

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BUSINESS

1. DEFINITIONS

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

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

Company: Associated Lead Mills Limited, a company incorporated in England & Wales with registration number 03382580 and whose registered office is at Unit B, Bingley Road, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, EN11 0NX.

Contract: any contract between the Company and the Buyer for the sale and purchase of the Goods, incorporating these conditions.

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

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

2. APPLICATION OF TERMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.7 Any quotation is given on the basis that no Contract shall come into existence until the Company despatches an acknowledgement of order to the Buyer. Any quotation is valid for the period stated within that quotation, provided that the Company has not previously withdrawn it.

3. DESCRIPTION

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

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

4. DELIVERY

4.1 Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, the Company (or its third party agents) shall deliver the Goods to a delivery address notified to the Company by the Buyer.

4.2 Any dates specified by the Company for delivery of the Goods are intended to be an estimate and time for delivery shall not be made of the essence by notice. If no dates are so specified, delivery shall be within a reasonable time.

4.3 Subject to the other provisions of these conditions the Company shall not be liable for any direct, indirect or consequential loss (all three of which terms include, without limitation, pure economic loss, loss of profits, loss of business, depletion of goodwill and similar loss), costs, damages, charges or expenses caused directly or indirectly by any delay in the delivery of the Goods (even if caused by the Company's negligence).

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

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

(b) the Goods shall be deemed to have been delivered; and

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

4.5 The Buyer shall provide at the Delivery Point and at its expense adequate and appropriate equipment and manual labour for unloading or (in the case of collection of the Goods by the Buyer) loading of the Goods.

4.6 The Company may deliver the Goods by separate instalments. Each separate instalment shall be invoiced and paid for in accordance with the provisions of the Contract. Each instalment shall be a separate Contract and no cancellation or termination of any one Contract relating to an instalment shall entitle the Buyer to repudiate or cancel any other Contract or instalment.

5. NON-DELIVERY

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

5.2 The Company shall not be liable for any non-delivery of Goods (even if caused by the Company's negligence) unless the Buyer gives written notice to the Company of the non-delivery within 5 days of the date when the Goods would in the ordinary course of events have been received.

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

6. RISK & TITLE

- 6.1 The Goods are at the risk of the Buyer from the time of delivery.
- 6.2 Ownership of the Goods shall not pass to the Buyer until the Company has received in full (in cash or cleared funds) all sums due to it in respect of:
- (a) the Goods; and
 - (b) all other sums which are or which become due to the Company from the Buyer on any account.
- 6.3 Until ownership of the Goods has passed to the Buyer, the Buyer shall:
- (a) hold the Goods on a fiduciary basis as the Company's bailee;
 - (b) store the Goods (at no cost to the Company) separately from all other goods of the Buyer or any third party in such a way that they remain readily identifiable as the Company's property;
 - (c) not destroy, deface or obscure any identifying mark or packaging on or relating to the Goods; and
 - (d) maintain the Goods in satisfactory condition and keep them insured on the Company's behalf for their full price against all risks to the reasonable satisfaction of the Company. On request the Buyer shall produce the policy of insurance to the Company.
- 6.4 The Buyer may resell the Goods before ownership has passed to it solely on the following conditions:
- (a) any sale shall be effected in the ordinary course of the Buyer's business at full market value; and
 - (b) any such sale shall be a sale of the Company's property on the Buyer's own behalf and the Buyer shall deal as principal when making such a sale.
- 6.5 The Buyer's right to possession of the Goods shall terminate immediately if:
- (a) the Buyer has a bankruptcy order made against him or makes an arrangement or composition with his creditors, or enters into liquidation (whether voluntary or compulsory) except a solvent voluntary liquidation for the purpose only of reconstruction or amalgamation, or has a receiver and/or manager, administrator or administrative receiver appointed of its undertaking or any part thereof, or a resolution is passed or a petition presented to any court for the winding-up of the Buyer or for the granting of an administration order in respect of the Buyer, or any proceedings are commenced relating to the insolvency or possible insolvency of the Buyer; or
 - (b) the Buyer suffers or allows any execution, whether legal or equitable, to be levied on his/its property or obtained against him/it, or fails to observe or perform any of his/its obligations under the Contract or any other contract between the Company and the Buyer, or is unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986 or the Buyer ceases to trade; or
 - (c) the Buyer encumbers or in any way charges any of the Goods.
- 6.6 The Company shall be entitled to recover payment for the Goods notwithstanding that ownership of any of the Goods has not passed from the Company.
- 6.7 The Buyer grants the Company, its agents and employees an irrevocable licence at any time to enter any premises where the Goods are or may be stored in order to inspect them, or, where the Buyer's right to possession has terminated, to recover them.

7. PRICE

- 7.1 Due to daily fluctuations in the London Metal Exchange the Company advises the Buyer to confirm current prices when placing its order and, unless otherwise agreed by the Company in writing, the price for the Goods shall be the price set out in the Company's price list published on the date of delivery or deemed delivery.
- 7.2 The price for the Goods shall be exclusive of any value added tax and all costs or charges in relation to packaging, loading, unloading, carriage and insurance, all of which amounts the Buyer shall pay in addition when it is due to pay for the Goods.

8. PAYMENT

- 8.1 Payment of the price for the Goods under a Contract is due in pounds sterling within 30 days from the end of the month of delivery. The Buyer accepts that time for payment shall be of the essence.
- 8.2 No payment shall be deemed to have been received until the Company has received cleared funds and receipts will only be issued on the Buyer's specific request.
- 8.3 The Buyer shall make all payments due under the Contract in full without any deduction whether by way of set-off, counterclaim, discount, abatement or otherwise unless the Buyer has a valid court order requiring an amount equal to such deduction to be paid by the Company to the Buyer.
- 8.4 If the Buyer fails to pay the Company any sum due pursuant to the Contract, the Buyer shall be liable to pay interest to the Company on such sum from the due date for payment at the annual rate of 4% above the base lending rate from time to time of Allied Irish Bank plc, accruing on a daily basis until payment is made, whether before or after any judgment.

9. QUALITY

- 9.1 The Company warrants that (subject to the other provisions of these conditions) on delivery the Goods shall be of satisfactory quality within the meaning of the Sale of Goods Act 1979.
- 9.2 The Company shall not be liable for a breach of the warranty in condition 9.1 unless:
- (a) the Buyer gives written notice of the defect to the Company, and, if the defect is as a result of damage in transit to the carrier, within 5 days of the time when the Buyer discovers or ought to have discovered the defect; and
 - (b) the Company is given a reasonable opportunity after receiving the notice of examining such Goods and the Buyer (if asked to do so by the Company) returns such Goods to the Company's place of business at the Company's cost (if found to be defective) for the examination to take place there.
- 9.3 The Company shall not be liable for a breach of the warranty in condition 9.1 if:
- (a) the Buyer makes any further use of such Goods after giving such notice; or
 - (b) the defect arises because the Buyer failed to follow the Company's oral or written instructions as to the storage, installation, commissioning, use or maintenance of the Goods or (if there are none) good trade practice; or
 - (c) the Buyer alters or repairs such Goods without the written consent of the Company.

9.4 Subject to condition 9.2 and condition 9.3, if any of the Goods do not conform with the warranty in condition 9.1 the Company shall replace such Goods.

9.5 If the Company complies with condition 9.4 it shall have no further liability for a breach of the warranty in condition 9.1 in respect of such Goods.

10. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

10.1 **Subject to condition 9, the following provisions set out the entire financial liability of the Company (including any liability for the acts or omissions of its employees, agents and sub-contractors) to the Buyer in respect of:**

- (a) **any breach of these conditions, including any deliberate breach of these conditions by a party, or its employees, agents or subcontractors;**
- (b) **any use made or resale by the Buyer of any of the Goods, or of any product incorporating any of the Goods; and**
- (c) **any representation, statement or tortious act or omission including negligence arising under or in connection with the Contract.**

10.2 **All warranties, conditions and other terms implied by statute or common law (save for the conditions implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979) are, to the fullest extent permitted by law, excluded from the Contract.**

10.3 **Nothing in these conditions excludes or limits the liability of the Company:**

- (a) **for death or personal injury caused by the Company's negligence; or**
- (b) **under section 2(3), Consumer Protection Act 1987; or**
- (c) **for any matter which it would be illegal for the Company to exclude or attempt to exclude its liability; or**
- (d) **for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.**

10.4 **Subject to condition 10.2 and condition 10.3:**

- (a) **the Company's total liability in contract, tort (including negligence or breach of statutory duty), misrepresentation, restitution or otherwise, arising in connection with the performance or contemplated performance of the Contract shall be limited to the Contract price; and**
- (b) **the Company shall not be liable to the Buyer for loss of profit, loss of business, or depletion of goodwill in each case whether direct, indirect or consequential, or any claims for consequential compensation whatsoever (howsoever caused) which arise out of or in connection with the Contract.**

11. FORCE MAJEURE

11.1 The Company reserves the right to defer the date of delivery or to cancel the Contract or reduce the volume of the Goods ordered by the Buyer (without liability to the Buyer) if it is prevented from or delayed in the carrying on of its business due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Company including, without limitation, acts of God, governmental actions, war or national emergency, acts of terrorism, protests, riot, civil commotion, fire, explosion, flood, epidemic, lock-outs, strikes or other labour disputes (whether or not relating to either party's workforce), or restraints or delays affecting carriers or inability or delay in obtaining supplies of adequate or suitable materials, provided that, if the event in question continues for a continuous period in excess of 120 days, the Buyer shall be entitled to give notice in writing to the Company to terminate the Contract.

12. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBCONTRACTING

12.1 The Company may at any time assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with all or any of its rights or obligations under the Contract.

12.2 The Customer may not assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with all or any of its rights or obligations under the Contract without the prior written consent of the Company.

13. GENERAL

13.1 Each right or remedy of the Company under the Contract is without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Company whether under the Contract or not.

13.2 If any provision of the Contract is found by any court, tribunal or administrative body of competent jurisdiction to be wholly or partly illegal, invalid, void, voidable, unenforceable or unreasonable it shall to the extent of such illegality, invalidity, voidness, voidability, unenforceability or unreasonableness be deemed severable and the remaining provisions of the Contract and the remainder of such provision shall continue in full force and effect.

13.3 Failure or delay by the Company in enforcing or partially enforcing any provision of the Contract shall not be construed as a waiver of any of its rights under the Contract.

13.4 Any waiver by the Company of any breach of, or any default under, any provision of the Contract by the Buyer shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default and shall in no way affect the other terms of the Contract.

13.5 The Buyer consents to the Company processing its personal data for legal, administrative and management purposes and so that the Company can assure itself of the Buyer's credit worthiness. The Buyer accepts that such information may be made available to companies within the Company's group or certain selected third parties who the Company feels offer goods and services that would be of interest to the Buyer and to any regulatory authorities, governmental or quasi governmental organisations. At all times the parties shall comply with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998.

13.6 A person who is not a party to this Agreement shall have no rights under or in connection with it.

13.7 Nothing in this agreement is intended to, or shall operate to, create a partnership between the parties, or to authorise either party to act as agent for the other, and neither party shall have authority to act in the name of or on behalf of or otherwise to bind the other in any way (including the making of any representation or warranty, the assumption of any obligation or liability and the exercise of any right or power).

13.8 If either party need to send notices to the other these must be in writing and can be delivered by hand or first class post to the other's address as stated in the Contract and such notice will be deemed to have arrived at its destination within 24 hours if delivered by hand and within 48 hours if sent by first class post.

13.9 This Agreement is subject to and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of England and the parties agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.