

## **Terms and Conditions of Sale**

### **1 Interpretation**

In these conditions:

“Buyer” means the person who accepts a quotation of the Seller for the sale of the Goods or whose order for the Goods is accepted by the Seller.

“Goods” means the goods (including any instalments of the goods or any parts of them) which the Seller is to supply in accordance with these Conditions.

“Seller” means Prescott Instruments Limited

“Conditions” means the standard terms and conditions of the sale set out in this document and (unless the context otherwise requires) includes any special terms and conditions agreed in writing between the Buyer and Seller.

“Contract” means the contract for the purchase and sale of the Goods.

“Writing” includes telex, cable, Fax and comparable means of communications.

- 1.2 Any reference in these Conditions to any provision of a statute shall be construed as a reference to that provision as amended re-enacted or extended at the relevant time.
- 1.3 The headings in these Conditions are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretations.

### **2 Basis of the Sale**

- 2.1 The Seller shall sell and the Buyer shall purchase the Goods in accordance with any written quotation of the Seller which is accepted by the Buyer or any written order of the Buyer which is accepted by the Seller, subject in either case to these Conditions which shall govern the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms and conditions subject to which any such quotation is accepted or purported to be accepted or any such order is made or purported to be made by the Buyer.
- 2.2 No variation to these Conditions shall be binding, unless agreed in Writing between the authorised representatives of the Buyer and Seller.
- 2.3 The Seller’s employees or agents are not authorised to make any representations concerning the Goods unless confirmed by the Seller in Writing in entering into the Contract the Buyer acknowledges that it does not rely on and waives any claim for breach of any such representations which are not so confirmed
- 2.4 Any advice or recommendations given by the Seller or its employees or agents to the Buyer or its employees or agents as to the storage application use of the Goods which is not confirmed in Writing by the Seller is followed or acted upon entirely at the Buyer’s own risk and accordingly the Seller shall not be liable for any such advice or recommendation which is not so confirmed.
- 2.5 Any typographical, clerical or other error or omission in any sales literature, quotation, price list, acceptance of the offer invoice or other document or information issued by the Seller shall be subject to correction without any liability on the part of the Seller.

### **3 Orders and Specifications**

- 3.1 No order submitted by the Buyer shall be deemed to be accepted by the Seller unless and until confirmed in Writing by the Seller's authorised representative.
- 3.2 The Buyer shall be responsible to the Seller for ensuring the accuracy of the terms of any order (including any applicable specification) submitted by the Buyer and for giving the Seller any necessary information relating to the goods within a sufficient time to enable the Seller to perform the Contract in accordance with its terms.
- 3.3 The quality quantity and description of and any specification for the Goods shall be those set out in the Seller's quotation (if accepted by the Buyer) or the Buyer's order (if accepted by the Seller)
- 3.4 The Seller reserves the right to make any changes in the specifications of the Goods which are required to conform with any applicable statutory or EC requirements or where the Goods are to be supplied to the Seller's specification which do not materially affect their quality or performance.
- 3.5 No order which has been accepted by the Seller may be cancelled by the Buyer except with the agreement in Writing of the Seller, and on terms that the Buyer shall indemnify the Seller in full against all loss (including loss of profit) costs (including the cost of all labour and materials used) damages charges and expenses incurred by the Seller as a result of the cancellation.

### **4 Price of the goods**

- 4.1 The price of the Goods shall be the Seller's quoted (or quoted price is no longer valid) the price listed in the Seller's published price list current at the date of acceptance of the order where the Goods are supplied for export from the United Kingdom the Seller's published price shall apply all prices quoted are valid for 30 days only unless the Seller's written acceptance extends the period.
- 4.2 Except as otherwise stated under the terms of any quotation or in any price list of the Seller and unless otherwise agreed in Writing between the Buyer and the Seller all prices are given by the Seller on an ex-works basis and where the Seller agrees to deliver the Goods otherwise than at the Seller's premises the Buyer shall be liable to pay the Seller's charges for transport packaging and insurance.
- 4.3 The price is exclusive of any applicable value added tax which the Buyer shall be additionally liable to pay to the Seller.
- 4.4 The cost of the pallets and returnable containers will be charged to the Buyer in addition to the price of the goods but full credit will be given to the Buyer provided that they are returned undamaged to the Seller before the due payment date.

### **5 Terms of payment**

- 5.1 Subject to any special terms agreed in Writing between the Buyer and the Seller the Seller shall be entitled to invoice the Buyer for the price of the Goods on or any time after delivery of the Goods.
- 5.2 The Buyer shall pay the price of the Goods (unless any discount to which the Buyer is entitled but without any other deduction) within thirty days of the date of the Seller's invoice and the Seller shall be entitled to recover the price notwithstanding that delivery may not have taken place and the property in the Goods has not passed to the Buyer the time of payment of the price shall be of

the essence of the Contract receipts for payment will be issued only upon request.

- 5.3 If the Buyer fails to make any payment by the due date then without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller the Seller shall be entitled to:
  - 5.3.1 Cancel the contract or suspend any further deliveries to the Buyer
  - 5.3.2 Appropriate any payment made by the Buyer to such of the Goods (or the goods supply under any other contract between the Buyer and the Seller) as the Seller may think fit (notwithstanding any purported appropriation by the Buyer) and
  - 5.3.3 Charge the Buyer interest (both before and after judgement) on the amount unpaid at the rate of four per cent per annum above Lloyds Bank base rate from time to time until payment in full is made (a part of a month being treated as a full month for the purposes of calculating interest)

## **6 Delivery**

- 6.1 Any dates quoted for delivery of the Goods are approximate only and the Seller shall not be liable for any delay in delivery of the Goods howsoever they are caused and time for delivery shall not be of the essence unless previously agreed by the Seller in Writing the Goods may be delivered by the Seller in advance of the quoted delivery date upon giving reasonable notice to the Buyer.
- 6.2 If the Seller fails to deliver the Goods for any reason other than any cause beyond the Seller's reasonable control or the Buyer's fault and the Seller is accordingly liable to the Buyer, the Seller's liability shall be limited to the excess (if any) of the cost to the Buyer (in the cheapest available market) of similar goods to replace those not delivered over the price of the Goods.
- 6.3 If the Buyer fails to take delivery of the Goods or fails to give the Seller adequate delivery instructions at the time stated for delivery (otherwise than by reason of any cause beyond the Buyer's reasonable control or by reason of the Seller's fault) then without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller, the Seller may:
  - 6.3.1 Store the Goods until actual delivery and charge the Buyer for the reasonable costs (including insurance) of storage or
  - 6.3.2 Sell the Goods at the best price readily obtainable and (after deducting all reasonable storage and selling expenses) account to the buyer for the excess over the price under the Contract or charge the Buyer for any shortfall below the price under the Contract.

## **7 Risk and property**

- 7.1 Risk of damage to or loss of the Goods shall pass to the Buyer:
  - 7.1.1 in the case of the Goods to be delivered at the Seller's premises at the time when the Seller notifies the Buyer that the Goods are available for collection or
  - 7.1.2 in the case of Goods to be delivered otherwise than at the Seller's premises at the time of delivery of the Goods the time when the Seller has tendered delivery of the Goods.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding delivery and the passing of risk in the Goods or any other provision of these Conditions the property in the goods shall not pass to the Buyer until the Seller has received in cash or cleared funds payment in full of

the price of the goods and all other goods agreed to be sold by the Seller to the Buyer for which payment is then due.

- 7.3 Until such time as the property in the Goods passes to the Buyer the Buyer shall hold the goods as the Seller's fiduciary agent and bailee and shall keep the Goods separate from those of the Buyer and third parties and properly stored protected and insured and identified as the Seller's property until that time the Buyer shall be entitled to resell or use the Goods in the ordinary course of business but shall account to the Seller for the proceeds of the sale or otherwise of the Goods whether tangible or intangible including insurance proceeds and shall keep all such proceeds separate from any monies or property of the Buyer and third parties and in the case of tangible proceeds property stored protected and insured.
- 7.4 Until such time as the property in the Goods passes to the Buyer (and provided the Goods are still in existence and have not been resold) the Seller shall be entitled at any time to require the Buyer to deliver up the Goods to the Seller and if the Buyer fails to do so forthwith to enter upon any premises of the Buyer or third party where the Goods are stored and repossess the Goods.
- 7.5 The Buyer shall not be entitled to pledge or in any way charge by way of security for any indebtedness any of the Goods which remain the property of the Seller but if the Buyer does so all monies owing by the Buyer to the Seller shall (without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Seller) forthwith become due and payable.

## 8 **Warranties and liability**

- 8.1 Subject to the conditions set out below the Seller warrants that the Goods will correspond with their specification at the time of delivery and will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 6 months from the date of their initial use or 6 months from delivery whichever is the first to expire.
- 8.2 The above warranty is given by the Seller subject to the following conditions:
- 8.2.1 the Seller shall be under no liability in respect of any defect in the Goods arising from any drawing design or specification supplied by the Buyer
- 8.2.2 the Seller shall be under no liability in respect of any defect arising from fair wear and tear wilful damage negligence abnormal working conditions failure to follow the Seller's instructions (whether oral or in writing) misuse or alteration or repair of the Goods without the Seller's approval
- 8.2.3 the Seller shall be under no liability under the above warranty (or any other warranty conditions or guarantee) if the total price for the Goods has not been paid by the due date for payment
- 8.2.4 the above warranty does not extend to software supplied or any other parts materials or equipment not manufactured by the Seller in respect of which the Buyer shall only be entitled to the benefit of any such warranty or guarantee as is given by the manufacturer of the Seller.
- 8.3 Subject as expressly provided in these Conditions and except where the Goods are sold to a person dealing as a consumer (within the meaning of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977) all warranties conditions or other terms Implied by statute or common law are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 8.4 Where the Goods are sold under a consumer transaction (as defined by the Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) order 1976) the statutory rights of the Buyer are not affected by these conditions.

- 8.5 Any claim by the Buyer which is based on any defect in the quality or condition of the Goods or their failure to correspond with specification shall (whether or not delivery is refused by the Buyer) be notified to the Seller within 14 days from the date of delivery, or (where the defect or failure was not apparent on reasonable inspection) within a reasonable time after discovery of the defect or failure if delivery is not refused and the Buyer does not notify the Seller accordingly the Buyer shall not be entitled to reject the Goods and the Seller shall have no liability for such defect or failure and the Buyer shall be bound to pay the price as if the Goods had been delivered in accordance with the Contract.
- 8.6 Where any valid claim in respect of any of the Goods which is based on any defect in the quality or condition of the Goods or their failure to meet specification is notified to the Seller in accordance with these Conditions the Seller shall be entitled to replace the Goods (or the part in question) free of charge or at the Seller's sole discretion refund to the Buyer the price of the Goods (or a proportionate part of the price) but the Seller shall have no further liability to the Buyer.
- 8.7 Except in respect of death or personal injury caused by the Seller's negligence the Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer by reason of any representation or any implied warranty condition or other term or any duty at common law or under the express terms of the Contract for any consequential loss or damage (whether caused by the negligence of the Seller its employees or agents or otherwise) which arise out of or in connection with the supply of the Goods or their use or resale by the Buyer except as expressly provided in these conditions.
- 8.8 The Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer or be deemed to be in breach of the Contract by any reason of any delay in performing or any failure to perform any of the Seller's obligations in relation to the Goods if the delay or failure was due to any cause beyond the Seller's reasonable control without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing the following shall be regarded as causes beyond the Seller's reasonable control
- 8.8.1 Act of God explosion flood tempest fire or accident
  - 8.8.2 War or threat of war sabotage insurrection civil disturbance or requisition
  - 8.8.3 Acts restrictions regulations bye-laws prohibitions or measures of any kind on the part of the Government parliamentary or local authority
  - 8.8.4 Import or export regulations or embargoes
  - 8.8.5 Strikes lock-outs or other industrial action or trade disputes (whether involving employees of the Seller or of a third party)
  - 8.8.6 Difficulties in obtaining raw materials labour fuel parts or machinery
  - 8.8.7 Power failure or breakdown in machinery

## **9 Insolvency of buyer**

- 9.1 This clause applies if:
- 9.1.1 the Buyer makes any voluntary arrangements with its creditors or becomes subject to an administration order or (being an individual or firm) becomes bankrupt or (being a company) goes into liquidation (otherwise than for purposes of amalgamation or reconstruction) or
  - 9.1.2 an encumbrancer takes possession or a receiver is appointed of any of the property or assets of the Buyer or
  - 9.1.3 the Buyer ceases or threatens to cease to carry on business or

- 9.1.4 the Seller reasonably apprehends that any of the events mentioned above is about to occur in relation to the Buyer and notifies the Buyer accordingly.
- 9.2 If this clause applies then without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller the Seller shall be entitled to cancel the Contract or suspend any further deliveries under the Contract without any liability to the Buyer and if the goods have been delivered but not paid for the price shall become immediately due and payable notwithstanding any previous agreement or arrangement to the contrary.

## 10 **Export Terms**

- 10.1 In these Conditions 'Incoterms' means the international rules for the interpretation of trade terms of the International Chamber of Commerce as in force at the date when the Contract is made unless the context otherwise requires any term or expression which is defined in or given a particular meaning by the provision of Incoterms shall have the same meaning in these Conditions but if there is any conflict between the provision of Incoterms and these Conditions the latter shall prevail.
- 10.2 Where the Goods are supplied for export from the United Kingdom the provisions of this clause 11 shall (subject to any special terms agreed in writing between the Buyer and the Seller) apply notwithstanding any other provision of these conditions.
- 10.3 The buyer shall be responsible for complying with any legislation or regulations governing the importation of the Goods into the country of destination and the payment of any duties thereon.
- 10.4 Unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Buyer and Seller the Goods shall be delivered (fob) the air or sea port of shipment and the Seller shall be under no obligation to give notice under section 32(3) of the Sale of Goods Act 1979.
- 10.5 The Buyer shall be responsible for arranging for testing and inspection of the Goods at the Seller's premises before shipment the Seller shall have no liability for any claim in respect of any defect in the Goods which would be apparent on inspection and which is made after shipment or in respect of any damages during transit.
- 10.6 Payment of all amounts due to the Seller shall be made by irrevocable letter of credit opened by the Buyer in favour of the Seller and confirmed by the bank in the United Kingdom acceptable to the Seller or if the Seller has agreed in Writing on or before acceptance of the Buyer's order to waive this requirement by acceptance by the Buyer and delivery to the Seller of a bill of exchange drawn on the Buyer payable 60 days after sight to the order of the Seller at such branch of Yorkshire Bank in England as may be specified in the bill of exchange.
- 10.7 The Buyer undertakes not to offer the Goods for resale in any country notified by the Seller to the Buyer at or before the time the Buyer's order is placed or to sell the goods to any person if the Buyer knows or has reason to believe that this person intends to resell the goods in any such country.

## 11 **General**

- 11.1 Any notice required or permitted to be given by either party to the other under these Conditions shall be in Writing addressed to that other party at its registered office or principal place of business of such other address as may at

the relevant time have been notified pursuant to this provision to the party giving the notice.

- 11.2 No waiver by the Seller of any breach of the Contract by the Buyer shall be considered as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.
- 11.3 If any provision of these Conditions is held by any competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part the validity of the other provision in question shall not be affected thereby.
- 11.4 Any dispute arising under or in connection with these Conditions or the sale of the Goods shall be referred to arbitration by a single arbitrator appointed by agreement or (in default) nominated on the application of either party by the President for the time being of the City of Gloucester Chamber of Commerce.
- 11.5 The Contract shall be governed by the laws of England.