

GENERAL CONDITION OF CONTRACT FOR WORKS (MALTESER INTERNATIONAL)



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1 LEGAL RELATIONSHIPS

The Contractor and the sub-contractor(s), if any, shall have the status of an independent contractor vis-àvis the Employer. The Contract Documents shall not be construed to create any contractual relationship of any kind between the Engineer and the Contractor, but the Engineer shall, in the exercise of his duties and powers under the Contract, be entitled to performance by the Contractor of its obligations, and to



enfoncement thereof. Nothing contained in the Contract Documents shall create any contractual relationship between the Employer or the Engineer and any subcontractor(s) of the Contractor.

2 CONTRACTOR'S GENERAL OBLIGATIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES

2.2 Obligation to Perform in Accordance with Contract

The Contractor shall execute and complete the Works and remedy any defects therein in strict accordance with the Contract, with due care and diligence and to the satisfaction of the Engineer, and shall provide all labor, including the supervision thereof, materials, Constructional Plant and all other things, whether of a temporary or permanent nature, required in and for such execution, completion and remedying of defects, as far as the necessity for providing the same is specified in or is reasonably to be inferred from the Contract. The Contractor shall comply with and adhere strictly to the Engineer's instructions and directions on any matter, touching or concerning the Works.

2.3 Responsibility for Site Operations

The Contractor shall take full responsibility for the adequacy, stability and safety of all site operations and methods of construction, provided that the Contractor shall not be responsible, except as may be expressly provided in the Contract, for the design or specification of the Permanent Works or of any Temporary Works prepared by the Engineer.

2.4 Responsibility for Employees

The Contractor shall be responsible for the professional and technical competence of his employees and will select for work under this Contract, reliable individuals who will perform effectively in the implementation of the Contract, respect local customs and conform to a high standard of moral and ethical conduct.

2.5 Source of Instructions

The Contractor shall neither seek nor accept instructions from any authority external to the Employer, the Engineer or their authorized representatives in connection with the performance of his services under this Contract. The Contractor shall refrain from any action which may adversely affect the Employer and shall fulfill his commitments with fullest regard for the interest of the Employer.

2.6 Officials Not to Benefit

The Contractor warrants that no official of the Employer has been or shall be admitted by the Contractor to any direct or indirect benefit arising from this Contract or the award thereof. The Contractor agrees that breach of this provision is a breach of an essential term of the Contract.

2.7 Use of Name, Emblem or Official Seal of Malteser International

The Contractor shall not advertise or otherwise make public the fact that he is performing, or has performed services for the Employer or use the name, emblem or official seal of the Employer or any abbreviation of the name of the Employer for advertising purposes or any other purposes.

2.8 Confidential Nature of Documents

All maps, drawings, photographs, mosaics, plans, reports, recommendations, estimates, documents and all other data compiled by or received by the Contractor under the Contract shall be the property of the

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Employer, shall be treated as confidential and shall be delivered only to the duly authorized representative of the Employer on completion of the Works; their contents shall not be made known by the Contractor to any person other than the personnel of the Contractor performing services under this Contract without the prior written consent of the Employer.

3 ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

3.1 Assignment of Contract

The Contractor shall not, except after obtaining the prior written approval of the Employer, assign, transfer, pledge or make other disposition of the Contract or any part thereof or of any of the Contractor's rights, claims or obligations under the Contract.

3.2 Subcontracting

In the event the Contractor requires the services of subcontractors, the Contractor shall obtain the prior written approval of the Employer for all such subcontractors. The approval of the Employer shall not relieve the Contractor of any of his obligations under the Contract, and the terms of any subcontract shall be subject to and be in conformity with the provisions of the Contract.

3.3 Assignment of Subcontractor's Obligations

In the event of a subcontractor having undertaken towards the Contractor in respect of the work executed or the goods, materials, plant or services supplied by such subcontractor for the Works, any continuing obligation extending for a period exceeding that of the Defects Liability Period under the Contract, the Contractor shall at any time after the expiration of such Period, assign to the Employer, at the Employer's request and cost, the benefit of such obligation for the unexpired duration thereof.

4 INSPECTION OF SITE

The Contractor shall be deemed to have inspected and examined the site and its surroundings and to have satisfied himself before submitting his Tender and signing the Contract as to all matters relative to the nature of the land and subsoil, the form and nature of the Site, details and levels of existing pipe lines, conduits, sewers, drains, cables or other existing services, the quantities and nature of the work and materials necessary for the completion of the Works, the means of access to the Site, and the accommodation he may require, and in general to have himself obtained all necessary information as to risk contingencies, climatic, hydrological and natural conditions and other circumstances which may influence or affect his Tender, and no claims will be entertained in this connection against the Employer.

5 SUFFICIENCY OF TENDER

The Contractor shall be deemed to have satisfied himself before tendering as to the correctness and sufficiency of his Tender for the construction of the Works and of the rates and prices, which rates and prices shall, except in so far as it is otherwise provided in the Contract, cover all his obligations under the Contract and all matters and things necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Works.

6 CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYEES

a) The Contractor shall provide and employ on the Site in connection with the execution and completion of the Works and the remedying of any defects therein:

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- Only such technical assistants as are skilled and experienced in their respective callings and such sub-agent foremen and leading hands as are competent to give proper supervision to the work they are required to supervise, and
- Such skilled, semi-skilled, and unskilled labor as is necessary for the proper and timely execution and completion of the Works.
- b) The Engineer shall be at liberty to object to and require the Contractor to remove forthwith from the Works any person employed by the Contractor in or about the execution or completion of the Works, who in the opinion of the Engineer is misconducting himself, or is incompetent or negligent in the proper performance of his duties, or whose employment is otherwise considered reasonably by the Engineer to be undesirable, and such person shall not be again employed on the Site without the written permission of the Engineer. Any person so removed from the Works shall be replaced as soon as reasonably possible by a competent substitute approved by the Engineer.
- c) Upon written request by the Employer, the Contractor shall withdraw or replace from the Site any agent, representative or other personnel who does not conform to the standards set forth in paragraph (1) of this Clause. Such request for withdrawal or replacement shall not be considered as termination in part or in whole of this Contract. All costs and additional expenses resulting from any withdrawal or replacement for whatever reason of any of the Contractor's personnel shall be at the Contractor's expense.

7 SETTING-OUT

The Contractor shall be responsible for the true and proper setting out of the Works in relation to original points, lines and levels of reference given by the Engineer in writing and for the correctness of the position, levels, dimensions and alignment of all parts of the Works and for the provision of all necessary instruments, appliances and labor in connection therewith. If, at any time during the progress of the Works, any error shall appear or arise in the position, levels, dimensions or alignment of any part of the Works, the Contractor, on being required so to do by the Engineer, shall, at his own cost, rectify such error to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

8 CARE OF WORKS

- a) From the commencement date of the Works to the date of substantial completion as stated in the Certificate of Substantial Completion, the Contractor shall take full responsibility for the care thereof and of all Temporary Works. In the event that any damage or loss should happen to the Works or to any part thereof or to any Temporary Works from any cause whatsoever (save and except as shall be due to Force Majeure as defined in Clause 66 of these General Conditions), the Contractor shall at his own cost repair and make good the same so that, at completion, the Works shall be in good order and condition and in conformity in every respect with the requirements of the Contract and the Engineer's instructions. The Contractor shall also be liable for any damage to the Works occasioned by him in the course of any operations carried out by him for the purpose of complying with his obligations Clause 47 hereof.
- b) The Contractor shall be fully responsible for the review of the Engineering design and details of the Works and shall inform the Employer of any mistakes or incorrectness in such design and details which would affect the Works.

9 DAMAGE TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY



The Contractor shall (except if and so far as the Contract provides otherwise) indemnify, hold and save harmless and defend at his own expense the Employer, its officers, agents, employees and servants from and against all suits, claims, demands, proceedings, and liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for injuries or damages to any person or any property whatsoever which may arise out of or in consequence of acts or omissions of the Contractor or its agents, employees, servants or subcontractors in the execution of the Contract. The provision of this Clause shall extend to suits, claims, demands, proceedings and liability in the nature of workmen's compensation claims and arising out of the use of patented inventions and devices. Provided always that nothing herein contained shall be deemed to render the Contractor liable for or in respect of or with respect to:

- a) The permanent use or occupation of land by the Works or any part thereof;
- b) The right of the Employer to construct the Works or any part thereof on, over, under, or through any land.
- c) Interference whether temporary or permanent with any right of light, airway or water or other easement or quasi-easement which is the unavoidable result of the construction of the Works in accordance with the Contract.
- d) Death, injuries or damage to persons or property resulting from any act or neglect of the Employer, his agents, servants or other contractors, done or committed during the validity of the Contract.

10 ACCIDENT OR INJURY TO WORKMEN

a) The Employer shall not be liable for or in respect of any damages or compensation payable at law in respect or in consequence of any accident or injury to any workman or other person in the employment of the Contractor or any sub-Contractor, save and except an accident or injury resulting from any act or default of the Employer, his agents or servants. The Contractor shall indemnify, hold and save harmless the Employer against all such damages and compensation, save and except as aforesaid, and against all claims, proceedings, costs, charges and expenses whatsoever in respect thereof or in relation thereto.

11 COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTES, REGULATIONS, ETC

- a) The Contractor shall give all notices and pay all fees and charges required to be given or paid by any national or State Statutes, Ordinances, Laws, Regulations or By-laws, or any local or other duly constituted authority in relation to the execution of the Works or of any Temporary Works and by the Rules and Regulations of all public bodies and companies whose property or rights are affected or may be affected in any way by the Works or any Temporary Works.
- b) The Contractor shall conform in all respects with any such Statutes, Ordinances, Laws, Regulations, By-laws or requirements of any such local or other authority which may be applicable to the Works and shall keep the Employer indemnified against all penalties and liabilities of every kind for breach of any such Statutes, Ordinances, Laws, Regulations, By-laws or requirements.

12 FOSSILS, ETC.

All fossils, coins, articles of value or antiquity and structures and other remains or things of geological or archaeological interest discovered on the Site of the Works shall as between the Employer and the Contractor be deemed to be the absolute property of the Employer and the Contractor shall take reasonable precautions to prevent his workmen or any other persons from removing or damaging any



such article or things and shall immediately upon discovery thereof and before removal acquaint the Employer of such discovery and carry out at the expense of the Employer the Engineer's orders as to the disposal of the same.

13 CONTRACTOR TO KEEP SITE CLEAN

During the progress of the Works, the Contractor shall keep the Site reasonably free from all unnecessary obstruction and shall store or dispose of any Constructional Plant and surplus materials and clear away and remove from the Site any wreckage, rubbish or Temporary Works no longer required.

14 CLEARANCE OF SITE ON SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION

On the substantial completion of the Works, the Contractor shall clear away and remove from the Site all Constructional Plant surplus materials, rubbish and Temporary Works of every kind and leave the whole of the Site and Works clean and in a workmanlike condition to the satisfaction of the Engineer.

15 LABOUR

15.1 Engagement of Labour

The Contractor shall make his own arrangements for the engagement of all labour local or otherwise.

15.2 Supply of Water

The Contractor shall provide on the Site to the satisfaction of the Engineer an adequate supply of drinking and other water for the use of the Contractor's staff and work people.

15.3 Alcoholic Drinks or Drugs

The Contractor shall comply with Government laws and regulations and orders in force as regards the import, sale, barter or disposal of alcoholic drinks or narcotics and he shall not allow or facilitate such importation, sale, gift, barter or disposal by his sub-contractors, agents or employees.

15.4 Arms and Ammunition

The restrictions specified in clause 15.3 above shall include all kinds of arms and ammunition.

15.5 Holiday and Religious Customs

The Contractor shall in all dealings with labor in his employ have due regard to all holiday, recognized festivals and religious or other customs.

15.6 Epidemics

In the event of any outbreak of illness of an epidemic nature the Contractor shall comply with and carry out such regulations, orders, and requirements as may be made by the Government or the local medical or sanitary authorities for the purpose of dealing with and overcoming the same.

15.7 Disorderly Conduct, etc.

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The Contractor shall at all times take all reasonable precautions to prevent any unlawful riotous or disorderly conduct by or amongst his employees and for the preservation of peace and the protection of persons and property in the neighborhood of the Works against the same.

15.8 Observance by Sub-Contractors

The Contractor shall be considered responsible for the observance of the above provisions by his Sub-Contractors.

15.9 Legislation applicable to Labour

The Contractor shall abide by all applicable legislation and regulation with regard to labour.

16 MATERIALS, WORKMANSHIP AND TESTING

16.1 Materials and Workmanship

- a) All materials and workmanship shall be of the respective kinds described in the Contract and in accordance with the Engineer's instructions and shall be subjected from time to time to such tests as the Engineer may direct at the place of manufacture or fabrication, or on the Site or at all or any of such places. The Contractor shall provide such assistance, instruments, machines, labour and materials as are normally required for examining, measuring and testing any work and the quality, weight or quantity of any materials used and shall supply samples of materials before incorporation in the Works for testing as may be selected and required by the Engineer. All testing equipment and instruments provided by the Contractor shall be used only by the Engineer or by the Contractor in accordance with the instructions of the Engineer.
- b) No material not conforming with the Specifications in the Contract may be used for the Works without prior written approval of the Employer and instruction of the Engineer, provided always that if the use of such material results or may result in increasing the Contract Price, the procedure in Clause 48 shall apply.

16.2 Cost of Samples

All samples shall be supplied by the Contractor at his own cost unless the supply thereof is clearly intended in the Specifications or Bill of Quantities to be at the cost of the Employer. Payment will not be made for samples which do not comply with the Specifications.

16.3 Cost of Tests

The Contractor shall bear the costs of any of the following tests:

- a) Those clearly intended by or provided for in the Contract Documents.
- b) Those involving load testing or tests to ensure that the design of the whole of the Works or any part of the Works is appropriate for the purpose which it was intended to fulfill.

17 ACCESS TO SITE

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The Employer and the Engineer and any persons authorized by either of them shall, at all times, have access to the Works and to the Site and to all workshops and places where work is being prepared or whence materials, manufactured articles or machinery are being obtained for the Works and the Contractor shall afford every facility for and every assistance in or in obtaining the right to such access.

18 EXAMINATION OF WORK BEFORE COVERING UP

No work shall be covered up or put out of view without the approval of the Engineer and the Contractor shall afford full opportunity for the Engineer to examine and measure any work which is about to be covered up or put out of view and to examine foundations before permanent work is placed thereon. The Contractor shall give due notice to the Engineer whenever any such work or foundations is or are ready or about to be ready for examination and the Engineer shall without unreasonable delay unless he considers it unnecessary and advises the Contractor accordingly attend for the purpose of examining and measuring such work or of examining such foundations.

19 POSSESSION OF SITE

19.1 Way leaves, etc.

The Contractor shall bear all expenses and charges for special temporary wayleaves required by him in connection with access to the Site. The Contractor shall also provide at his own cost any additional accommodation outside the Site required by him for the purpose of the Works.

20 TIME FOR COMPLETION

- a) Subject to any requirement in the Contract as to completion of any section of the Works before completion of the whole, the whole of the Works shall be completed within the time stated in the Contract.
- b) The completion time includes weekly rest days, official holidays, and days of inclement weather.

21 EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLETION

If, subject to the provisions of the Contract, the Engineer orders alterations or additions in the Works, or if circumstances constituting force majeure as defined in the Contract have occurred, the Contractor shall be entitled to apply for an extension of the time for completion of the Works specified in the Contract. The Employer shall, upon such application, determine the period of any such extension of time; provided that in the case of alterations or additions in the Works, the application for such an extension must be made before the alterations or additions in the Works are undertaken by the Contractor.

22 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR DELAY

a) If the Contractor shall fail to complete the Works within the time for completion prescribed in the Contract, or any extended time for completion in accordance with the Contract, then the Contractor shall pay to the Employer the sum specified in the Contract as liquidated damages, for the delay between the time prescribed in the Contract or the extended time for completion, as the case may be, and the date of substantial completion of the Works as stated in the Certificate of Substantial Completion, subject to the applicable limit stated in the Contract. The said sum shall be payable by the sole fact of the delay without the need for any previous notice or any legal proceedings, or proof of damage, which shall in all cases be considered as ascertained. The Employer may, without



prejudice to any other method of recovery, deduct the amount of such liquidated damages from any monies in its hands due or which may become due to the Contractor. The payment or deduction of such damages shall not relieve the Contractor from his obligation to complete the Works or from any other of his obligations and liabilities under the Contract.

b) If, before the time for completion of the whole of the Works or of a Section of the Works, a Certificate of Substantial Completion has been issued for any part or Section of the Works, the liquidated damages for delay in completion of the remainder of the Works or of that Section may, for any period of delay after the date stated in such Certificate of Substantial Completion, and in the absence of alternative provisions in the Contract, be reduced in the proportion which the value of the part or Section so certified bears to the total value of the whole of the Works or Section, as applicable. The provisions of this Sub-Clause shall only apply to the rate of liquidated damages and shall not affect the limit thereof.

23 DEFECTS LIABILITY

23.1 Defects Liability Period

The expression "Defects Liability Period" shall mean the period of twelve (12) months, calculated from the date of completion of the Works stated in the Certificate of Substantial Completion issued by the Engineer or, in respect of any Section or part of the Works for which a separate Certificate of Substantial Completion has been issued, from the date of completion of that Section or part as stated in the relevant Certificate. The expression "the Works" shall, in respect of the Defects Liability Period, be construed accordingly.

23.2 Completion of Outstanding Work and Remedying of Defects

During the Defects Liability Period, the Contractor shall finish the work, if any, outstanding at the date of the Certificate of Substantial Completion, and shall execute all such work of repair, amendment, reconstruction, rectification and making good defects, imperfections, shrinkages or other faults as may be required of the Contractor in writing by the Engineer during the Defects Liability Period and within fourteen (14) days after its expiration, as a result of an inspection made by or on behalf of the Engineer prior to expiration of the Defects Liability Period.

23.3 Cost of Execution of Work of Repair, etc.

All such outstanding work shall be carried out by the Contractor at his own expense if the necessity thereof shall, in the opinion of the Engineer, be due to the use of material or workmanship not in accordance with the Contract, or to neglect or failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any obligation expressed or implied, on the Contractor's part under the Contract.

23.4 Remedy on Contractor's Failure to Carry Out Work Required

If the Contractor shall fail to do any such work outstanding on the Works, the Employer shall be entitled to employ and pay other persons to carry out the same, and all expenses consequent thereon or incidental thereto shall be recoverable from the Contractor by the Employer, and may be deducted by the Employer from any monies due or which may become due to the Contractor.

23.5 Certificate of Final Completion

Upon satisfactory completion of the work outstanding on the Works, the Engineer shall within twenty eight (28) days of the expiration of the Defects Liability period issue a Certificate of Final Completion to



the Contractor. The Contract shall be deemed to be completed upon issuance of such Certificate, provided that the

provisions of the Contract which remain unperformed and the Settlement of Disputes provision in the Contract shall remain in force for as long as is necessary to dispose of any outstanding matters or issues between the Parties.

24 PLANT, TEMPORARY WORKS AND MATERIALS

a) Plant, etc., Exclusive Use for the Works

All Constructional Plant, Temporary Works and Materials provided by the Contractor shall, when brought on the Site, be deemed to be exclusively intended for the construction and completion of the Works and the Contractor shall not remove the same or any part thereof (save for the purpose of moving it from one part of the Site to another) without the consent in writing of the Engineer which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

b) Removal of Plant, etc.

Upon completion of the Works the Contractor shall remove from the Site all the said Constructional Plant and Temporary Works remaining thereon and any unused materials provided by the Contractor.

c) Employer not liable for Damage to Plant

The Employer shall not be at any time liable for the loss of any of the said Constructional plant, Temporary Works or Materials save if such loss results from the act or neglect of the Employer, its employees or agents.

d) Ownership of paid material and work

All material and work covered by payments made by the Employer to the Contractor shall thereupon become the sole property of the Employer, but this provision shall not be construed as relieving the Contractor from the sole responsibility for all material and work upon which payments have been made or the restoration of any damaged work or as waiving the right of the Employer to require the fulfillment of all of the terms of the Contract.

e) Equipment and supplies furnished by Employer

Title to any equipment and supplies which may be furnished by the Employer shall rest with the Employer and any such equipment and supplies shall be returned to the Employer at the conclusion of the Contract or when no longer needed by the Contractor. Such equipment when returned to the Employer shall be in the same condition as when delivered to the Contractor, subject to normal wear and tear.

25 LIABILITY OF THE PARTIES

- a) The Works shall not be considered as completed until a Certificate of Final Completion shall have been signed by the Engineer and delivered to the Employer stating that the Works have been completed and that the Contractor has fulfilled all his obligations under Clause 47 to his satisfaction.
- b) The Employer shall not be liable to the Contractor for any matter arising out of or in connection with the Contract or the execution of the Works unless the Contractor shall have made a claim in



writing in respect thereof before the giving of the Certificate of Final Completion and in accordance with the Contract.

a) Unfulfilled Obligations

Notwithstanding the issue of the Certificate of Final Completion, the Contractor shall remain liable for the fulfillment of any obligation incurred under the provisions of the Contract prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Final Completion and which remains unperformed at the time such Certificate is issued. For the purpose of determining the nature and extent of any such obligation the Contract shall be deemed to remain in force between the parties hereto.

b) Contractor Responsible

Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Contract documents, the Contractor shall be totally responsible for and shall bear any and all risks of loss or damage to or failure of the Works or any part thereof for a period of ten years after issuance of the Certificate of Final Completion, provided always that such risks, damage or failure result from acts, defaults and negligence of the Contractor, his agents, employees or workmen and such contractors.

26 AUTHORITIES

The Employer shall have the right to enter upon the Site and expel the Contractor there from without thereby voiding the Contract or releasing the Contractor from any of his obligations or liabilities under the Contract or affecting the rights and powers conferred on the Employer and the Engineer by the Contract in any of the following cases:

- 26.5 If the Contractor is declared bankrupt or claims bankruptcy or court protection against his creditors or if the Contractor is a company or member of a company which was dissolved by legal action;
- 26.6 If the Contractor makes arrangements with his creditors or agrees to carry out the Contract under an inspection committee of his creditors;
- 26.7 If the Contractor withdraws from the Works or assigns the Contract to others in whole or in part without the Employer's prior written approval;
- 26.8 If the Contractor fails to commence the Works or shows insufficient progress to the extent which in the opinion of the Engineer will not enable him to meet the target completion date of the Works;
- 26.9 If the Contractor suspends the progress of the Works without due cause for fifteen (15) days after receiving from the Engineer written notice to proceed;
- 26.10 If the Contractor fails to comply with any of the Contract conditions or fails to fulfill his obligations and does not remedy the cause of his failure within fifteen (15) days after being notified to do so in writing;
- 26.11 If the Contractor is not executing the work in accordance with standards of workmanship specified in the Contract;
- 26.12 If the Contractor gives or promises to give a present or loan or reward to any employee of the Employer or of the Engineer.

Then the Employer may himself complete the Works or may employ any other contractor to complete the Works and the Employer or such other contractor may use for such completion so



much of Constructional Plant, Temporary Works and Materials, which have been deemed to be reserved exclusively for the construction and completion of the Works under the provision of the Contract as he or they may think proper and the Employer may at any time sell any of the said Constructional Plant, Temporary Works and unused materials and apply the proceeds of sale in or towards the satisfaction of any sums due or which may become due to him from the Contractor under the Contract.

27.1 Evaluation after Re-entry

The Engineer shall as soon as may be practicable after any such entry and expulsion by the Employer notify the Contractor to attend the necessary evaluation of the Works. In the event that for any reason the Contractor does not attend such evaluation the Engineer shall undertake the said evaluation in the absence of the Contractor and shall issue a certificate stating the sum, if any, due to the Contractor for work done in accordance with the Contract up to the time of entry and expulsion by the Employer which has been reasonably accumulated to the Contractor in respect of the Works he has executed in such case in accordance with the Contract. The Engineer shall indicate the value of the materials whether unused or partially used and the value of construction equipment and any part of the Temporary Works.

27.2 Payment after Re-entry

If the Employer shall enter and expel the Contractor under this Clause he shall not be liable to pay the Contractor any money on account of the Contract until the expiration of the Defects Liability Period, and thereafter until the costs of completion and making good any defects of the Works, damages for delay in completion (if any), and all other expenses incurred by the Employer have been ascertained and their amount certified by the Engineer. The Contractor shall then be entitled to receive only such sum or sums (if any) as the Engineer may certify would have been due to him upon due completion by him after deducting the said amount. But if such amount shall exceed the sum which would have been payable to the Contractor on due completion by him,, then the Contractor shall upon demand pay to the Employer the amount of such excess. The Employer in such case may recover this amount from any money due to the Contractor from the Employer without the need to resort to legal procedures.

28 INCREASE AND DECREASE OF COSTS

Except if otherwise provided by the Contract, no adjustment of the Contract Price shall be made in respect of fluctuations of market, prices of labour, materials, plant or equipment, neither due to fluctuation in interest rates nor devaluation or any other matters affecting the Works.

29 TAXATION

The Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all charges and taxes in respect of income including value added tax, all in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the income tax laws and regulations in force and all amendments thereto. It is the Contractor's responsibility to make all the necessary inquiries in this respect and he shall be deemed to have satisfied himself regarding the application of all relevant tax laws.

30 MACHINERY

The Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating the manufacture, delivery, erection and commissioning of plant machinery and equipment which are to form a part of the Works. He shall place all necessary orders as soon as possible after the signing of the Contract. These orders and their acceptance shall be produced to the Engineer on request. The Contractor shall also be responsible for

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ensuring that all sub-contractors adhere to such programs as are agreed and are needed to ensure completion of the Works within the period for completion. Should any sub-contracted works be delayed, the Contractor shall initiate the necessary action to speed up such completion. This shall not prejudice the Employer's right to exercise his remedies for delay in accordance with the Contract.

31 PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION

The Employer shall be entitled to cancel the Contract and to recover from the Contractor the amount of any loss resulting from such cancellation, if the Contractor has offered or given any person any gift or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for doing or intending to do any action in relation to the obtaining or the execution of the Contract or any other contract with the Employer or for showing or intending to show favour or disfavour to any person in relation to the Contract or any other contract with the Employer, if the like acts shall have been done by any persons employed by him or acting on his behalf whether with or without the knowledge of the Contractor in relation to this or any other Contract with the Employer.

32 NOTICES

- 32.1 Unless otherwise expressly specified, any notice, consent, approval, certificate or determination by any person for which provision is made in the Contract Documents shall be in writing. Any such notice, consent, approval, certificate or determination to be given or made by the Employer, the Contractor or the Engineer shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 32.2 Any notice, certificate or instruction to be given to the Contractor by the Engineer or the Employer under the terms of the Contract shall be sent by post, cable, telex or facsimile at the Contractor's principal place of business specified in the Contract or such other address as the Contractor shall nominate in writing for that purpose, or by delivering the same at the said address against an authorized signature certifying the receipt.
- 32.3 Any notice to be given to the Employer under the terms of the Contract shall be sent by post, cable, telex or facsimile at the Employer's address specified in the Contract, or by delivering the same at the said address against an authorized signature certifying the receipt.
- 32.4 Any notice to be given to the Engineer under the terms of this Contract shall be sent by post, cable, telex or facsimile at the Engineer's address specified in the Contract, or by delivering the same at the said address against an authorized signature certifying the receipt.

33 LANGUAGE, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Except as may be otherwise specified in the Contract, English shall be used by the Contractor in all written communications to the Employer or the Engineer with respect to the services to be rendered and with respect to all documents procured or prepared by the Contractor pertaining to the Works. The metric system of weights and measures shall be used in all instances.

34 RECORDS, ACCOUNTS, INFORMATION AND AUDIT

The Contractor shall maintain accurate and systematic records and accounts in respect of the work performed under this Contract.



The Contractor shall furnish, compile or make available at all times to the Malteser International any records or information, oral or written, which the Malteser International may reasonably request in respect of the Works or the Contractor's performance thereof.

The Contractor shall allow the Malteser International or its authorized agents to inspect and audit such records or information upon reasonable notice.

35 FORCE MAJEURE

Force majeure as used herein means Acts of God, war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection or other acts or events of a similar nature or force.

In the event of and as soon as possible after the occurrence of any cause constituting force majeure, the Contractor shall give notice and full particulars in writing to the Malteser International and to the Engineer of such force majeure if the Contractor is thereby rendered unable, wholly or in part, to perform its obligations and meet its responsibilities under this Contract. Subject to acceptance by the Malteser International of the existence of such force majeure, which acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) The obligations and responsibilities of the Contractor under this Contract shall be suspended to the extent of his inability to perform them and for as long as such inability continues. During such suspension and in respect of work suspended, the Contractor shall be reimbursed by the Malteser International substantiated costs of maintenance of the Contractor's equipment and of per diem of the Contractor's permanent personnel rendered idle by such suspension;
- (b) The Contractor shall within fifteen (15) days of the notice to the Malteser International of the occurrence of the force majeure submit a statement to the Malteser International of estimated costs referred to in sub-paragraph (a) above during the period of suspension followed by a complete statement of actual expenditures within thirty (30) days after the end of the suspension;
- (c) The term of this Contract shall be extended for a period equal to the period of suspension taking however into account any special condition which may cause the additional time for completion of the Works to be different from the period of suspension;
- (d) If the Contractor is rendered permanently unable, wholly or in part, by reason of force majeure, to perform his obligations and meet his responsibilities under the Contract, the Malteser International shall have the right to terminate the Contract on the same terms and conditions as provided for in Clause 68 of these General Conditions, except that the period of notice shall be seven (7) days instead of fourteen (14) days, and
- (e) For the purpose of the preceding sub-paragraph, the Malteser International may consider the Contractor permanently unable to perform in case of any suspension period of more than ninety (90) days.

36 SUSPENSION BY THE MALTESER INTERNATIONAL

Malteser International may by written notice to the Contractor suspend for a specified period, in whole or in part, payments to the Contractor and/or the Contractor's obligation to continue to perform the Works under this Contract, if in the Malteser International's sole discretion:

(a) any conditions arise which interfere, or threaten to interfere with the successful execution of the Works or the accomplishment of the purpose thereof, or

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(b) The Contractor shall have failed, in whole or in part, to perform any of the terms and conditions of this Contract.

After suspension under sub-paragraph (a) above, the Contractor shall be entitled to reimbursement by the Malteser International of such costs as shall have been duly incurred in accordance with this Contract prior to the commencement of the period of such suspension.

The term of this Contract may be extended by the Malteser International for a period equal to any period of suspension, taking into account any special conditions which may cause the additional time for completion of the Works to be different from the period of suspension.

37 TERMINATION BY THE MALTESER INTERNATIONAL

Malteser International may, notwithstanding any suspension under Clause 67 above, terminate this Contract for cause or convenience in the interest of the Malteser International upon not less than fourteen (14) days written notice to the Contractor.

Upon termination of this Contract:

- (a) The Contractor shall take immediate steps to terminate his performance of the Contract in a prompt and orderly manner and to reduce losses and to keep further expenditures to a minimum, and
- (b) The Contractor shall be entitled (unless such termination has been occasioned by the Contractor's breach of this Contract), to be paid for the part of the Works satisfactorily completed and for the materials and equipment properly delivered to the Site as of the date of termination for incorporation to the Works, plus substantiated costs resulting from commitments entered into prior to the date of termination as well as any reasonable substantiated direct costs incurred by the Contractor as a result of the termination, but shall not be entitled to receive any other or further payment or damages.

38 TERMINATION BY THE CONTRACTOR

In the case of any alleged breach by the Malteser International of the Contract or in any other situation which the Contractor reasonably considers to entitle him to terminate his performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall promptly give written notice to the Malteser International detailing the nature and the circumstances of the breach or other situation. Upon acknowledgement in writing by the Malteser International of the existence of such breach and the Malteser International inability to remedy it, or upon failure of the Malteser International to respond to such notice within twenty (20) days of receipt thereof, the Contractor shall be entitled to terminate this Contract by giving 30 days written notice thereof. In the event of disagreement between the Parties as to the existence of such breach or other situation referred to above, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with Clause 71 of these General Conditions.

Upon termination of this Contract under this Clause the provisions of sub-paragraph (b) of Clause 68 hereof shall apply.

39 RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OF THE MALTESER INTERNATIONAL

Nothing in or relating to this Contract shall be deemed to prejudice or constitute a waiver of any other rights or remedies of the Malteser International.



The Malteser International shall not be liable for any consequences of, or claim based upon, any act or omission on the part of the Government.

40 SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

In the case of any claim, controversy or dispute arising out of, or in connection with this Contract or any breach thereof, the following procedure for resolution of such claim, controversy or dispute shall apply.

40.1 Notification

The aggrieved party shall immediately notify the other party in writing of the nature of the alleged claim, controversy or dispute, not later than seven (7) days from awareness of the existence thereof.

40.2 Consultation

On receipt of the notification provided above, the representatives of the Parties shall start consultations with a view to reaching an amicable resolution of the claim, controversy or dispute without causing interruption of the Works.

40.3 Conciliation

Where the representatives of the Parties are unable to reach such an amicable settlement, either party may request the submission of the matter to conciliation in accordance with the Malteser International Rules of Conciliation then obtaining.

41 Arbitration

Any claim, controversy or dispute which is not settled as provided under clauses 71.1 through 3 above shall be referred to arbitration in accordance with the Malteser International Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The Parties shall be bound by the arbitration award rendered in accordance with such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy or claim.

42 PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

Nothing in or relating to this Contract shall be deemed a waiver of any of the privileges and immunities of the Malteser International of which the Malteser International is an integral part.

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