rights.

(f) The CONTRACT sets forth the entire agreement between the parties concerning its subject matter and supersedes any other agreements or statements pertaining to the same subject matter, except those agreements or statements expressly
referenced in the CONTRACT as included. Any confidentiality agreement pertaining to the subject matter will remain in effect according to its terms, unless the CONTRACT provides that it is terminated or replaced.