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GENERAL
1. Whenever Dutch Thruster Group BV (“DTG BV”) has referred to DTG General Supply Conditions in a quotation or other type of offer or in an order acknowledgment, DTG General Supply Conditions shall apply to the resulting contract between DTG BV and the Purchaser. If the Purchaser refers to other terms and conditions in the Purchaser’s previous or subsequent communications with DTG BV, such other terms and conditions shall apply only to extent DTG BV expressly agrees thereto in writing.
2. The Purchaser represents that it has access to the DTG General Supply Conditions.
3. Should DTG BV accept other terms and conditions than the ones contained in DTG General Supply Conditions, DTG BV shall not be bound by the price, delivery terms, warranties and other terms quoted by DTG BV, unless the DTG BV quotation expressly refers to those other terms and conditions.
4. The DTG General Supply Conditions can also be downloaded from the website www.dutchthrustergroup.com.

DEFINITIONS
4. In these DTG General Supply Conditions;
(a) “Product” shall also include services to be provided by DTG BV in relation to the Product;
(b) “In writing” Wherever these General Conditions use the term in writing, this shall mean by document signed by the parties, or by letter, fax, electronic mail and by such other means as are agreed by the parties.
(c) “Purchaser” shall mean the other party to the contract; and
(d) “Supplier” shall mean DTG BV.
(e) “Instructions” All instructions in verbal and writing (instruction manuals and commissioning reports) given by Supplier.

Payment
5. Payment Terms
(a) Payment shall be made by the Purchaser according the agreed terms in a quotation or other type of offer or in an order acknowledgment or otherwise no later than thirty (30) days from the date the relevant invoice was issued. Should part of an invoice be disputed by the Purchaser, the Purchaser shall nevertheless pay the undisputed amount of the due payment date.
(b) Payment shall be made in the currency in which the purchase price was quoted by DTG BV. The purchase price is strictly net and exclusive of VAT and similar.
6. Should;
(a) the Purchaser’s payment to overdue by more than 14 calendar days;
(b) proceedings be commenced to wind up the Purchasers (except for the purpose of solvent amalgamation or reconstruction);
(c) any composition or arrangement with the Purchaser’s creditors be made; or
(d) the Purchaser be declared bankrupt or insolvency proceedings have been started,
DTG BV shall be entitled (without incurring any liability therefore) to terminate the contract by notice in writing, and thereupon to recover any loss or damage DTG BV has suffered as a result of such termination, except that the compensation paid towards such loss or damage shall not exceed the purchase price.
7. Any late payment shall mean an automatic and equivalent extension of the agreed delivery date.
8. If the Purchaser fails to pay by the stipulated date, the Supplier shall be entitled to interest from the day on which payment was due. The rate of interest shall be as agreed between the parties. If the parties fail to agree on the rate of interest, it shall be 8 percentage points above the rate of the main refinancing facility of the European Central Bank in force on the due date of payment. In case of late payment the Supplier may, after having notified the Purchaser in writing, suspend his performance of the contract until he receives payment.

PRODUCT INFORMATION
9. All information and data contained in the DTG BV general product documentation and price lists, whether in electronic or any other form, are binding only to the extent that they are by reference expressly included in the contract.

DRAWINGS AND DESCRIPTIONS
10. All drawings and technical documents relating to the Product or its manufacture submitted by one party to the other, prior or subsequent to the formation of the contract, shall remain the property of the submitting party. Drawings, technical documents or other technical information received by one party shall not, without the consent of the other party, be used for any other purpose than that for which they were provided. They may not, without the consent of the submitting party, otherwise be used or copied, reproduced, transmitted or communicated to a third party.
11. The Supplier shall, not later than at the date of delivery, provide free of charge information and drawings which are necessary to permit the Purchaser to erect, commission, operate and maintain the Product. Such information and drawings shall be supplied in the number of copies agreed upon or at least one copy of each. The Supplier shall not be obliged to provide manufacturing drawings for the Product or for spare parts.

ACCEPTANCE TESTS
12. Acceptance tests provided for in the contract shall, unless otherwise agreed, be carried out during normal working hours. If the contract does not specify the technical requirements, the tests shall be carried out in accordance with general practice in the appropriate branch of industry concerned in the country of manufacture.
13. The Supplier shall notify the Purchaser in writing of the acceptance tests in sufficient time to permit the Purchaser to be represented at the tests. If the Purchaser is not represented, the test report shall be sent to the Purchaser and shall be accepted as accurate.
14. If the acceptance tests show the Product not to be in accordance with the contract, the Supplier shall without delay remedy any deficiencies in order to ensure that the Product complies with the contract. New tests shall then be carried out at the Purchaser's request, unless the deficiency was insignificant.
15. The Supplier shall bear all costs for acceptance tests carried out at the place of manufacture. The Purchaser shall however bear all travelling and living expenses for his representatives in connection with such tests.

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DELIVERY. PASSING OF RISK
16. Any agreed trade term shall be construed in accordance with the INCOTERMS in force at the formation of the contract. If no trade term is specifically agreed, the delivery shall be Ex works (EXW). If, in the case of delivery Ex works, the Supplier, at the request of the Purchaser, undertakes to send the Product to its destination, the risk will pass not later than when the Product is handed over to the first carrier. Partial shipments shall be permitted unless otherwise agreed.

TIME FOR DELIVERY. DELAY
17. If the parties, instead of specifying the date for delivery, have specified a period of time on the expiry of which delivery shall take place, such period shall start to run as soon as the contract is entered into, all official formalities have been completed, payments due at the formation of the contract have been made, any agreed securities have been given and any other preconditions have been fulfilled.
18. If the Supplier anticipates that he will not be able to deliver the Product at the time for delivery, he shall forthwith notify the Purchaser thereof, stating the reason, and, if possible, the time when delivery can be expected. If the Supplier fails to give such notice, the Purchaser shall be entitled to compensation for any additional costs which he incurs and which he could have avoided had he received such notice.
19. If delay in delivery is caused by any of the circumstances mentioned in Clause 51 - 54 or by an act or omission on the part of the Purchaser, including suspension under Clauses 8 or 55, the time for delivery shall be extended by a period which is reasonable having regard to all the circumstances in the case. This provision applies regardless of whether the reason for the delay occurs before or after the agreed time for delivery.
20. If the Product is not delivered at the time for delivery (as defined in Clauses 17 and 19), the Purchaser is entitled to liquidated damages from the date on which delivery should have taken place. The liquidated damages shall be payable at a rate of 0.5 percent of the purchase price for each completed week of delay. The liquidated damages shall not exceed 5 percent of the purchase price. If only part of the Product is delayed, the liquidated damages shall be calculated on that part of the purchase price which is attributable to such part of the Product, as a result of the Purchaser's default. The Supplier shall be entitled to compensation for the loss he has suffered as a result of the Purchaser's failure to accept delivery, as if delivery had taken place. The Supplier shall arrange for storage of the Product at the risk and expense of the Purchaser. The Purchaser shall at the request of the Supplier, if it is clear from the circumstances that there will occur a delay in delivery which, under Clause 20 would entitle the Purchaser to maximum liquidated damages. In case of termination on this ground, the Purchaser shall be entitled to maximum liquidated damages and compensation as per this Clause 22.
23. Liquidated damages under Clause 20 and termination of the contract with limited compensation under Clause 22 are the only remedies available to the Purchaser in case of delay on the part of the Supplier. All other claims against the Supplier based on such delay shall be excluded, except where the Supplier has been guilty of gross negligence.
24. If the Purchaser anticipates that he will be unable to accept delivery of the Product at the delivery time, he shall forthwith notify the Supplier in writing thereof, stating the reason and, if possible, the time when he will be able to accept delivery.
25. Unless the Purchaser's failure to accept delivery is due to any such circumstance as mentioned in Clause 51, the Supplier may by notice in writing require the Purchaser to accept delivery within a final reasonable period. If, for any reason for which the Supplier is not responsible, the Purchaser fails to accept delivery within such period, the Supplier may by notice in writing terminate the contract in whole or in part. The Purchaser shall then be entitled to compensation according clause 21 for the loss he has suffered by reason of the Purchaser's default. The compensation shall not exceed that part of the purchase price which is attributable to that part of the Product in respect of which the contract is terminated.

RETENTION OF TITLE
26. The Product shall remain the property of the Supplier until paid for in full to the extent that such retention of title is valid under the applicable law. The Purchaser shall at the request of the Supplier assist him in taking any measures necessary to protect the Supplier's title to the Product in the country concerned. The retention of title shall not affect the passing of risk under Clause 16.
27. Until title in the Product has passed to the Purchaser, the
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Purchaser shall keep the Product and any part thereof in the Purchaser’s possession clearly marked or otherwise identified as being DTG BV’s, and store them separately from the Purchaser’s own plant. DTG BV shall be entitled at any time during normal business hours to enter the Purchaser’s premises in order to inspect the Product and ensure that it is so marked or clearly identified. Should the contract be terminated by DTG BV for any reason before title in the Product has passed to the Purchaser, DTG BV shall be entitled at any time during normal business hours to enter the Purchaser’s premises in order to recover the products. DTG BV reserves the right to dispose of any Product so recovered.

LIABILITY FOR DEFECTS

29. Pursuant to the provisions of Clauses 30-44 inclusive, the Supplier shall remedy any defect or nonconformity (hereinafter termed defect(s)) resulting from faulty design, materials or workmanship.

30. DTG BV warrants that the equipment shall be free from defects in design, workmanship and materials and in conformance with the relevant specifications for a period of 12 months from the date of commissioning, or 18 months from the date of shipping from the factory, whichever period ends first. If the daily use of the Product exceeds that which is agreed, this period shall be reduced proportionately.

31. The warranty is effective provided that:
(a) DTG BV has been advised in writing of the claimed defect immediately, but not later than 1 (one) week after the event, such event occurring within the warranty period.
(b) purchaser has observed the instructions issued by DTG BV in respect of the handling and maintenance of the equipment, and in particular, has duly carried out any specified checks.
(c) no subsequent adjustments have been carried out without the approval of DTG BV.
(d) the defects of the equipment and materials supplied are not caused by, or related to, equipment or material provided or designs specified by Purchaser.

32. The Purchaser shall without undue delay notify the Supplier in writing of any defect which appears. Such notice shall under no circumstance be given later than two weeks after the expiry of the period given in Clause 30. The notice shall contain a description of the defect. If the Purchaser fails to notify the Supplier in writing of a defect within the time limits set forth of this Clause, he loses his right to have the defect remedied.

Where the defect is such that it may cause damage, the Purchaser shall immediately inform the Supplier in writing. The Purchaser shall bear the risk of damage resulting from his failure so to notify.

33. Subject to the other provisions hereoff, DTG BV will repair, exchange or replace (the choice among these 3 alternatives to be at the sole discretion of DTG BV) free of charge, any component, or part thereof, which is, or becomes, faulty within the warranty period, and which upon inspection by DTG BV, or its agent, is determined to have been defective. Warranty works shall, even at site, be done in a work shop area. Dismantling, reassembly dismantling, reinstalation, dock charges, tugs-work, transferring, repositioning, etc. shall not be part of the warranty obligations. Replacements, or repaired components or parts, to be delivered at the delivery address stated in the contract or FOB European Main Port (the choice to be sole discretion of DTG BV).

34. DTG BV’s local regional office or agent is expected to liaise and co-operate with the user in determining the nature of any failure or defect, and to assist in effecting replacements or repairs. Technical back-up and assistance is assured from DTG BV’s technical staff in the Netherlands.

35. DTG BV shall not be responsible for the following:
(a) Customs clearing costs & duties, or government taxes resulting from the supply of replacement or repaired equipment.
(b) Transportation costs resulting from the return of defective equipment to DTG BV, or its agent.
(c) Costs related to down-time, loss of productivity and all other incidental business costs and losses resulting from defects covered by this warranty.
(d) Natural wear and tear to equipment or parts thereof and damage caused by improper storage, incorrect operation and/or poor maintenance, faulty handling and treatment, overloading, the use of unsuitable fuels, oils, chemical, electro-chemical or electrical influences or any other circumstances corollary to no fault of DTG BV after the passing of risk.
(e) Travelling or accommodation costs incurred by an DTG BV engineer, or DTG BV’s agent.

36. In the case of a dispute whether or not a particular defect or failure is covered under warranty, the party in question is to be returned free to DTG BV works in the Netherlands for further detailed expert investigation. Subject to the nature of the failure, it may be decided by mutual consent to appoint an assessor for a second opinion.

37. When a defect in a part of the Product has been remedied, the Supplier shall be liable for defects in the repaired or replaced part under the same terms and conditions as those applicable to the original Product for a period of one year. For the remaining parts of the Product the period mentioned in Clause 30 shall be extended only by a period equal to the period during which the Product has been out of operation as a result of the defect.

38. If the Purchaser has given such notice as mentioned in Clause 32 and no defect is found for which the Supplier is liable, the Supplier shall be entitled to compensation for the costs he has incurred as a result of the notice.

39. The Purchaser shall at his own expense arrange for any dismantling and reassembly of equipment other than the Product, to the extent that this is necessary to remedy the defect.

40. Unless otherwise agreed, necessary transport of the Product and/or parts thereof to and from the Supplier in connection with the remedying of defects for which the Supplier is liable shall be at the risk and expense of the Supplier. The Purchaser shall follow the Supplier’s instructions regarding such transport.

41. Unless otherwise agreed, the Purchaser shall bear any additional costs which the Supplier incurs for repair, dismantling, installation and transport as a result of the Product being located in a place other than the destination stated in the contract or - if no destination is stated - the place of delivery.

42. Defective parts which have been replaced shall be made available to the Supplier and shall be his property.

43. If, within a reasonable time, the Supplier does not fulfill his obligations under Clause 33, the Purchaser may by notice in writing fix a final time for completion of the Supplier’s obligations. If the Supplier fails to fulfill his obligations within such final time, the Purchaser may himself undertake or employ a third party to undertake necessary remedial works at the risk and expense of the Supplier. Where successful remedial works have been undertaken by the Purchaser or a third party, reimbursement by the Supplier of reasonable costs incurred by the Purchaser shall be in full settlement of the Supplier’s liabilities for the said defect.

44. Where the defect has not been successfully remedied, as...
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stipulated under Clause 32 the Purchaser is entitled to a reduction of the purchase price in proportion to the reduced value of the Product, provided that under no circumstance shall such reduction exceed 7,5 per cent of the purchase price, or where the defect is so substantial as to significantly deprive the Purchaser of the benefit of the contract, the Purchaser may terminate the contract by notice in writing to the Supplier. The Purchaser is then entitled to compensation for the loss he has suffered up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the purchase price.

LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY
45. The Supplier is not liable for defects arising out of materials provided, or a design stipulated or specified by the Purchaser.
46. The Supplier is liable only for defects which appear under the conditions of operation provided for in the contract and under proper use of the Product. The Supplier's liability does not cover defects which are caused by faulty maintenance, incorrect erection or faulty repair by the Purchaser, or by alterations carried out without the Supplier's consent in writing. Finally the Supplier's liability does not cover normal wear and tear or deterioration.
47. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, DTG BV limits its aggregate liability under the contract for direct damage to an amount equivalent of 7,5% of the purchase price.
48. Notwithstanding the provisions of Clauses 29-44 the Supplier shall not be liable for defects in any part of the Product for more than two years from the beginning of the period given in Clause 30.
49. Save as stipulated in Clauses 29-44, the Supplier shall not be liable for defects. This applies to any loss the defect may cause including loss of production, loss of profit and other indirect loss. This limitation of the Supplier's liability shall not apply if he has been guilty of gross negligence as defined in Clause 23.

ALLOCATION OF LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE PRODUCT
50 The Supplier shall not be liable for any damage to property caused by the Product after it has been delivered and whilst it is in the possession of the Purchaser. Nor shall the Supplier be liable for any damage to products manufactured by the Purchaser, or to products of which the Purchaser's products form a part. If the Supplier incurs liability towards any third party for such damage to property as described in the preceding paragraph, the Purchaser shall indemnify, defend and hold the Supplier harmless. If a claim for damage as described in this Clause is lodged by a third party against one of the parties, the latter party shall forthwith inform the other party thereof in writing. The Supplier and the Purchaser shall be mutually obliged to let themselves be summoned to the court or arbitral tribunal examining claims for damages lodged against one of them on the basis of damage allegedly caused by the Product.

The limitation of the Supplier's liability in the first paragraph of this Clause shall not apply where the Supplier has been guilty of gross negligence as defined in Clause 23.

Gross negligence shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with Dutch Law, and shall mean an act or omission by a managing director of DTG BV, which is recklessly performed, effected knowing that damage will more likely than not result from that action, but who still continues with his action or omission (Dutch Supreme Court, 5 January 2001, NJ 2001, 392).

FORCMAJEURE
51. Either party shall be entitled to suspend performance of his obligations under the contract to the extent that such performance is impeded or made unreasonably onerous by any of the following circumstances: industrial disputes and any other circumstance beyond the control of the parties such as fire, war, extensive military mobilization, insurrection, requisition, seizure, embargo, restrictions in the use of power and defects or delays in deliveries by sub-contractors caused by any such circumstance referred to in this Clause. A circumstance referred to in this Clause whether occurring prior to or after the formation of the contract shall give a right to suspension only if its effect on the performance of the contract could not be foreseen at the time of the formation of the contract.
52. The party claiming to be affected by Force Majeure shall notify the other party in writing without delay on the intervention and on the cessation of such circumstance. If Force Majeure prevents the Purchaser from fulfilling his obligations, he shall compensate the Supplier for expenses incurred in securing and protecting the Product.
53. Regardless of what might otherwise follow from these General Conditions, either party shall be entitled to terminate the contract by notice in writing to the other party if performance of the contract is suspended under Clause 51 for more than six months.
54. Upon termination due to force majeure, no party shall be liable for compensation.

ANTICIPATED NON-PERFORMANCE
55. Notwithstanding other provisions in these General Conditions regarding suspension, each party shall be entitled to suspend the performance of his obligations under the contract, where it is clear from the circumstances that the other party will not be able to perform his obligations. A party suspending his performance of the contract shall forthwith notify the other party thereof in writing.

CONSEQUENTIAL LOSSES
56. Save as otherwise stated in these General Conditions there shall be no liability for either party towards the other party for loss of production, loss of profit, loss of use, loss of contracts or for any other consequential or indirect loss whatsoever.

DISPUTES AND APPLICABLE LAW
57. All disputes arising out of or in connection with the contract shall exclusively be settled in the District Court in Breda, the Netherlands.
58. The contract shall in all respect be governed by and construed in accordance with Dutch substantive law. The parties agree that the United Nations Convention on contracts for the International Sale of Goods shall not apply to the contract.