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TERMS AND CONDITIONS



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1) [REVENUE AND CUSTOMS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LIMITED]

and

(2) [THE SUPPLIER]

AGREEMENT

relating to

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THIS AGREEMENT is made on

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BETWEEN:

- (1) **REVENUE AND CUSTOMS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LIMITED** a company registered in England and Wales under company number 09679225 whose registered office is at 100 Parliament Street, Westminster, London SW1A 2BQ (the “**RCDTS**”); and
- (2) **[NAME OF THE SUPPLIER]** a company registered in **[England and Wales]** under company number **[]** whose registered office is at **[]** (the “**Supplier**”),

(each a “**Party**” and together the “**Parties**”).

INTRODUCTION

[Set out description of background and objectives of the procurement - for example:

- (A) RCDTS is a private company limited by guarantee, established and designed for the purpose of delivering digital and technology and security services to the Customer.**
- (B) RCDTS, in providing services to the Customer, is mindful of the Customer’s responsibility for the UK’s tax administration.**
- (C) RCDTS wishes to [insert objectives of procurement (e.g. procure a supplier of desktop computer equipment to replace its current desktop estate in order to benefit from up to date technology and realise substantial savings)].**
- (D) The Supplier is a leading provider of [insert business of Supplier] and has experience in [insert services being procured].**
- (E) The Parties have agreed to contract with each other in accordance with the terms and conditions set out below.]**

IT IS AGREED as follows:

SECTION A | PRELIMINARIES

1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 In this Agreement, unless otherwise provided or the context otherwise requires, capitalised expressions shall have the meanings set out in Schedule (*Definitions*) or the relevant Schedule in which that capitalised expression appears.
- 1.2 In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
 - (b) reference to a gender includes the other gender and the neuter;

- (c) references to a person include an individual, company, body corporate, corporation, unincorporated association, firm, partnership or other legal entity or Central Government Body;
 - (d) a reference to any Law includes a reference to that Law as amended, extended, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time including any implementing or successor legislation;
 - (e) the words “**including**”, “**other**”, “**in particular**”, “**for example**” and similar words shall not limit the generality of the preceding words and shall be construed as if they were immediately followed by the words “without limitation”;
 - (f) references to “**writing**” include typing, printing, lithography, photography, display on a screen, electronic and facsimile transmission and other modes of representing or reproducing words in a visible form, and expressions referring to writing shall be construed accordingly;
 - (g) the headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement;
 - (h) unless otherwise provided and save for references in Annexes 1 and 2 of Schedule 5 (*Intellectual Property Rights*) and in Schedule 10 (*Guarantee*):
 - (i) references to Clauses and Schedules are references to the clauses and schedules of this Agreement;
 - (ii) references in any Schedule to Paragraphs, Parts and Annexes are, unless otherwise provided, references to the paragraphs, parts and annexes of the Schedule or the Part of the Schedule in which the references appear;
 - (i) any reference to a time of day (unless expressly specified otherwise) is to London time; and
 - (j) references to this Agreement are references to this Agreement as amended from time to time.
- 1.3 Where a standard, policy or document is referred to in this Agreement by reference to a hyperlink, then if the hyperlink is changed or no longer provides access to the relevant standard, policy or document, the Supplier shall notify RCDTS and the Parties shall update this Agreement with a reference to the replacement hyperlink.
- 1.4 If there is any conflict or inconsistency between the Clauses and the Schedules and/or any Annexes to the Schedules and/or any other documents referred to in this Agreement, the conflict shall be resolved in accordance with the following order of precedence:
- (a) the Clauses and Schedule (*Definitions*);
 - (b) Schedules 2.1 (*Services Description*) and 2.2 (*Performance Levels*) and their Annexes;

- (c) Schedule 2.8 (*Data Processing and List of Sub-processors*), if such Schedule is used;
- (d) any other Schedules and their Annexes (other than Schedule 4.1 (*Supplier Solution*) and its Annexes);
- (e) Schedule 4.1 (*Supplier Solution*) and its Annexes (if any); and
- (f) any other document referred to in this Agreement or any other document attached to this Agreement.

1.5 The Schedules and their Annexes form part of this Agreement.

2 DUE DILIGENCE

2.1 The Supplier acknowledges that:

- (a) RCDTS has delivered or made available to the Supplier all of the information and documents that the Supplier considers necessary or relevant for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) it has made its own enquiries to satisfy itself as to the accuracy and adequacy of the Due Diligence Information and the processes and requirements of RCDTS;
- (c) it has satisfied itself, whether by inspection or having raised all relevant due diligence questions with RCDTS before the Effective Date; and
- (d) it has entered into this Agreement in reliance on its own due diligence.

2.2 The Supplier shall not be excused from the performance of any of its obligations under this Agreement on the grounds of, nor shall the Supplier be entitled to recover any additional costs or charges, arising as a result of:

- (a) any unsuitable aspects of the Operating Environment;
- (b) any misinterpretation of RCDTS Requirements; and/or
- (c) any failure by the Supplier to satisfy itself as to the accuracy and/or adequacy of the Due Diligence Information.

3 WARRANTIES

3.1 RCDTS represents and warrants that:

- (a) it is validly incorporated, organised and subsisting in accordance with English Law;
- (b) it has full capacity and authority to enter into and to perform this Agreement;
- (c) this Agreement is executed by its duly authorised representative;
- (d) there are no actions, suits or proceedings or regulatory investigations before any court or administrative body or arbitration tribunal pending or, to its knowledge,

threatened against it that might affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement; and

- (e) its obligations under this Agreement constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganisation, insolvency, moratorium or similar Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to equitable principles of general application (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or law).

3.2 The Supplier represents and warrants that:

- (a) it is validly incorporated, organised and subsisting in accordance with the Laws of its place of incorporation;
- (b) it has full capacity and authority to enter into and to perform this Agreement;
- (c) this Agreement is executed by its duly authorised representative;
- (d) it has all necessary consents and regulatory approvals to enter into this Agreement and perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (e) there are no actions, suits or proceedings or regulatory investigations before any court or administrative body or arbitration tribunal pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it or any of its Affiliates that might affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
- (f) its execution, delivery and performance of its obligations under this Agreement will not constitute a breach of any Law or obligation applicable to it and will not cause or result in a default under any agreement by which it is bound;
- (g) its obligations under this Agreement constitute its legal, valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms subject to applicable bankruptcy, reorganisation, insolvency, moratorium or similar Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and subject, as to enforceability, to equitable principles of general application (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding in equity or law);
- (h) all written statements and representations in any written submissions made by the Supplier as part of the procurement process, including without limitation its response to the SQ and ITT (if applicable), its tender and any other documents submitted remain true and accurate except to the extent that such statements and representations have been superseded or varied by this Agreement or to the extent that the Supplier has otherwise disclosed to RCDTS in writing prior to the date of this Agreement;
- (i) in the three years prior to the Effective Date, it has been in full compliance with all applicable securities and Tax Laws and regulations in the United Kingdom and in the jurisdiction in which it is established;

- (j) it has notified RCDTS in writing of any Occasions of Tax Non-Compliance and any litigation, enquiry or investigation in which it or its Subcontractors is/are (as appropriate) involved that is in connection with, or which may lead to any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance;
 - (k) it has all necessary rights in and to the Licensed Software, the Third Party IPRs, the Supplier Background IPRs and any other materials made available by the Supplier (and/or any Sub-contractor) to RCDTS which are necessary for the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement and/or the receipt of the Services by RCDTS and the Customer;
 - (l) the Contract Inception Report is a true and accurate reflection of the Costs and Supplier Profit Margin forecast by the Supplier and the Supplier does not have any other internal financial model in relation to the Services inconsistent with the Financial Model;
 - (m) it is not subject to any contractual obligation, compliance with which is likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement;
 - (n) it is not aware of any other matters relating to itself or its Affiliates which are likely to have a material adverse effect on its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement; [and]
 - (o) no proceedings or other steps have been taken and not discharged (nor, to the best of its knowledge, are threatened) for the winding up of the Supplier or for its dissolution or for the appointment of a receiver, administrative receiver, liquidator, manager, administrator or similar officer in relation to any of the Supplier's assets or revenue [.] [; and]
 - (p) [neither the Supplier nor any of its officers, employees or Sub-contractors:
 - (i) has been convicted of any offence involving slavery and human trafficking; and
 - (ii) having made reasonable enquiries and to the best of its knowledge, has not been or is not the subject of any investigation, inquiry or enforcement proceedings by any governmental, administrative or regulatory body regarding any offence or alleged offence of or in connection with slavery and human trafficking.]
- 3.3 The representations and warranties set out in Clause 3.2 shall be deemed to be repeated by the Supplier on the Effective Date (if later than the date of signature of this Agreement) and throughout the Term by reference to the facts then existing.
- 3.4 Each of the representations and warranties set out in Clauses 3.1 and 3.2 shall be construed as a separate representation and warranty and shall not be limited or

restricted by reference to, or inference from, the terms of any other representation, warranty or any other undertaking in this Agreement.

- 3.5 If at any time a Party becomes aware that a representation or warranty given by it under Clause 3.1 or 3.2 has been breached, is untrue, or is misleading, it shall immediately notify the other Party of the relevant occurrence in sufficient detail to enable the other Party to make an accurate assessment of the situation.
- 3.6 For the avoidance of doubt, the fact that any provision within this Agreement is expressed as a warranty shall not preclude any right of termination which RCDTS may have in respect of breach of that provision by the Supplier.
- 3.7 Except as expressly stated in this Agreement, all warranties and conditions whether express or implied by statute, common law or otherwise are hereby excluded to the extent permitted by Law.

SECTION B | THE SERVICES

4 TERM

4.1 This Agreement shall:

- (a) come into force on the Effective Date, save for Clauses 1 (*Definitions and Interpretation*), 3 (*Warranties*), 4 (*Term*), 21 (*Confidentiality*), 22 (*Transparency and Freedom of Information*), 24 (*Publicity and Branding*), 25 (*Limitations on Liability*), 37 (*Waiver and Cumulative Remedies*), 38 (*Relationship of the Parties*), 40 (*Severance*), 42 (*Entire Agreement*), 43 (*Third Party Rights*), 44 (*Notices*), 46 (*Disputes*) and 47 (*Governing Law and Jurisdiction*), which shall be binding and enforceable as between the Parties from the date of signature; and
- (b) subject to Clause 4.2, unless terminated at an earlier date by operation of Law or in accordance with Clause 0 (*Termination Rights*), terminate at the end of the Initial Term.

4.2 RCDTS shall have the right, at its sole discretion, to extend the Initial Term for periods of not more than twelve (12) months (each an "**Extension Period**"), for a maximum of two (2) years in the aggregate, by giving to the Supplier not less than three (3) months' written notice before the end of the Initial Term (or any Extension Period which has already been notified to the Supplier by RCDTS, as appropriate).

4.3 The duration of any extension to the Term of this Agreement made in accordance with Clause 4.2 and the effect of extending the Initial Term (and any extension thereof) for the Extension Period shall be considered, documented and agreed by the Parties in accordance with the Change Control Procedure. Unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing, each Extension Period will take effect on the terms of this Agreement that subsist immediately prior to the Extension Period taking effect.

[Condition Precedent]

4.4 Save for Clauses 1 (*Definitions and Interpretation*), 3 (*Warranties*), 0 (*Term*), 21 (*Confidentiality*), 22 (*Transparency and Freedom of Information*), 24 (*Publicity and Branding*), 0 (*Limitations on Liability*), 36.4 (*Waiver and Cumulative Remedies*), 38 (*Relationship of the Parties*), 40 (*Severance*), 42 (*Entire Agreement*), 43 (*Third Party Rights*), 44 (*Notices*), 46 (*Disputes*) and 47 (*Governing Law and Jurisdiction*), this Agreement is conditional upon the valid execution and delivery to RCDTS of the Guarantee in the form prescribed by Schedule 10 (the "**Condition Precedent**"). RCDTS may in its sole discretion at any time agree to waive compliance with the Condition Precedent in whole or in part by giving the Supplier notice in writing.

4.5 The Supplier shall satisfy, or procure the satisfaction of, the Condition Precedent as soon as possible. In the event that the Condition Precedent is not satisfied within twenty (20) Working Days after the date of this Agreement then, unless the Condition Precedent is waived by RCDTS in accordance with Clause 4.4:

- (a) this Agreement shall automatically cease and shall not come into effect; and

- (b) neither Party shall have any obligation to pay any compensation to the other Party as a result of such cessation.

4.6 The Supplier shall consult with RCDTS in relation to the steps it takes to satisfy the condition set out in Clause 4.4 and shall keep RCDTS fully informed of its progress in satisfying the condition and of any circumstances which are likely to result in the condition not being satisfied by the date set out in Clause 4.5.]

5 SERVICES

Standard of Services

5.1 The Supplier shall provide:

- (a) [The [Transition/ Implementation] Services from (and including) the [Transition Service/ Implementation Services] Commencement Date; and]
- (b) The Operational Services, in each case, from (and including) the relevant Operational Service Date.

5.2 The Supplier shall ensure that:

- (a) the Services:
 - (i) comply in all respects with the Services Description; and
 - (ii) are supplied in accordance with the Supplier Solution and the provisions of this Agreement and, without prejudice to Clause 1.4 (order of precedence), for the avoidance of doubt, where the Supplier Solution imposes obligations or requirements on the Supplier that are in excess of, or more onerous, than the Services Description, the Supplier shall perform those obligations and comply with those requirements in addition to the obligations and requirements set out in the Services Description; and
- (b) where:
 - (i) the Services to be provided from any Operational Service Date are similar to services that RCDTS and/or the Customer (and any Service Recipient and/ or a Service Beneficiary, as appropriate) were receiving immediately prior to that Operational Service Date (such similar services being “**Preceding Services**”); and
 - (ii) the standard and level of service received by RCDTS and/ or the Customer (and any Service Recipient and/ or a Service Beneficiary, as appropriate) in respect of any of the Preceding Services in the 12 month period immediately prior to that Operational Service Date have been disclosed to the Supplier in the Due Diligence Information (such preceding services being “**Relevant Preceding Services**”),

the Services to be provided from the relevant Operational Service Date that are similar to the Relevant Preceding Services are in each case provided to a

standard and level of service which is at least as good as the standard and level of service received by RCDTS and/ or the Customer (and any Service Recipient and/ or a Service Beneficiary, as appropriate) in respect of the Relevant Preceding Services in the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the relevant Operational Service Date.

5.3 The Supplier shall:

- (a) perform its obligations under this Agreement, including in relation to the supply of the Services and any Goods in accordance with:
 - (i) all applicable Law;
 - (ii) Good Industry Practice;
 - (iii) the Standards;
 - (iv) the Baseline Security Requirements;
 - (v) the Quality Plans;
 - (vi) the Customer's IT Strategy; and
 - (vii) the Supplier's own established procedures and practices to the extent the same do not conflict with the requirements of Clauses 1.1(a)(i) to 1.1(a)(vi); and
- (b) deliver the Services using efficient business processes and ways of working having regard to RCDTS's obligation to ensure value for money[.] [; and]
- [(c) comply with its obligations under Schedule 11 (*Collaboration*).]

5.4 In the event that the Supplier becomes aware of any inconsistency between the requirements of Clauses 5.3(a)(i) to 5.3(a)(vi), the Supplier shall immediately notify the RCDTS Representative in writing of such inconsistency and the RCDTS Representative shall, as soon as practicable, notify the Supplier which requirement the Supplier shall comply with.

Supplier Covenants

5.5 The Supplier shall:

- (a) at all times allocate sufficient resources with the appropriate technical expertise to supply the Deliverables and to provide the Services in accordance with this Agreement,
- (b) save to the extent that obtaining and maintaining the same are RCDTS Responsibilities and subject to Clause 13 (*Change*), obtain, and maintain throughout the duration of this Agreement, all the consents, approvals, licences

and permissions (statutory, regulatory contractual or otherwise) it may require and which are necessary for the provision of the Services;

- (c) ensure that:
 - (i) it shall continue to have all necessary rights in and to the Licensed Software, the Third Party IPRs, the Supplier Background IPRs and any other materials made available by the Supplier (and/or any Sub-contractor) to RCDTS and the Customer which are necessary for the performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement and/or the receipt of the Services by RCDTS and the Customer;
 - (ii) the release of any new Software or upgrade to any Software complies with the interface requirements in the Services Description and (except in relation to new Software or Upgrades which are released to address Malicious Software or to comply with the requirements of Schedule 2.4 (*Security Management*)) shall notify RCDTS three (3) months before the release of any new Software or Upgrade;
 - (iii) all Software including Upgrades, Updates and New Releases used by or on behalf of the Supplier are currently supported versions of that Software and perform in all material respects in accordance with the relevant specification; and
 - (iv) any products or services recommended or otherwise specified by the Supplier for use by RCDTS in conjunction with the Deliverables and/or the Services shall enable the Deliverables and/or Services to meet RCDTS Requirements; and
 - (v) the Supplier System and Assets used in the performance of the Services will be free of all encumbrances (except as agreed in writing with RCDTS) and will be Euro Compliant;
- (d) minimise any disruption to the Services, the IT Environment and/or RCDTS's, the Customer's and or any Other Suppliers' operations when carrying out its obligations under this Agreement;
- (e) ensure that any Documentation and training provided by the Supplier to RCDTS, the Customer and Other Suppliers is comprehensive, accurate and prepared in accordance with Good Industry Practice;
- (f) [without limitation to its obligations under Schedule 11 (*Collaboration*),] co-operate with the Customer and/ or any Other Suppliers and provide reasonable information (including any Documentation), advice and assistance in connection with the Services to the Customer and/ or any Other Supplier to enable such Other Supplier to create and maintain technical or organisational interfaces with the Services and, on the expiry or termination of this Agreement for any reason, to enable the timely transition/ implementation of the Services (or any of them) to RCDTS, the Customer and/or to any Replacement Supplier;
- (g) provide RCDTS and the Customer with such assistance as RCDTS and the

Customer may reasonably require during the Term in respect of the supply of the Services;

- (h) gather, collate and provide such information and co-operation as RCDTS, the Customer and/ or any Other Supplier may reasonably request for the purposes of ascertaining the Supplier's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement;
- (i) notify RCDTS in writing as soon as reasonably possible and in any event within 1 month of any change of Control taking place;
- (j) notify RCDTS in writing within ten (10) Working Days of their occurrence, of any actions, suits or proceedings or regulatory investigations before any court or administrative body or arbitration tribunal pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it that might affect its ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement; and
- (k) ensure that neither it, nor any of its Affiliates, embarrasses RCDTS and/ or the Customer or otherwise bring RCDTS and/ or the Customer into disrepute by engaging in any act or omission which is reasonably likely to diminish the trust that the public places in RCDTS and/ or the Customer, regardless of whether or not such act or omission is related to the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement.

5.6 An obligation on the Supplier to do, or to refrain from doing, any act or thing shall include an obligation upon the Supplier to procure that all Sub-contractors and Supplier Personnel also do, or refrain from doing, such act or thing.

5.7 Without prejudice to Clauses 19.2 and 19.3 (*IPRs Indemnity*) and any other rights and remedies of RCDTS and the Customer howsoever arising, the Supplier shall:

- (a) remedy any breach of its obligations in Clauses 5.5(d) and Clause 5.5(d) inclusive within three (3) Working Days of becoming aware of the breach or being notified of the breach by RCDTS where practicable or within such other time period as may be agreed with RCDTS (taking into account the nature of the breach that has occurred);
- (b) remedy any breach of its obligations in Clause 5.5(a) and Clauses 5.5(e) to 5.5(f) inclusive within twenty (20) Working Days of becoming aware of the breach or being notified of the breach by RCDTS; and
- (c) meet all the costs of, and incidental to, the performance of such remedial work, and any failure of the Supplier to comply with its obligations under Clause 5.7(a) or Clause 5.7(b) within the specified or agreed timeframe shall constitute a Notifiable Default.

Specially Written Software warranty

- 5.8 Without prejudice to Clauses 5.5 and 5.7 (*Supplier Covenants*) and any other rights and remedies of RCDTS howsoever arising, the Supplier warrants to RCDTS that all components of the Specially Written Software shall:
- (a) be free from material design and programming errors;
 - (b) perform in all material respects in accordance with the relevant specifications contained in:
 - (i) the Service Description;
 - (ii) the Supplier Solution; and
 - (iii) the Documentation
 - (c) interface with RCDTS Systems and deliver the required functionality and interoperability; and
 - (d) not infringe any Intellectual Property Rights.

Continuing obligation to provide the Services

- 5.9 The Supplier shall continue to perform all of its obligations under this Agreement, and shall not suspend the supply of the Services, notwithstanding:
- (a) any withholding of the Service Charges by RCDTS pursuant to Clause 7.2 (*Performance Failures*);
 - (b) the existence of an unresolved Dispute; and/or
 - (c) any failure by RCDTS to pay any Charges,
- unless the Supplier is entitled to terminate this Agreement under Clause 33.6(a) (*Termination by the Supplier*) for failure to pay undisputed Charges.

[Optional Services]

- 5.10 RCDTS may require the Supplier to provide any or all of the Optional Services at any time by giving notice to the Supplier in writing. The Supplier acknowledges that RCDTS is not obliged to take any Optional Services from the Supplier and that nothing shall prevent RCDTS from receiving services that are the same as or similar to the Optional Services from any third party.
- 5.11 If a Change Request is submitted, the Supplier shall, as part of the Impact Assessment provided by the Supplier in relation to such Change Request, provide details of the impact (if any) that the proposed Change will have on the relevant Optional Services.

5.12 Following receipt of RCDTS's notice pursuant to Clause 5.10:

- (a) the Parties shall document the inclusion of the relevant Optional Services within the Services in accordance with the Change Control Procedure, modified to reflect the fact that the terms and conditions on which the Supplier shall provide the relevant Optional Services have already been agreed;
- (b) the Supplier shall implement and Test the relevant Optional Services in accordance with a [transition/ implementation] plan which the Parties shall agree in respect of such Optional Services ("**Optional Services [Transition/ Implementation] Plan**");
- (c) any additional charges for the Optional Services shall be incorporated in the Charges as specified in [Paragraph 3 of Part B] of Schedule 7.1 (*Charges and Invoicing*); and
- (d) the Supplier shall, from the date agreed in the Optional Services [Transition/ Implementation] Plan for the Optional Services (or, if later, the date of Achievement of any Milestones associated with the commencement of the relevant Optional Services (if any)), provide the relevant Optional Services to meet or exceed the applicable Target Performance Level in respect of all Performance Indicators applicable to the Optional Services as set out in Annex 1 of Schedule 2.2 (*Performance Levels*).]

RCDTS Responsibilities

5.13 RCDTS shall comply with its responsibilities set out in Schedule 3 (RCDTS Responsibilities).

Scope**[Option 1- No Exclusivity]**

5.14 [The Supplier acknowledges and agrees that:

- (a) its relationship with RCDTS is not exclusive;
- (b) RCDTS may at any time during the Term contract with any third party to perform services which are the same as or similar to the Services.]

[Or]**[Option 2- Limited Exclusivity]**

5.14 [RCDTS agrees that where it requires services which are the same as or substantially similar to the Services, then it shall purchase those Services from the Supplier except and to the extent that:

- (a) RCDTS is able, using its own personnel (which may include its directors, officers, employees, agents, individuals acting as consultants and/or individual contractors) and its own systems, to perform any or all of those Services at any

time;

- (b) RCDTS has a pre-existing contract with a third party supplier for the supply of services which are the same as or substantially similar to the Services;
- (c) there is a reorganisation of RCDTS which results in an assignment, novation or other transfer of a contract with a third party supplier for the supply of services which are the same as or substantially similar to the Services to RCDTS;
- (d) a Supplier Termination Event has occurred and/or RCDTS has issued a Termination Notice in accordance with Clause 33.1[;]
- (e) **[other]**.

[Or]

[Option 3- Minimum Commitment]

5.14 [With effect from the [Operational Service Date], RCDTS shall pay the Supplier [on a rolling 12 month basis], until the expiry or termination of this Agreement, as a minimum, the Commitment for the delivery of the Services. RCDTS may increase or reduce the value of the Commitment with the agreement of the Supplier, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld provided that RCDTS shall be entitled to unilaterally reduce or remove the value of the Commitment if and to the extent that:

- (a) RCDTS is able, using its own personnel (which may include its directors, officers, employees, agents, individuals acting as consultants and/or individual contractors) and its own systems, to perform any or all of those Services at any time;
- (b) RCDTS has a pre-existing contract with a third party supplier for the supply of services which are the same as or substantially similar to the Services;
- (c) there is a reorganisation of RCDTS which results in an assignment, novation or other transfer of a contract with a third party supplier for the supply of services which are the same as or substantially similar to the Services to RCDTS;
- (d) a Supplier Termination Event has occurred and/or RCDTS has issued a Termination Notice in accordance with Clause 33.1[;]
- (e) **[other]]**.

"Commitment" means The minimum amount of [resource charges] that RCDTS shall pay the Supplier over a rolling 12 month period. The value of the Commitment shall be as set out in [].]

Conflicts of Interest

5.15 The Supplier shall take appropriate steps to ensure that, to the best of its knowledge, neither the Supplier nor any Supplier Personnel is placed in a position where there is or may be an actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal

interests of the Supplier or any member of the Supplier Personnel and the duties owed to RCDTS and/or the Customer under the provisions of the Contract. The Supplier shall disclose to RCDTS full particulars of any such conflict of interest which may arise.

- 5.16 Where, in the reasonable opinion of RCDTS, there is or may be a material actual conflict, or a potential conflict, between the pecuniary or personal interests of the Supplier and the duties owed to RCDTS and/or the Customer under the provisions of the Agreement, RCDTS reserves the right to treat this as a material breach of this Agreement and, accordingly, a Supplier Termination Event.

6 QUALITY PLANS, [TRANSITION/ IMPLEMENTATION] [,] [AND] PROJECTS [AND IN-FLIGHT PROJECTS]

Quality Plans

- 6.1 The Supplier shall:

(a) no later than [twenty (20)] Working Days after the Effective Date, submit to RCDTS for approval a quality plan for the [Transition/ Implementation] activities specified in the [Transition/ Implementation] Plan;

(b) within [forty (40)] Working Days of the Effective Date, submit to RCDTS for approval a quality plan for Services set out in Schedule 2.1 (*Services Description*),

the purpose of which are to ensure that all aspects of the [Transition/ Implementation] and Services are the subject of quality management systems and are consistent with BS EN ISO 9001 or any equivalent standard which is generally recognised as having replaced it ("**Quality Plans**").

- 6.2 The Supplier shall obtain the RCDTS Representative's written approval of the Quality Plans before implementing them. If RCDTS does not approve a Quality Plan, RCDTS shall inform the Supplier of its reasons for not approving it. The Supplier shall then within ten (10) Working Days revise the Quality Plan taking those reasons into account and shall re submit the revised plan to RCDTS for RCDTS's approval. RCDTS shall not unreasonably withhold or delay its approval of the Quality Plan.

- 6.3 The Supplier acknowledges and accepts that RCDTS's approval shall not act as an endorsement of the Quality Plans and shall not relieve the Supplier of its responsibility for ensuring that the Services are provided to the standard required by this Agreement.

- 6.4 Following the approval by RCDTS of the Quality Plans:

- (a) the Supplier shall design and deliver all Deliverables in accordance with the Quality Plans; and
- (b) any Changes to the Quality Plans shall be agreed in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

[Transition/ Implementation] Plan and Delays

- 6.5 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 6.1 ([Transition/ Implementation]) in relation to the agreement and maintenance of the [Transition/ Implementation] Plan.
- 6.6 The Supplier shall:
- (a) comply with the [Transition/ Implementation] Plan; and
 - (b) ensure that each Milestone is Achieved on or before its Milestone Date.
- 6.7 If the Supplier becomes aware that there is, or there is reasonably likely to be, a Delay:
- (a) it shall:
 - (i) notify RCDTS (and any applicable Service Recipients and/or Service Beneficiaries) in accordance with Clause 27.1 (*Rectification Plan Process*);
 - (ii) comply with the Rectification Plan Process in order to address the impact of the Delay or anticipated Delay; and
 - (iii) use all reasonable endeavours to eliminate or mitigate the consequences of any Delay or anticipated Delay,
 - (b) if the Delay or anticipated Delay relates to a Key Milestone, it shall:
 - (i) comply with the Rectification Plan Process to address the impact of the Delay or anticipated Delay; and
 - (ii) the provisions of Clause 28 (*Delay Payments*) shall apply.

Testing and Achievement of Milestones

- 6.8 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 6.2 (*Testing Procedures*) in relation to the procedures to determine whether a Milestone or Test has been Achieved.
- 6.9 No Milestone Payment shall be made by RCDTS until after the Milestone Achievement Certificate has been issued.

Projects

- 6.10 If requested by RCDTS, the Supplier shall provide any Project as agreed with RCDTS in accordance with Schedule 6.3 (*Projects and Ordering*).

In-flight Projects

- 6.11 If requested by RCDTS, the Supplier shall provide all In-flight Projects as set out in Schedule 6.4 (*In-Flight Projects*).

7 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

7.1 The Supplier shall:

- (a) provide the Operational Services and otherwise perform the Services and its other activities under this Agreement in such a manner so as to meet or exceed the Target Performance Level for each Performance Indicator and, where relevant, from the Milestone Date for each relevant CPP Milestone; and
- (b) comply with the provisions of Schedule 2.2 (*Performance Levels*) in relation to the monitoring and reporting on its performance against the Performance Indicators.

Performance Failures

7.2 If in any Service Period:

- (a) a KPI Failure occurs, the relevant Service Credits shall be deducted from the Service Charges in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Part C of Schedule 7.1 (*Charges and Invoicing*);
- (b) any Performance Failure occurs, the Supplier shall comply with the Rectification Plan Process (in addition, and without prejudice, to any Service Credits accruing in accordance with Clause 7.2(a) (*Payments on Termination*)); and/or
- (c) a SPI Failure occurs, the Supplier shall notify RCDTS of the action (if any) it will take to rectify the SPI Failure and/or to prevent the SPI Failure from recurring.

7.3 The Parties agree that, where a sum is expressed to be due from the Supplier to RCDTS as a Service Credit:

- (a) such sums are a price adjustment to reflect the actual quality of service provided to RCDTS and/ or the Customer and do not represent an estimate of the loss or damage that may be suffered by RCDTS and/ or the Customer in respect of the breach of the Performance Indicators and/or the Performance Failure which gives rise to the Service Credit; and
- (b) the crediting of such sums is, and shall be, without prejudice to any other right, remedy, or entitlement which RCDTS may have under this Agreement (including but not limited to the right to claim damages from the Supplier relating to any loss arising from such failure to achieve the relevant Target Performance Level).

Unacceptable Performance Failure

7.4 If in any Service Period an Unacceptable Performance Failure occurs or is determined:

- (a) RCDTS shall be entitled to withhold and retain as compensation for the Unacceptable Performance Failure a proportionate part (decided by RCDTS in its absolute discretion) of any Service Charges which would otherwise have been due to the Supplier in respect of that Service Period (such sum being

“Compensation for Unacceptable Performance Failure”); and

- (b) if RCDTS withholds and retains such Compensation for Unacceptable Performance Failure, any Service Points and Service Credits that would otherwise have accrued during the relevant Service Period shall not accrue [in respect of the Performance Failures which made up the Unacceptable Performance Failure][for the relevant Delivery Group],

provided that the operation of this Clause 7.4 shall be without prejudice to any right which RCDTS may have to terminate this Agreement and/or to claim damages from the Supplier as a result of such Unacceptable Performance Failure.

7.5 The Supplier:

- (a) agrees that the application of Clause 7.4 (*Unacceptable Performance Failure*) is commercially justifiable where an Unacceptable Performance Failure occurs; and
- (b) acknowledges that it has taken legal advice on the application of Clause 7.4 (*Unacceptable Performance Failure*) and has had the opportunity to price for that risk when calculating the Service Charges.

7.6 In the event of a Critical KPI Failure or an Unacceptable Performance Failure occurs, RCDTS may exercise its rights to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part pursuant to Clause 33.1 or 33.2 (*Termination by RCDTS*).

Changes to Performance Indicators and Service Credits

7.7 The provisions of Paragraph 2 of Part A of Schedule 2.2 (*Performance Levels*) shall apply in relation to any changes to be made to Performance Indicators and Service Credits (including, but without limitation, in respect of any Key Business Events [(as defined in accordance with that Schedule)]).

8 SERVICES IMPROVEMENT

8.1 The Supplier shall have an ongoing obligation throughout the Term to identify new or potential improvements to the Services in accordance with this Clause 8. As part of this obligation the Supplier shall identify and report to the Operational Board at least once every [twelve (12)] months (or more frequently in the event that the Supplier identifies or is made aware of significant improvements in or in connection with the Services prior to the next report which is due to be provided pursuant to this Clause 8.1) on:

- (a) the emergence of new and evolving relevant technologies which could improve the IT Environment and/or the Services, and those technological advances potentially available to the Supplier, RCDTS and the Customer which the Parties may wish to adopt;
- (b) new or potential improvements to the Services including the quality, responsiveness, procedures, benchmarking methods, likely performance mechanisms and customer support services in relation to the Services;

- (c) new or potential improvements to the interfaces or integration of the Services with other services provided by third parties, the Customer or RCDTS which might result in efficiency or productivity gains or in reduction of operational risk;
 - (d) changes in business processes and ways of working that would enable the Services to be delivered at lower cost and/or with greater benefits to RCDTS and/or the Customer; and/or
 - (e) changes to the IT Environment, business processes and ways of working that would enable reductions in the total energy consumed in the delivery of Services.
- 8.2 The Supplier shall ensure that the information that it provides to RCDTS shall be sufficient for RCDTS to decide whether any improvement should be implemented and shall be provided together with a Gainshare Report which includes the information set out in Part B (*Savings Initiatives*) of Schedule 7.3 (*Value for Money*). The Supplier shall provide any further information that RCDTS requests.
- 8.3 If RCDTS wishes to incorporate any improvement identified by the Supplier RCDTS shall send the Supplier a Change Request in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

9 [ASSETS], EQUIPMENT[,], [AND] MAINTENANCE[,], [AND] [SUPPLY OF GOODS].

[Assets]

- 9.1 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 4.5 (Assets) in relation to the transfer of Assets.]

Supplier Equipment

- 9.2 The Supplier shall be solely responsible for the cost of carriage of Supplier Equipment to the Sites and to RCDTS Premises, including its off-loading; removal, safe disposal or storage (as appropriate) of all packaging; and all other associated costs. Likewise on termination or expiry of this Agreement the Supplier shall be responsible for the removal and safe disposal of all relevant Supplier Equipment from the Sites and RCDTS Premises, including the cost of packing, loading, carriage, associated decommissioning and making good the Sites and/or RCDTS Premises following removal, and taking account of any sustainability requirements, including safe and secure removal of data and recycling requirements. For the avoidance of doubt, the Supplier shall ensure that all Supplier Equipment is (as applicable) collected, delivered, treated, recovered and disposed of in accordance with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations ("WEEE") and that all Supplier Equipment shall be supplied inclusive of any costs or charges for compliance with the collection, delivery, treatment, recovery and environmentally sound disposal of such Supplier Equipment as required by WEEE.
- 9.3 All the Supplier's property, including Supplier Equipment, shall remain at the sole risk and responsibility of the Supplier.

- 9.4 Subject to any express provision of the BCDC Plan to the contrary, the loss or destruction for any reason of any Supplier Equipment shall not relieve the Supplier of its obligation to supply the Services in accordance with this Agreement, including the Target Performance Levels.

Maintenance

- 9.5 The Supplier shall create and maintain a rolling schedule of planned maintenance to the IT Environment (the “**Maintenance Schedule**”) which shall be agreed with RCDTS. Once the Maintenance Schedule has been agreed with the RCDTS Representative, the Supplier shall only undertake such planned maintenance (which shall be known as “**Permitted Maintenance**”) in accordance with the Maintenance Schedule.
- 9.6 The Supplier shall give as much notice as is reasonably practicable to the RCDTS Representative prior to carrying out any Emergency Maintenance.
- 9.7 The Supplier shall carry out any necessary maintenance (whether Permitted Maintenance or Emergency Maintenance) where it reasonably suspects that the IT Environment or the Services or any part thereof has or may have developed a fault. Any such maintenance shall be carried out in such a manner and at such times so as to avoid (or where this is not possible so as to minimise) disruption to the IT Environment and the Services.

[Supply of Goods

- 9.8 Where, as part of the Services, the Supplier is to sell goods or equipment (“**Goods**”) to RCDTS:
- (a) the relevant Goods and their prices shall be as set out in *[insert description of catalogue or include list in Schedules]*;
 - (b) the Supplier shall supply and, where relevant, install the Goods in accordance with the relevant specification;
 - (c) the Supplier shall ensure that the Goods are free from material defects in design, materials and workmanship and remain so for [twelve (12) months] after delivery;
 - (d) if following inspection or testing RCDTS considers that the Goods do not conform with the relevant specification, RCDTS shall inform the Supplier and the Supplier shall immediately take such remedial action as is necessary to ensure compliance; and
 - (e) without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of RCDTS the risk and title in the Goods shall pass to RCDTS at the time of delivery or such earlier time as required at RCDTS’s sole discretion.]

SECTION C | PAYMENT, TAXATION AND VALUE FOR MONEY PROVISIONS

10 FINANCIAL AND TAXATION MATTERS

Charges and Invoicing

- 10.1 Subject to Clauses 10.2 and 10.3, in consideration of the Supplier carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, including the provision of the Services, RCDTS shall pay the Charges to the Supplier in accordance with the pricing and payment profile and the invoicing procedure specified in Schedule 7.1 (*Charges and Invoicing*).
- 10.2 Without prejudice to the generality of the invoicing procedure specified in Schedule 7.1 (*Charges and Invoicing*), the Supplier shall:
- (a) Comply with UK GAAP or the EU endorsed International Financial Reporting Standard; and
 - (b) procure discrete purchase order numbers from RCDTS for each Service and/ or Project prior to the commencement of any Services (including Projects) and the Supplier acknowledges and agrees that should it commence Services without a purchase order number:
 - (i) the Supplier does so at its own risk; and
 - (ii) RCDTS shall not be obliged to pay the Charges without a valid purchase order number having been provided to the Supplier.
- 10.3 To facilitate payment, the Supplier shall use an electronic transaction system chosen by RCDTS and shall:
- (a) register for the electronic transaction system in accordance with RCDTS instructions;
 - (b) allow the electronic transmission of purchase orders and submitting of electronic invoices via the electronic transaction system;
 - (c) designate a Supplier representative as the first point of contact with RCDTS for system issues; and
 - (d) provide such data to RCDTS as it reasonably deems necessary for the operation of the system including, but not limited to, electronic catalogue information.
- 10.4 Except as otherwise provided, each Party shall each bear its own costs and expenses incurred in respect of compliance with its obligations under Clauses 6.8 (*Testing and Achievement of Milestones*), 12 (*Records, Reports, Audits and Open Book Data*), 22 (*Transparency and Freedom of Information*), 23 (*Protection of Personal Data*) and Clause 30 (*Step-In Rights*).
- 10.5 If RCDTS fails to pay any undisputed Charges properly invoiced under this Agreement, the Supplier shall have the right to charge interest on the overdue amount at the applicable rate under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998,

accruing on a daily basis from the due date up to the date of actual payment, whether before or after judgment.

Set-off and Withholding

- 10.6 RCDTS may set off any amount owed by the Supplier to the Customer against any amount due to the Supplier under this Agreement or under any other agreement between the Supplier and RCDTS.
- 10.7 If RCDTS wishes to set off any amount owed by the Supplier to the Customer against any amount due to the Supplier pursuant to Clause 10.6 or 7.4(a) it shall give notice to the Supplier within thirty (30) days of receipt of the relevant invoice, setting out RCDTS's reasons for withholding or retaining the relevant Charges.

Value For Money

- 10.8 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 7.3 (*Value for Money*) in relation to [the benchmarking of any or all of the Services, gain share mechanism and savings initiative in relation to the provision of the Services].

Financial Distress

- 10.9 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 7.4 (*Financial Distress*) in relation to the assessment of the financial standing of the Supplier and the consequences of a change to that financial standing.

Promoting Tax Compliance

- 10.10 The Charges are stated exclusive of VAT, which shall be added at the prevailing rate as applicable and paid by RCDTS following delivery of a valid VAT invoice.
- 10.11 The Supplier shall at all times comply with all other Laws and regulations relating to Tax.
- 10.12 The Supplier shall provide to RCDTS the name and, as applicable, the Value Added Tax registration number, PAYE collection number and either the Corporation Tax or self-assessment reference of any agent, supplier or Sub-contractor of the Supplier prior to the commencement of any work under this Agreement by that agent, supplier or Sub-contractor. Upon a request by RCDTS, the Supplier shall not employ or will cease to employ any agent, supplier or Sub-contractor.
- 10.13 If, at any point during the Term, an Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance occurs and/or any litigation, enquiry or investigation in which it or its Sub-contractors is/are (as appropriate) involved that is in connection with, or which may lead to, any Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance, the Supplier shall:
- (a) notify RCDTS in writing of such fact within five (5) Working Days of its occurrence; and

- (b) promptly provide to RCDTS:
 - (i) details of the steps which the Supplier is taking to address the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance and to prevent the same from recurring, together with any mitigating factors that it considers relevant; and
 - (ii) such other information in relation to the Occasion of Tax Non-Compliance as RCDTS may reasonably require.

10.14 The Supplier shall indemnify RCDTS on a continuing basis against any liability, including any interest, penalties or costs incurred, that is levied, demanded or assessed on RCDTS at any time in respect of the Supplier's failure to account for or to pay any Tax relating to payments made to the Supplier under this Agreement. Any amounts due under this Clause 10.14 shall be paid in cleared funds by the Supplier to RCDTS not less than five (5) Working Days before the date upon which the Tax or other liability is payable by RCDTS.

10.15 The Supplier shall provide (promptly or within such other period notified by RCDTS) information which demonstrates how the Supplier complies with its Tax obligations.

10.16 If the Supplier fails to comply (or if RCDTS receives information which demonstrates that the Supplier has failed to comply) with any of the provisions in Clauses 10.11 to 10.15 (inclusive) then this shall constitute a Supplier Termination Event.

10.17 RCDTS may share any information it receives under Clauses 10.12 to 10.13 (inclusive) and 10.15 with the Relevant Tax Authority for the purposes of tax administration.

Use of Off-shore Tax Structures

10.18 Subject to the principles of non-discrimination against undertakings based either in member countries of the European Union or in signatory countries of the World Trade Organisation Agreement on Government Procurement, the Supplier shall not, and shall ensure that its Connected Companies, Key Sub-contractors (and their respective Connected Companies) shall not, have or put in place (unless otherwise agreed with RCDTS) any arrangements involving the use of off-shore companies or other off-shore entities the main purpose, or one of the main purposes, of which is to achieve a reduction in United Kingdom Tax of any description which would otherwise be payable by it or them on or in connection with the payments made by or on behalf of RCDTS under or pursuant to this Agreement or (in the case of any Key Sub-contractor and its Connected Companies) United Kingdom Tax which would be payable by it or them on or in connection with payments made by or on behalf of the Supplier under or pursuant to the applicable Key Sub-contract ("**Prohibited Transactions**"). Prohibited Transactions shall not include transactions made between the Supplier and its Connected Companies or a Key Sub-contractor and its Connected Companies on terms which are at arms-length and are entered into in the ordinary course of the transacting parties' business.

10.19 The Supplier shall notify RCDTS in writing (with reasonable supporting detail) of any proposal for the Supplier or any of its Connected Companies, or for a Key Sub-contractor (or any of its Connected Companies), to enter into any Prohibited

Transaction. The Supplier shall notify RCDTS within a reasonable time to allow RCDTS to consider the proposed Prohibited Transaction before it is due to be put in place.

- 10.20 In the event of a Prohibited Transaction being entered into in breach of Clause 10.18 above, or in the event that circumstances arise which may result in such a breach, the Supplier and/or the Key Sub-contractor (as applicable) shall discuss the situation with RCDTS and, in order to ensure future compliance with the requirements of Clauses 10.18 and 10.19, the Parties (and the Supplier shall procure that the Key Sub-contractor, where applicable) shall agree (at no cost to RCDTS) timely and appropriate changes to any such arrangements by the undertakings concerned, resolving the matter (if required) through the Escalation Process.
- 10.21 Failure by the Supplier (or a Key Sub-contractor) to comply with the obligations set out in Clauses 10.19 and 10.20 shall constitute a Supplier Termination Event.
- 10.22 RCDTS may share any information it receives under Clauses 10.17 to 10.19 inclusive with the Relevant Tax Authority for the purposes of tax administration.

SECTION D | CONTRACT GOVERNANCE

11 GOVERNANCE

11.1 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 8.1 (*Governance*) in relation to the management and governance of this Agreement.

Representatives

11.2 Each Party shall have a representative for the duration of this Agreement who shall have the authority to act on behalf of their respective Party on the matters set out in, or in connection with, this Agreement.

11.3 The initial Supplier Representative shall be the person named as such in Schedule 9.2 (*Key Personnel*). Any change to the Supplier Representative shall be agreed in accordance with Clause 14 (*Supplier Personnel*).

11.4 RCDTS shall notify the Supplier of the identity of the initial RCDTS Representative within five (5) Working Days of the Effective Date. RCDTS may, by written notice to the Supplier, revoke or amend the authority of RCDTS Representative or appoint a new RCDTS Representative.

12 RECORDS, REPORTS, AUDITS & OPEN BOOK DATA

12.1 The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of:

- (a) Schedule 8.2 (*Reports and Records*) in relation to the production of reports and the maintenance and retention of Records; and
- (b) Part A of Schedule 7.5 (*Financial Reports and Audit Rights*) in relation to the maintenance of Open Book Data.

12.2 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of:

- (a) Part B of Schedule 7.5 (*Financial Reports and Audit Rights*) in relation to the provision of the Financial Reports; and
- (b) Part C of Schedule 7.5 (*Financial Reports and Audit Rights*) in relation to the exercise of the Audit Rights by RCDTS or any Audit Agents.

13 CHANGE

Change Control Procedure

13.1 Any requirement for a Change shall be subject to the Change Control Procedure as set out in Schedule 8.3 (*Change Control Procedure*). No Change shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the Parties as set out in Schedule 8.3 (*Change Control Procedure*).

Change in Law

- 13.2 The Supplier shall neither be relieved of its obligations to supply the Services in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement nor be entitled to an increase in the Charges as the result of a Change in Law.
- 13.3 Without prejudice to Clause 13.2, each Party shall monitor and shall keep the other Party informed in writing of any Change in Law which may impact the Services and/or Deliverables. The Supplier shall provide RCDTS with timely details of measures and changes it proposes to make to comply with any such changes wherever necessary, designed to eliminate (where possible) any potential operational disruption.

14 SECTION E | SUPPLIER PERSONNEL AND SUPPLY CHAIN

14 **SUPPLIER PERSONNEL**

14.1 The Supplier shall:

- (a) provide in advance of any admission to RCDTS Premises a list of the names of all Supplier Personnel requiring such admission, specifying the capacity in which they require admission and giving such other particulars as RCDTS may reasonably require;
- (b) ensure that all Supplier Personnel:
 - (i) are appropriately qualified, trained and experienced to provide the Services with all reasonable skill, care and diligence;
 - (ii) are vetted in accordance with Good Industry Practice and, where applicable, the security requirements set out in Schedule 2.1 (*Services Description*) and Schedule 2.4 (*Security Management*);
 - (iii) comply with all relevant policies and reasonable requirements of RCDTS concerning conduct at RCDTS Premises, including the security requirements as set out in Schedule 2.4 (*Security Management*); and
 - (iv) meet the training and awareness requirements set out in Paragraph 23.2(e);
- (c) subject to Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*), retain overall control of the Supplier Personnel at all times so that the Supplier Personnel shall not be deemed to be employees, agents or contractors of RCDTS;
- (d) be liable at all times for all acts or omissions of Supplier Personnel, so that any act or omission of a member of any Supplier Personnel which results in a Default under this Agreement shall be a Default by the Supplier;
 - (i) use all reasonable endeavours to minimise the number of changes in Supplier Personnel;
 - (ii) replace (temporarily or permanently, as appropriate) any Supplier Personnel as soon as practicable if any Supplier Personnel have been removed or are unavailable for any reason whatsoever;
 - (iii) bear the familiarisation and other costs associated with any replacement of any Supplier Personnel; and
 - (iv) procure that the Supplier Personnel shall vacate RCDTS Premises immediately upon the termination or expiry of this Agreement.

14.2 If RCDTS reasonably believes that any of the Supplier Personnel are unsuitable to undertake work in respect of this Agreement, it may:

- (a) refuse admission to the relevant person(s) to RCDTS Premises; and/or
- (b) direct the Supplier to end the involvement in the provision of the Services of the relevant person(s).

Key Personnel

14.3 The Supplier shall ensure that the Key Personnel fulfil the Key Roles at all times during the Term. Schedule 9.2 (*Key Personnel*) lists the Key Roles and names of the persons who the Supplier shall appoint to fill those Key Roles at the Effective Date.

14.4 RCDTS may identify any further roles as being Key Roles and, following agreement to the same by the Supplier, the relevant person selected to fill those Key Roles shall be included on the list of Key Personnel.

14.5 The Supplier shall not remove or replace any Key Personnel (including when carrying out Exit Management) unless:

- (a) requested to do so by RCDTS;
- (b) the person concerned resigns, retires or dies or is on maternity or long term sick leave;
- (c) the person's employment or contractual arrangement with the Supplier or a Sub contractor is terminated for material breach of contract by the employee; or
- (d) the Supplier obtains RCDTS's prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).

14.6 The Supplier shall:

- (a) notify RCDTS promptly of the absence of any Key Personnel (other than for short-term sickness or holidays of two (2) weeks or less, in which case the Supplier shall ensure appropriate temporary cover for that Key Role);
- (b) ensure that any Key Role is not vacant for any longer than ten (10) Working Days; and
- (c) ensure that any replacement for a Key Role:
 - (i) has a level of qualifications and experience appropriate to the relevant Key Role; and
 - (ii) is fully competent to carry out the tasks assigned to the Key Personnel whom he or she has replaced.

Employment Indemnity

14.7 The Parties agree that:

- (a) the Supplier shall both during and after the Term indemnify RCDTS and the Customer against all Employee Liabilities that may arise as a result of any claims brought against RCDTS by any person where such claim arises from any act or omission of the Supplier or any Supplier Personnel; and
- (b) RCDTS shall both during and after the Term indemnify the Supplier against all Employee Liabilities that may arise as a result of any claims brought against the Supplier by any person where such claim arises from any act or omission of RCDTS or any of RCDTS's employees, agents, consultants and contractors.

Income Tax and National Insurance Contributions

14.8 Where the Supplier or any Supplier Personnel are liable to Tax in the UK or to pay national insurance contributions in respect of consideration received under this Agreement, the Supplier shall:

- (a) at all times comply with the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 and all other Laws and regulations relating to income tax, and the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 and all other Laws and regulations relating to national insurance contributions, in respect of that consideration;
- (b) indemnify RCDTS against any income tax, national insurance and social security contributions and any other liability, deduction, contribution, assessment or claim arising from or made in connection with the provision of the Services by the Supplier or any Supplier Personnel for which the Supplier is not primarily liable to account to RCDTS under the relevant Laws and regulations; and
- (c) provide (promptly or within such other period notified by RCDTS) information which demonstrates how the Supplier complies with Clause 14.8(a) or why Clause 14.8(a) does not apply to the Supplier (including such specific information as RCDTS may request),

and if the Supplier fails to comply (or if RCDTS receives information which demonstrates that the Supplier has failed to comply) with any of the provisions above in this Clause 14.8 then this shall constitute a Supplier Termination Event.

14.9 RCDTS may share any information it receives under Clause 14.8(c) with the Relevant Tax Authority for the purposes of tax administration.

Staff Transfer

14.10 The Parties agree that:

- (a) where the commencement of the provision of the Services or any part of the Services results in one or more Relevant Transfers, Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*) shall apply as follows:
 - (i) where the Relevant Transfer involves the transfer of Transferring RCDTS Employees, Part A of Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*) shall apply;
 - (ii) where the Relevant Transfer involves the transfer of Transferring Former Supplier Employees, Part B of Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*) shall apply;
 - (iii) where the Relevant Transfer involves the transfer of Transferring RCDTS Employees and Transferring Former Supplier Employees, Parts A and B of Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*) shall apply; and
 - (iv) Part C of Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*) shall not apply;
- (b) where commencement of the provision of the Services or a part of the Services does not result in a Relevant Transfer, Part C of Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*) shall apply and Parts A and B of Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*) shall not apply; and
- (c) Part D of Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*) shall apply on the expiry or termination of the Services or any part of the Services.

15 SUPPLY CHAIN RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS**Appointment of Key Sub-contractors**

15.1 Where the Supplier wishes to enter into a Key Sub-contract or replace a Key Sub-contractor, it must obtain the prior written consent of RCDTS, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed. For these purposes, RCDTS may withhold its consent to the appointment of a Key Sub-contractor if it reasonably considers that:

- (a) the appointment of a proposed Key Sub-contractor may prejudice the provision of the Services or may be contrary to the interests of RCDTS and/or the Customer;
- (b) the proposed Key Sub-contractor is unreliable and/or has not provided reasonable services to its other customers;
- (c) the proposed Key Sub-contractor employs unfit persons; and/or
- (d) the proposed Key Sub-contractor should be excluded in accordance with Clause 15.14.

15.2 In making a request pursuant to Clause 0, the Supplier shall provide RCDTS with the

following information about the proposed Key Sub-contractor:

- (a) its name, registered office and company registration number;
- (b) a copy of the proposed Key Sub-contract;
- (c) the purposes for which the proposed Key Sub-contractor will be employed, including the scope of any services to be provided by the proposed Key Sub-contractor;
- (d) if relevant, confirmation that the Key Sub-contract requires the proposed Key Sub-contractor to comply with any relevant service levels;
- (e) where the proposed Key Sub-contractor is an Affiliate of the Supplier, evidence that demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of RCDTS that the proposed Key Sub-contract has been agreed on "arms-length" terms; and
- (f) any further information reasonably requested by RCDTS.

15.3 The Supplier shall record details of all Sub-contractors it has appointed in Schedule 4.3 (*Notified Sub-contractors and Key Sub-contractors*) and, where the Sub-contract is entered into exclusively for the purpose of delivery of the Services the relevant Sub-contract shall constitute a Third Party Contract for the purposes of Schedule 4.4 (*Third Party Contracts*).

15.4 The Supplier shall notify RCDTS if and to the extent to which any Key Sub-contractor has or intends to sub-contract to a third party any of the services it provides to the Supplier under the terms of the Key Sub-contract. Upon such notification, RCDTS may request, and the Supplier shall procure that the Key Sub-contractor provides to RCDTS, a copy of the contract between the Key Sub-contractor and the third party.

Sub-contracts

15.5 The Supplier shall ensure that each Sub-contract shall include:

- (a) provisions which will enable the Supplier to discharge its obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) a right under CRTPA for RCDTS to enforce any provisions under the Key Sub-contract which are capable of conferring a benefit upon RCDTS;
- (c) a provision enabling RCDTS to enforce the Sub-contract as if it were the Supplier;
- (d) a provision enabling the Supplier to assign, novate or otherwise transfer any of its rights and/or obligations under the Sub-contract to RCDTS, the Customer or any Replacement Supplier without restriction (including any need to obtain any consent or approval) or payment by RCDTS;

- (e) obligations no less onerous on the Sub-contractor than those imposed on the Supplier under this Agreement in respect of:
 - (i) data protection requirements set out in Clauses 20 (*RCDTS Data and Security Requirements*) and 23 (*Protection of Personal Data*);
 - (ii) FOIA requirements set out in Clause (*Transparency and Freedom of Information*);
 - (iii) the obligation not to embarrass RCDTS and/ or the Customer or otherwise bring RCDTS into disrepute set out in Clause 5.5(k) (*Services*);
 - (iv) the keeping of records in respect of the services being provided under the Key Sub-contract, including the maintenance of Open Book Data;
 - (v) the conduct of Audits set out in Part C of Schedule 7.5 (*Financial Reports and Audit Rights*);
 - (vi) the reporting requirement set out in Paragraph 2.1(b)(vii) of Schedule 8.2 (*Reports and Records*);
 - (vii) the tax compliance requirements set out in Clauses 10.10 to 10.16 (inclusive) (*Promoting Tax Compliance*);
 - (viii) the use of off-shore tax structures set out in Clauses 10.18 to 10.21 (inclusive) (*Use of Off-shore Tax Structures*); [and]
 - (ix) the disclosure of Confidential Information set out in Clause 21.3 (*Confidentiality*) [.] [; and]
 - (x) [the slavery and human trafficking compliance requirements set out in Clause 35.5 (*Modern Slavery*),]
- (k) provisions enabling the Supplier to terminate the Sub-contract on notice on terms no more onerous on the Supplier than those imposed on RCDTS under Clauses 33.1(a) (*Termination by RCDTS*) and 34.4 (*Payments by RCDTS*) and Schedule 7.2 (*Payments on Termination*) of this Agreement; and
- (l) a provision enabling the Supplier, RCDTS or any other person on behalf of RCDTS to step-in on substantially the same terms as are set out in Clause 30 (*Step-in Rights*).

15.6 The Supplier shall not terminate or materially amend the terms of any Sub-contract without RCDTS's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

15.7 At any time during the Term, the Supplier shall provide within **[ten (10)]** Working Days of RCDTS's request:

- (a) a copy of any Sub-contract; and
- (b) any further information relating to that Sub-contract as reasonably requested by RCDTS.

Key Sub-contracts

15.8 Without prejudice and in addition to the provision in Clauses 15.5 to 15.7, the Supplier shall ensure that each Key Sub-contract shall include a provision requiring all Key Sub-contractors to:

- (a) promptly notify the Supplier and RCDTS in writing of any of the following of which it is, or ought to be, aware:
 - (i) the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event in relation to the Key Sub-contractor; or
 - (ii) any fact, circumstance or matter of which it is aware which could cause the occurrence of a Financial Distress Event in relation to the Key Sub-contractor,

and in any event, provide such notification within ten (10) Working Days of the date on which the Key Sub-contractor first becomes aware of such); and

- (b) a provision restricting the ability of the Key Sub-contractor to sub-contract all or any part of the services provided to the Supplier under the Key Sub-contract without first seeking the prior written consent of RCDTS;
- (c) a provision requiring the Key Sub-contractor to participate in, and if required by RCDTS in the relevant Related Third Party Dispute Initiation Notice to procure the participation of all or any of its Sub-contractors in, the Related Third Party Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- (d) co-operate with the Supplier and RCDTS in order to give full effect to the provisions of Schedule 7.4 (*Financial Distress*), including meeting with the Supplier and RCDTS to discuss and review the effect of the Financial Distress Event on the continued performance and delivery of the Services, and contributing to and complying with the Financial Distress Service Continuity Plan.

Supply chain protection

15.9 The Supplier shall ensure that all Sub-contracts (which in this sub-clause includes any contract in the Supplier's supply chain made wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing or contributing to the performance of the whole or any part of this Agreement) contain provisions:

- (a) requiring the Supplier or other party receiving goods or services under the contract

to consider and verify invoices under that contract in a timely fashion;

- (b) that if the Supplier or other party fails to consider and verify an invoice in accordance with sub-paragraph (a), the invoice shall be regarded as valid and undisputed for the purpose of sub-paragraph (c) after a reasonable time has passed;
- (c) requiring the Supplier or other party to pay any undisputed sums which are due from it to the Sub-contractor within a specified period not exceeding thirty (30) days of verifying that the invoice is valid and undisputed;
- (d) giving RCDTS a right to publish the Supplier's compliance with its obligation to pay undisputed invoices within the specified payment period;
- (e) granting the Supplier a right to terminate the Sub-contract if the relevant Sub-contractor fails to comply, in the performance of its Sub-contract, with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour law and a requirement that the Sub-contractor includes a provision having the same effect in any sub-contract which it awards;
- (f) requiring the Sub-contractor to provide reports which contain the information referred to in Paragraph 2.1(b)(vii) of Schedule 8.2 (*Reports and Records*); and
- (g) requiring the Sub-contractor to include a clause to the same effect as this Clause 15.9 in any contracts it enters into wholly or substantially for the purpose of performing or contributing to the performance of the whole or any part of this Agreement.

15.10 The Supplier shall:

- (a) pay any undisputed sums which are due from it to a Sub-contractor within thirty (30) days of verifying that the invoice is valid and undisputed;
- (b) include within the Balanced Scorecard Report produced by it pursuant to Schedule 2.2 (*Performance Levels*) a summary of its compliance with Clause 15.1(a), such data to be certified each Quarter by a director of the Supplier as being accurate and not misleading.

15.11 Notwithstanding any provision of Clauses 21 (*Confidentiality*) and 24 (*Publicity and Branding*), if the Supplier notifies RCDTS (whether in a Balanced Scorecard Report or otherwise) that the Supplier has failed to pay a Sub-contractor's undisputed invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt, or RCDTS otherwise discovers the same, RCDTS shall be entitled to publish the details of the late or non-payment (including on government websites and in the press).

15.12 The Supplier shall, and shall ensure that any of its Sub-Contractors shall, grant to RCDTS and its Authorised Agents the right of access to any of the Supplier Premises and/or Supplier Personnel as RCDTS and/ or Customer may reasonably require during

normal business hours in order to observe the activities of the Supplier and any of its Sub-Contractors for the purposes of monitoring and/or better understanding of the Services.

Amendment of Sub-contracts

15.13 The Supplier shall not terminate or materially amend the terms of any Sub-contract without RCDTS's prior written consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

Exclusion of Sub-contractors

15.14 Where RCDTS considers whether there are grounds for the exclusion of a Sub-contractor under Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, then:

- (a) if RCDTS finds there are compulsory grounds for exclusion, the Supplier shall replace or shall not appoint the Sub-contractor; and
- (b) if RCDTS finds there are non-compulsory grounds for exclusion, RCDTS may require the Supplier to replace or not to appoint the Sub-contractor and the Supplier shall comply with such a requirement.

Exclusion of Key Sub-contractors

15.15 RCDTS, at its sole discretion, may require the Supplier to terminate a Key Sub-contract where:

- (a) the acts or omissions of the relevant Key Sub-contractor have caused or materially contributed to RCDTS's right of termination pursuant to Clause 33.1(b) (*Termination by RCDTS*);
- (b) the relevant Key Sub-contractor or any of its Affiliates have embarrassed or are likely to embarrass RCDTS and / or the Customer or otherwise brought RCDTS and/ or Customer into disrepute by engaging in any act or omission which is reasonably likely to diminish the trust that the public places in RCDTS and/ or Customer, regardless of whether or not such act or omission is related to the Key Sub-contractor's obligations in relation to the Services or otherwise;
- (c) the relevant Key Sub-contractor has failed to comply in the performance of its Key Sub-contract with legal obligations in the fields of environmental, social or labour law;
- (d) the relevant Key Sub-contractor has failed to comply with the terms of its Key Sub-contract equivalent to those set out at Clauses 10.10 to 10.16 (inclusive) (*Promoting Tax Compliance*);
- (e) the relevant Key Sub-Contractor has failed to comply with the terms of its Key Sub-Contract equivalent to those set out at Clauses 10.17 to 10.21 (inclusive) (*Use of Off-shore Tax Structures*);

- (f) RCDTS has found grounds for exclusion of the Key Sub-contractor in accordance with Clause 15.14; and/ or
- (g) there is a change of Control of the relevant Key Sub-contractor, unless:
 - (i) RCDTS has given its prior written consent to the particular change of Control, which subsequently takes place as proposed; or
 - (ii) RCDTS has not served its notice of objection within six (6) months of the later of the date the change of Control took place or the date on which RCDTS was given notice of the change of Control.

Competitive Terms

- 15.16 If RCDTS and/ or Customer is able to obtain from any Sub-contractor or any other third party (on a like-for-like basis) more favourable commercial terms with respect to the supply of any goods, software or services used by the Supplier or the Supplier Personnel in the supply of the Services, then RCDTS may:
- (a) require the Supplier to replace its existing commercial terms with that person with the more favourable commercial terms obtained by RCDTS and/ or Customer in respect of the relevant item; or
 - (b) subject to Clause 15.15, enter into a direct agreement with that Sub-contractor or third party in respect of the relevant item.
- 15.17 If RCDTS exercises either of its options pursuant to Clause 15.16, then the Charges shall be reduced by an amount that is agreed in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.
- 15.18 RCDTS's right to enter into a direct agreement for the supply of the relevant items is subject to:
- (a) RCDTS making the relevant item available to the Supplier where this is necessary for the Supplier to provide the Services; and
 - (b) any reduction in the Charges taking into account any unavoidable costs payable by the Supplier in respect of the substituted item, including in respect of any licence fees or early termination charges.

Retention of Legal Obligations

- 15.19 Notwithstanding the Supplier's right to sub-contract pursuant to this Clause 15, the Supplier shall remain responsible for all acts and omissions of its Sub-contractors and the acts and omissions of those employed or engaged by the Sub-contractors as if they were its own. An obligation on the Supplier to do, or to refrain from doing, any act or thing shall include an obligation upon the Supplier to procure that all Sub-contractors and Supplier Personnel also do, or refrain from doing, such act or thing.

[Apprenticeships]

- 15.20 Throughout the Term the Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to create employment opportunities in accordance with sections [] of the response to the [ITT] set out at [] and shall create apprenticeships and jobs for a total of [] people in [], over the course of the Term as follows:

	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Total
Apprentice posts						

- 15.21 Each apprentice post shall last for a period of []. The Supplier reserves the right to amend the profiling of the apprentice posts to be created pursuant to these Clauses 15.20 to 15.22 during the Term, provided always that the total number of apprentice posts created during the Term shall be no less than []. For the avoidance of doubt, any then current apprentice posts shall terminate upon the expiry or earlier termination of this Agreement.

- 15.22 The Supplier shall, by the end of Contract Year [], create a number of permanent full time equivalent posts (excluding the apprenticeships referred to in Clause 15.21 above), such number to be at least 50% more than the final number of jobs recorded on the final TUPE list prepared and agreed between the Parties in respect of this Agreement and set out in Schedule 9.2 (*Key Personnel*) all of which shall be **[insert any particular objectives]** ("**Jobs Objective**")

- 15.23 The Supplier shall, five Working Days prior to the first **[insert relevant board]** falling after the expiry of [], provide RCDTS with a report which details the Suppliers attainment of the Jobs Objective ("**Jobs Report**"). In the event that the Supplier fails to achieve the Jobs Objective by the end of the Term, the Supplier will pay to RCDTS a one-off lump sum payment of £[] for each full time equivalent post that the Supplier has been unable to create (up to the maximum number of full time equivalent posts envisaged by the Supplier). Such sum shall be paid by the Supplier to RCDTS by the end of the month following the provision by the Supplier to RCDTS of the Jobs Report.]

Improving visibility of subcontract opportunities available to SMEs and VCSEs in the supply chain

- 15.24 The Supplier shall:

- subject to clause 15.26, advertise on Contracts Finder all subcontract opportunities arising from or in connection with the provision of the [Goods and] Services above a minimum threshold of £25,000 that arise during the Term;
- within 90 days of awarding a subcontract to a subcontractor, update the notice on Contracts Finder with details of the successful subcontractor;

- (c) monitor the number, type and value of the subcontract opportunities placed on Contracts Finder advertised and awarded in its supply chain during the Term;
- (d) provide reports on the information at clause 15.24(c) to RCDTS in the format and frequency as reasonably specified by RCDTS; and
- (e) promote Contracts Finder to its suppliers and encourage those organisations to register on Contracts Finder.

15.25 Each advert referred to at clause 15.24(a) above shall provide a full and detailed description of the subcontract opportunity with each of the mandatory fields being completed on Contracts Finder by the Supplier.

15.26 The obligation at Clause 15.24(a) shall only apply in respect of subcontract opportunities arising after the contract award date.

15.27 Notwithstanding clause 15.24(a), the RCDTS may by giving its prior written approval, agree that a subcontract opportunity is not required to be advertised on Contracts Finder.

SECTION F | INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, DATA AND CONFIDENTIALITY

16 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

16.1 Except as expressly set out in this Agreement:

- (a) neither RCDTS nor the Customer shall acquire any right, title or interest in or to the Intellectual Property Rights of the Supplier or its licensors; and
- (b) the Supplier shall not acquire any right, title or interest in or to the Intellectual Property Rights of RCDTS or its licensors.

Project Specific IPR and Specially Written Software

16.2 The Supplier hereby assigns to RCDTS and the Customer, with full title guarantee, title to and all rights and interest in the Project Specific IPRs and the Specially Written Software subject to the reservation of a non-exclusive royalty-free licence to the Project Specific IPRs and the Specially Written Software during the Term and any Extension Periods solely for the purpose of providing Services to RCDTS and/ or the Customer.

16.3 The assignment and reservation under Clause 16.2 shall either take effect on the Effective Date or as a present assignment and reservation of future rights that will take effect immediately on the coming into existence of the relevant Project Specific IPRs and the Specially Written Software, as appropriate.

16.4 The Supplier shall waive or procure a waiver of any moral rights in any copyright works assigned to the Customer under this Agreement.

16.5 If requested to do so by RCDTS, the Supplier shall without charge to RCDTS and/ or the Customer execute all documents and do all such further acts as RCDTS may require to effect the assignment under Clause 16.2.

16.6 Nothing in this Agreement shall require the assignment by the Supplier of title in the Supplier Software to RCDTS and/ or Customer.

16.7 Unless RCDTS otherwise agrees in advance in writing:

- (a) all Specially Written Software and Project Specific IPRs (which are in the nature of software) shall be created in a format, or able to be converted into a format, which is suitable for publication by the Customer as Open Source software; and
- (b) where the Specially Written Software and Project Specific IPRs (which are in the nature of software) are written in a format that requires conversion before publication as Open Source software, the Supplier shall also provide the converted format to the Customer.

16.8 Where RCDTS agrees that any Specially Written Software and/or Project Specific IPRs (which are in the nature of software) should be excluded from Open Source publication, the Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable provide written details

of the impact that such exclusion will have on the Customer's ability to publish other Open Source software under clause 19A (*Open Source Publication*).

17 LICENCES GRANTED BY THE SUPPLIER

- 17.1 The Supplier hereby grants to RCDTS and the Customer a perpetual, royalty free and non-exclusive licence allowing them to use, load, execute, store, transmit, display and copy:
- (a) the Supplier Software, including the Supplier COTS Software and Supplier Non-COTS Software; [and]
 - (b) the Supplier Background IPR, including the Supplier Background COTS IPR and the Supplier Background Non-COTS IPR[.] [.]
 - (c) the Third Party Software, including Third Party COTS Software and Third Party Non-COTS Software; [and]
 - (d) Third Party Background IPR, including Third Party COTS Background IPR and Third Party Non-COTS Background IPR[.] [; and]
 - (e) [consider adding other licences as necessary]
- 17.2 The licence to use the Supplier COTS Software and Supplier COTS Background IPRs shall be agreed on the licence terms identified in a letter in or substantially in the form set out in Annex 1 to Schedule 5 (*Intellectual Property Rights*) signed by or on behalf of the Parties on or before the Effective Date provided always that RCDTS and the Customer shall remain entitled to sub-license and to assign or novate the licences on equivalent terms to those set out in Clauses 17.4 (d) and (e).
- 17.3 The Supplier shall extend the rights granted to RCDTS and the Customer under Clause 17.1 (including as to indemnification against IPRs Claims) to their respective contractors and sub-contractors for the duration of the Term and any Extension Periods solely for the purpose of providing services to RCDTS and/ or the Customer.
- 17.4 The licences in Clause 17.1:
- (a) are granted for any purpose relating to the Services (or substantially equivalent services); or
 - (b) are granted for any purpose relating to the exercise of RCDTS's and/ or the Customer's (or any other Central Government Body's) business or function;
 - (c) includes the right to create an archival copy and a back-up copy;
 - (d) includes the right to sub-license the rights granted to it to a third party (including for the avoidance of doubt any Replacement Supplier) on no less favourable terms than granted to RCDTS and the Customer (including as to indemnification against IPRs Claims) for the benefit of RCDTS and/ or the Customer provided

such third party has entered into a confidentiality undertaking with RCDTS and/or the Customer;

(e) includes the right for RCDTS and/ or Customer to:

- (i) assign, novate or otherwise dispose of its rights and obligations to any other body (including any other Central Government Body and or any private sector body) which substantially performs any of the functions that previously had been performed by RCDTS and/ or the Customer; or
- (ii) transfer the licences to other machines or users within RCDTS and/ or the Customer.

17.5 For the avoidance of doubt any change in the legal status of RCDTS and/ or the Customer (which means that it ceases to be a Central Government Body) shall not affect the validity of any licence granted in Clause 17.1 and the successor bodies to RCDTS and the Customer shall still be entitled to the benefit of the licences granted in Clause 17.1 (including as to indemnification against IPRs Claims).

17.6 If the Supplier cannot obtain for RCDTS and the Customer licences of the Third Party Software and IPR materially in accordance with the terms set out in Clause 17.1 above the Supplier will consult with RCDTS on whether the rights that can be obtained are nevertheless acceptable to RCDTS or whether the Supplier should seek to use an alternative provider of software.

17.7 The Supplier hereby grants to RCDTS and the Customer a non-exclusive licence to copy the Documentation for any purpose connected with the receipt of the Services or that is incidental to the exercise of the rights granted to RCDTS and the Customer under this Agreement.

17.8 The Supplier hereby grants, or shall procure that the owner or an authorised licensor grants, to RCDTS and the Customer a perpetual, royalty free, non-exclusive, transferable (including the ability to sub licence) licence to use (including but not limited to the right to load, execute, store, transmit, display and copy), develop, modify (including reverse engineer and decompile) and maintain the Concealed IPR.

17.9 Where the Supplier wishes to use Software and or Intellectual Property Rights of the Supplier (or licensed to the Supplier) in the delivery of the Services, not already set out in Schedule 5 (*Intellectual Property Rights*), it shall notify RCDTS of the same and the Parties may agree to update Schedule 5 (*Intellectual Property Rights*) in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

Third Party Software and Third Party IPRs

17.10 The Supplier shall not use in the provision of the Services (including in any Specially Written Software or Project Specific IPRs (which are in the nature of software)) any

Third Party Non-COTS Software or Third Party Non-COTS IPRs unless in each case it has:

- (a) first procured that the owner or an authorised licensor of the relevant Third Party Non-COTS IPRs or Third Party Non-COTS Software (as the case may be) has granted a direct licence to RCDTS and the Customer on a royalty-free basis on terms no less favourable to RCDTS and the Customer than those set out in Clauses 17.1 (Licences Granted by the Supplier) and Clause 17.4 (d) and (e) (*RCDTS's right to sub-licence and assign/novate licences*); or
- (b) complied with the provisions of Clause 17.11.

17.11 If the Supplier cannot obtain for RCDTS and the Customer a licence in respect of any Third Party Non-COTS Software and/or Third Party Non-COTS IPRs in accordance with the licence terms set out in Clause 17.1, the Supplier shall:

- (a) notify RCDTS in writing giving details of what licence terms can be obtained from the relevant third party and whether there are alternative software providers which the Supplier could seek to use; and
- (b) use the relevant Third Party Non-COTS Software and/or Third Party Non-COTS IPRs only if RCDTS has first approved in writing the terms of the licence from the relevant third party.

17.12 The Supplier shall:

- (a) notify RCDTS in writing of all Third Party COTS Software and Third Party COTS IPRs that it uses and the terms on which it uses them; and
- (b) unless instructed otherwise in writing by RCDTS in any case within twenty (20) Working Days of notification pursuant to Clause 17.11(a), use all reasonable endeavours to procure in each case that the owner or an authorised licensor of the relevant Third Party COTS Software and Third Party COTS IPRs grants a direct licence to RCDTS and the Customer on terms no less favourable (including as to indemnification against IPRs Claims) than those on which such software is usually made commercially available by the relevant third party.

17.13 Should the Supplier become aware at any time, including after termination, that the Specially Written Software and/or the Project Specific IPRs contain any Intellectual Property Rights for which RCDTS and the Customer do not have a suitable licence, then the Supplier must notify RCDTS within 10 days of what those rights are and which parts of the Specially Written Software and the Project Specific IPRs they are found in.

Termination and Replacement Suppliers

17.14 For the avoidance of doubt, the termination or expiry of this Agreement shall not of itself result in any termination of any of the licences granted by the Supplier or relevant third party pursuant to or as contemplated by this Clause 17.

- 17.15 The Supplier shall, if requested by RCDTS grant or procure the grant to the Replacement Supplier of a licence to use any Supplier Software or Third Party Software and IPR on terms no less favourable (with the necessary changes) as those set out in Clause 17.1 (including as to indemnification as to IPRs Claims) subject to the Replacement Supplier entering into a Confidentiality undertaking with the Supplier in or substantially in the form set out in Annex 2 of Schedule 5 (*Intellectual Property Rights*).

Patents

- 17.16 Where a patent owned by the Supplier is necessarily infringed by the use of the Specially Written Software or Project Specific IPRs or Concealed IPR by RCDTS or any Replacement Supplier, the Supplier hereby grants to RCDTS, the Customer and the Replacement Supplier a non-exclusive, irrevocable, royalty free, worldwide patent licence to use the infringing methods, material or software solely for the purpose for which they were delivered under this Agreement.

[Upgrades]

- 17.17 [The Supplier shall provide Upgrades to the Supplier Software and Third Party Software provided as part of the Supplier Solution and in accordance with Good Industry Practice at no additional cost to RCDTS, and shall ensure that the Supplier Software shall be Upgraded within six (6) months of the release of the latest version, such that it is no more than one (1) major version level below the latest release (normally codified as running software no older than the 'n-1 version') throughout the Term unless otherwise agreed with RCDTS in writing.]

[Escrow]

- 17.18 The Supplier shall where relevant and on request by RCDTS, have the [Supplier Software and Third Party Software used exclusively for providing Services to RCDTS and the Customer] in which it owns the Intellectual Property Rights placed in escrow with the escrow agent NCC Group, its successor or such other comparable organisation on terms and conditions which are not materially adversely different to the standard NCC tripartite escrow agreement terms and conditions at all times on RCDTS's request and at the cost of the Supplier.
- 17.19 The Supplier agrees that trigger events to be included in the agreement with the escrow agent referred to in Clause 07.17 shall include the following:
- (a) a Supplier breach has created a material interruption or disruption in the provision of the Services;
 - (b) a regulator advises that step in is necessary or desirable; and
 - (c) the Supplier suffering an Insolvency Event.
- 17.20 On the occurrence of a "trigger event", the Supplier shall grant to RCDTS and the Customer a perpetual, royalty free, transferable, irrevocable licence to transfer an instance of the Software on to RCDTS System and to use, copy, modify and adapt (with

a right to sub licence such rights to any Service Recipients and/or Service Beneficiaries or other third parties engaged) such Software. Such licence shall last only for such period as is reasonable for RCDTS to put in place an alternative service delivery solution, whether provided by RCDTS itself or a third party. If a third party will not permit the transfer of an instance of the Software to RCDTS System as envisaged by this Clause 17.20, RCDTS may procure a licence itself and the Supplier shall reimburse the costs reasonably incurred by RCDTS in this regard.]

18 LICENCES GRANTED BY RCDTS

18.1 RCDTS hereby grants to the Supplier a royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-transferable licence during the Term to use:

- (a) RCDTS Software;
- (b) RCDTS Background IPR;
- (c) RCDTS's documentation, processes and procedures;
- (d) RCDTS's Know-How; and
- (e) RCDTS Data.

18.2 The licence granted in Clause 18.1:

- (a) includes the right to grant sub-licences to Sub-contractors provided that any relevant Sub-contractor has entered into a confidentiality undertaking with the Supplier on the same terms as set out in Clause 21 (*Confidentiality*); and
- (b) is granted solely to the extent necessary for performing the Services in accordance with this Agreement. The Supplier shall not, and shall procure that the Sub-contractors do not, use the licensed materials for any other purpose or for the benefit of any person other than RCDTS.

18.3 In the event of the termination or expiry of this Agreement, the licence referred to in Clause 18.1 and any sub-licence granted in accordance with Clause 18.2(a) shall terminate automatically and the Supplier and all Sub-contractors shall deliver to RCDTS all material licensed to the Supplier pursuant to Clause 18.1 or Clause 18.2(a) in the Supplier's possession or control.

19 IPRs INDEMNITY

19.1 The Supplier shall at all times, during and after the Term, on written demand indemnify each Indemnified Person, and keep each Indemnified Person indemnified, against all Losses incurred by, awarded against or agreed to be paid by an Indemnified Person arising from an IPRs Claim.

19.2 If an IPRs Claim is made, or the Supplier anticipates that an IPRs Claim might be made, the Supplier may, at its own expense and sole option, either:

- (a) procure for RCDTS, the Customer and the other relevant Indemnified Person(s)

the right to continue using the relevant item which is subject to the IPRs Claim;
or

- (b) replace or modify the relevant item with non-infringing substitutes provided that:
- (i) the performance and functionality of the replaced or modified item is at least equivalent to the performance and functionality of the original item;
 - (ii) the replaced or modified item does not have an adverse effect on any other services or the IT Environment;
 - (iii) there is no additional cost to RCDTS, the Customer or the other relevant Indemnified Person (as the case may be); and
 - (iv) the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall apply to the replaced or modified Services.

19.3 If the Supplier elects to procure a licence in accordance with Clause 19(a) or to modify or replace an item pursuant to Clause 19(b), but this has not avoided or resolved the IPRs Claim, then:

- (a) RCDTS may terminate this Agreement (if subsisting) with immediate effect by written notice to the Supplier; and
- (b) without prejudice to the indemnity set out in Clause 19.19, the Supplier shall be liable for all reasonable and unavoidable costs of the substitute items and/or services including the additional costs of procuring, implementing and maintaining the substitute items.

19A OPEN SOURCE PUBLICATION

19A.1 The Supplier agrees that the Customer may publish, at its sole discretion, as Open Source software all or part of the Specially Written Software and the Project Specific IPRs (which are in the nature of software) after the [Operational Service Date].

19A.2 The Supplier hereby warrants that the Specially Written Software and the Project Specific IPRs (which are in the nature of software):

- (a) are suitable for release as Open Source and that any release shall not allow a third party to use the Open Source software to in any way compromise the operation, running and security of the Specially Written Software, the Project Specific IPRs or RCDTS System;
- (b) [shall not [knowingly or recklessly] cause any harm or damage to any party using anything published as Open Source and that the Specially Written Software and the Project Specific IPRs (which are in the nature of software)] have been tested using the latest versions of anti-virus definitions and software available from an industry accepted anti-virus software vendor;

- (c) do not include or use any Open Source software or any libraries or code licensed from time to time under the General Public Licence (as those terms are defined by the Open Source Initiative or the Free Software Foundation) or anything similar in, or in the development of, the Specially Written Software and the Project Specific IPRs, nor do the Specially Written Software and the Project Specific IPRs operate in such a way that it is compiled with or linked to any of the foregoing;
- (d) do not contain any material which would bring RCDTS and/or the Customer into disrepute upon publication as Open Source;
- (e) do not contain any Non-Party IPRs which are not licensed to RCDTS under Clause 07.10; and
- (f) will be supplied in a format suitable for publication as Open Source ("**Open Source Publication Material**") no later than the date in sub-clause 19A.1.

19A.3 The Supplier shall ensure that the Open Source Publication Material provided to the Customer does not include any Supplier Software or Supplier Background IPRs save that any Supplier Background IPRs that the Supplier is willing to allow to be included in any Open Source publication can remain in the Open Source Publication Material supplied to RCDTS and/ or the Customer. In such a case, the Supplier hereby acknowledges and agrees that any such Supplier Software or Supplier Background IPRs will become Open Source and will be licensed and treated as such following publication by the Customer and any third party that uses the Open Source Publication Materials on the terms of the Open Source licence used by the Customer when publishing as Open Source.

19A.4 The Supplier hereby indemnifies RCDTS and the Customer against all claims in which RCDTS and/ or Customer are, or are threatened to be, a party for any alleged infringement of any Non-Party IPRs arising from publication of the Specially Written Software and the Project Specific IPRs (which are in the nature of software) as Open Source under Clause 19A.1.

20 RCDTS DATA AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

20.1 The Supplier shall not delete or remove any proprietary notices contained within or relating to RCDTS Data.

20.2 Save as permitted by Clause 23.2(a), the Supplier shall not store, copy, disclose, or use RCDTS Data except as necessary for the performance by the Supplier of its obligations under this Agreement or as otherwise expressly authorised in writing by RCDTS.

20.3 To the extent that RCDTS Data is held and/or processed by the Supplier, the Supplier shall supply that RCDTS Data to RCDTS and/ or Customer as requested by RCDTS in the format specified in Schedule 2.1 (*Services Description*).

20.4 The Supplier shall preserve the integrity, confidentiality and accessibility of RCDTS Data and prevent the unauthorised access, interception, corruption or loss of RCDTS

Data at all times that the relevant RCDTS Data is under its control or the control of any Sub-contractor.

- 20.5 The Supplier shall perform and maintain secure back-ups of all RCDTS Data and shall ensure that up-to-date back-ups are stored off-site in accordance with the BCDC Plan. The Supplier shall ensure that such back-ups are available to RCDTS (or to such other person as RCDTS may direct) at no additional cost to RCDTS, and that the data contained in the back-ups are available at all times upon request and are delivered to RCDTS at no less than six (6) monthly intervals (or such other intervals as may be agreed in writing between the Parties).
- 20.6 The Supplier shall ensure that any system on which the Supplier holds any RCDTS Data, including back-up data, is a secure system that complies with the Security Requirements.
- 20.7 If RCDTS Data is corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded as a result of the Supplier's Default so as to be unusable, RCDTS may:
- (a) require the Supplier (at the Supplier's expense) to restore or procure the restoration of RCDTS Data to the extent and in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedule 8.6 (*Business Continuity and Disaster Capability*) and the Supplier shall do so as soon as practicable but not later than five (5) Working Days from the date of receipt of RCDTS's notice; and/or
 - (b) itself restore or procure the restoration of RCDTS Data, and shall be repaid by the Supplier any reasonable expenses incurred in doing so to the extent and in accordance with the requirements specified in Schedule 8.6 (*Business Continuity and Disaster Capability*).
- 20.8 If at any time the Supplier suspects or has reason to believe that RCDTS Data has or may become corrupted, lost or sufficiently degraded in any way for any reason, then the Supplier shall notify RCDTS immediately and inform RCDTS of the remedial action the Supplier proposes to take.
- 20.9 [The Supplier may use, implement or permit the implementation of cloud computing technology (meaning a solution whereby RCDTS Data is stored on servers that are not owned, leased or operated by the Supplier) by any supplier or any Sub-contractor, only [with the prior written consent of RCDTS Representative] OR [where agreed between the Parties through the Change Control Procedure].]
- 20.10 The Supplier shall and shall procure that its Sub-contractors shall comply with the requirements of Schedule 2.4 (*Security Management*).
- 20.11 RCDTS shall notify the Supplier of any changes or proposed changes to the Baseline Security Requirements.
- 20.12 If the Supplier believes that a change or proposed change to the Baseline Security Requirements will have a material and unavoidable cost implication to the Services it may submit a Change Request. In doing so, the Supplier must support its request by providing evidence of the cause of any increased costs and the steps that it has taken

to mitigate those costs. Any change to the Charges shall then be agreed in accordance with the Change Control Procedure.

- 20.13 Until and/or unless a change to the Charges is agreed by RCDTS pursuant to Clause 20.12 the Supplier shall continue to perform the Services in accordance with its existing obligations.

Malicious Software

- 20.14 The Supplier shall, as an enduring obligation throughout the Term [and at no cost to RCDTS], use the latest versions of anti-virus definitions and software available from an industry accepted anti-virus software vendor (unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Parties) to check for, contain the spread of, and minimise the impact of Malicious Software in the IT Environment (or as otherwise agreed by the Parties). The Supplier may be required to provide details of the version of anti-virus software being used in certain circumstances, e.g. in response to a specific threat.
- 20.15 Notwithstanding Clause 20.14, if Malicious Software is found, the Parties shall co-operate to reduce the effect of the Malicious Software and, particularly if Malicious Software causes loss of operational efficiency or loss or corruption of RCDTS Data, assist each other to mitigate any Losses and to restore the Services to their desired operating efficiency.
- 20.16 Any cost arising out of the actions of the Parties taken in compliance with the provisions of Clause 20.15 shall be borne by the Parties as follows:
- (a) by the Supplier where the Malicious Software originates from the Supplier Software, the Third Party Software supplied by the Supplier (except where RCDTS has waived the obligation set out in Clause 20.14) or RCDTS Data (whilst RCDTS Data was under the control of the Supplier) unless the Supplier can demonstrate that such Malicious Software was present and not quarantined or otherwise identified by RCDTS when provided to the Supplier; and
 - (b) otherwise by RCDTS.

Obligations under the Finance Act 1989, the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005 and the Social Security Administration Act 1992

- 20.17 The Supplier undertakes that it will duly observe, and that it shall ensure that all Sub-contractors and Supplier Personnel shall duly observe:
- (a) the obligations set out in Section 182 of the Finance Act 1989 and Section 18 of the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005 to maintain the confidentiality of such parts of RCDTS Data as have been supplied to the Supplier by or on behalf of the Customer. Further, the Supplier acknowledges that (without prejudice to any other rights and remedies of RCDTS and/or the Customer) a breach of the aforesaid obligations may lead to a prosecution under Section 182 of the Finance Act 1989 and/or Section 19 of the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005; and

- (b) Section 123 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992, which may apply to the fulfilment of some or all of the Services. The Supplier acknowledges that (without prejudice to any other rights and remedies of RCDTS) a breach of the Supplier's obligations under Section 123 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 may lead to a prosecution under that Act.
- 20.18 The Supplier shall regularly (not less than once every six (6) months) remind all Supplier Personnel in writing of the obligations upon Supplier Personnel set out in clause 20.17 above. The Supplier shall monitor the compliance by Supplier Personnel with such obligations.
- 20.19 The Supplier shall ensure that all Supplier Personnel who will have access to, or are provided with, RCDTS Data sign (or have previously signed) a declaration, in a form acceptable to RCDTS, acknowledging that they understand and have been informed about the application and effect of Section 18 and 19 of the Commissioners for Revenue and Customs Act 2005. The Supplier shall provide a copy of each such signed declaration to RCDTS upon demand.

21 CONFIDENTIALITY

- 21.1 For the purposes of this Clause 21, the term **"Disclosing Party"** shall mean a Party which discloses or makes available directly or indirectly its Confidential Information and **"Recipient"** shall mean the Party which receives or obtains directly or indirectly Confidential Information.
- 21.2 Except to the extent set out in this Clause 21 or where disclosure is expressly permitted elsewhere in this Agreement, the Recipient shall:
 - (a) treat the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information as confidential and keep it in secure custody (which is appropriate depending upon the form in which such materials are stored and the nature of the Confidential Information contained in those materials);
 - (b) not disclose the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information to any other person except as expressly set out in this Agreement or without obtaining the owner's prior written consent;
 - (c) not use or exploit the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information in any way except for the purposes anticipated under this Agreement; and
 - (d) immediately notify the Disclosing Party if it suspects or becomes aware of any unauthorised access, copying, use or disclosure in any form of any of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information.
- 21.3 The Recipient shall be entitled to disclose the Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party where:
 - (a) the Recipient is required to disclose the Confidential Information by Law, provided that Clause 22 (*Transparency and Freedom of Information*) shall apply to disclosures required under the FOIA or the EIRs;

- (b) the need for such disclosure arises out of or in connection with:
 - (i) any legal challenge or potential legal challenge against RCDTS and/ or the Customer arising out of or in connection with this Agreement;
 - (ii) the examination and certification of RCDTS's and/ or Customer's accounts (provided that the disclosure is made on a confidential basis) or for any examination pursuant to section 6(1) of the National Audit Act 1983 of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which RCDTS is making use of any Services provided under this Agreement; or
 - (iii) the conduct of a Central Government Body review in respect of this Agreement; or
- (c) the Recipient has reasonable grounds to believe that the Disclosing Party is involved in activity that may constitute a criminal offence under the Bribery Act 2010 and the disclosure is being made to the Serious Fraud Office.

21.4 If the Recipient is required by Law to make a disclosure of Confidential Information, the Recipient shall as soon as reasonably practicable and to the extent permitted by Law notify the Disclosing Party of the full circumstances of the required disclosure including the relevant Law and/or regulatory body requiring such disclosure and the Confidential Information to which such disclosure would apply.

21.5 The Supplier may disclose the Confidential Information of RCDTS on a confidential basis only to:

- (a) Supplier Personnel who are directly involved in the provision of the Services and need to know the Confidential Information to enable performance of the Supplier's obligations under this Agreement;
- (b) its auditors; and
- (c) its professional advisers for the purposes of obtaining advice in relation to this Agreement.

Where the Supplier discloses Confidential Information of RCDTS pursuant to this Clause 21.5, it shall remain responsible at all times for compliance with the confidentiality obligations set out in this Agreement by the persons to whom disclosure has been made.

21.6 RCDTS may disclose the Confidential Information of the Supplier:

- (a) on a confidential basis to any Central Government Body for any proper purpose of RCDTS, the Customer or of the relevant Central Government Body;
- (b) to Parliament and Parliamentary Committees or if required by any Parliamentary reporting requirement;
- (c) to the extent that RCDTS and or Customer (acting reasonably) deems disclosure necessary or appropriate in the course of carrying out its public functions;

- (d) on a confidential basis to a professional adviser, consultant, supplier or other person engaged by any of the entities described in Clause 21.6(a) (including any benchmarking organisation) for any purpose relating to or connected with this Agreement;
- (e) on a confidential basis for the purpose of the exercise of its rights under this Agreement, including the Audit Rights, its step-in rights pursuant to Clause 30 (*Step-In Rights*) and Exit Management rights; or
- (f) on a confidential basis to a proposed Successor Body in connection with any assignment, novation or disposal of any of its rights, obligations or liabilities under this Agreement,

and for the purposes of the foregoing, references to disclosure on a confidential basis shall mean disclosure subject to a confidentiality agreement or arrangement containing terms no less stringent than those placed on RCDTS under this Clause 21.

- 21.7 Nothing in this Clause 21 shall prevent a Recipient from using any techniques, ideas or know-how gained during the performance of this Agreement in the course of its normal business to the extent that this use does not result in a disclosure of the Disclosing Party's Confidential Information or an infringement of Intellectual Property Rights.

22 TRANSPARENCY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

- 22.1 The Parties acknowledge that:

- (a) the Transparency Reports; and
- (b) the content of this Agreement, including any Changes to this Agreement agreed from time to time except for:
 - (i) any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA, which shall be determined by RCDTS; and
 - (ii) Commercially Sensitive Information;

(together the "**Transparency Information**") are not Confidential Information.

- 22.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Supplier hereby gives its consent for RCDTS and/ or the Customer to publish to the general public the Transparency Information in its entirety (but with any information which is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the FOIA redacted). RCDTS shall, prior to publication, consult with the Supplier on the manner and format of publication and to inform its decision regarding any redactions but shall have the final decision in its absolute discretion.

- 22.3 The Supplier shall assist and co-operate with RCDTS and/ or Customer to enable RCDTS and/ or Customer to publish the Transparency Information, including the preparation of the Transparency Reports in accordance with Paragraph 1 of Schedule 8.2 (*Reports and Records*).

- 22.4 If RCDTS believes that publication of any element of the Transparency Information would be contrary to the public interest, RCDTS shall be entitled to exclude such information from publication. RCDTS acknowledges that it would expect the public interest by default to be best served by publication of the Transparency Information in its entirety. Accordingly, RCDTS acknowledges that it will only exclude Transparency Information from publication in exceptional circumstances and agrees that where it decides to exclude information from publication it will provide a clear explanation to the Supplier.
- 22.5 RCDTS and/ or the Customer shall publish the Transparency Information in a format that assists the general public in understanding the relevance and completeness of the information being published to ensure the public obtain a fair view on how the Agreement is being performed, having regard to the context of the wider commercial relationship with the Supplier.
- 22.6 The Supplier agrees that any Information it holds that is not included in the Transparency Reports but is reasonably relevant to or that arises from the provision of the Services shall be provided to RCDTS on request unless the cost of doing so would exceed the appropriate limit prescribed under section 12 of the FOIA. RCDTS and/ or the Customer may disclose such information under the FOIA and the EIRs and may (except for Commercially Sensitive Information, Confidential Information (subject to Clause 21.6(c)) and Open Book Data) publish such Information. The Supplier shall provide to RCDTS within 5 working days (or such other period as RCDTS may reasonably specify) any such Information requested by RCDTS.
- 22.7 The Supplier acknowledges that RCDTS and the Customer are subject to the requirements of the FOIA, the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 and the EIRs. The Supplier shall:
- (a) provide all necessary assistance and cooperation as reasonably requested by RCDTS to enable RCDTS and/ or the Customer to comply with its obligations under the FOIA and EIRs;
 - (b) transfer to RCDTS all Requests for Information relating to this Agreement that it receives as soon as practicable and in any event within two (2) Working Days of receipt;
 - (c) provide RCDTS with a copy of all Information held on behalf of RCDTS and/or the Customer which is requested in a Request For Information and which is in its possession or control in the form that RCDTS requires within five (5) Working Days (or such other period as RCDTS may reasonably specify) of RCDTS's request for such Information; and
 - (d) not respond directly to a Request For Information addressed to RCDTS and/or Customer unless authorised in writing to do so by RCDTS.
- 22.8 The Supplier acknowledges that RCDTS and/ or the Customer may be required under the FOIA and EIRs to disclose Information (including Commercially Sensitive Information) without consulting or obtaining consent from the Supplier. RCDTS shall take reasonable steps to notify the Supplier of a Request For Information (in

accordance with the Secretary of State's section 45 Code of Practice on the Discharge of the Functions of Public Authorities under Part 1 of the FOIA) to the extent that it is permissible and reasonably practical for it to do so but (notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement) RCDTS shall be responsible for determining in its absolute discretion whether any Commercially Sensitive Information and/or any other information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with the FOIA and EIRs.

23 PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA

23.1 With respect to the Parties' rights and obligations under this Agreement, the Parties acknowledge that RCDTS is the Controller and the Supplier is the Processor, and that the Processing may not be determined by the Supplier.

23.2 The Supplier shall:

- (a) not Process or transfer the Personal Data [and/or Sanitised Personal Data] other than in accordance with RCDTS's written instructions, as set out in Schedule 2.8 (*Data Processing and List of Sub-processors*), unless required by EU or member state law or Law to which the Supplier is subject, in which case the Supplier shall promptly inform RCDTS of that legal requirement before Processing or transferring that Personal Data [and/or Sanitised Personal Data], unless prohibited by Law;
- (b) acknowledge that the provision of the Services involves the Processing of the types of Personal Data and categories of Data Subject set out in Part A of Schedule 2.8 (*Data Processing and List of Sub-processors*), and shall, with RCDTS's written consent, update the details in Schedule 2.8 (*Data Processing and List of Sub-processors*) from time to time as necessary;
- (c) ensure that at all times it has in place appropriate technical and organisational measures to guard against unauthorised or unlawful processing of the Personal Data, Personal Data Breaches and/or accidental loss, destruction or damage to the Personal Data [and Sanitised Personal Data], including the measures as are set out in Clause 20 (*RCDTS Data and Security Requirements*) and having regard to the:
 - (i) nature of the data to be protected;
 - (ii) harm that might result from a Personal Data Breach;
 - (iii) state of technological development; and
 - (iv) cost of implementing any measures;
- (d) not disclose or transfer the Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data to any third party or Supplier Personnel unless necessary for the provision of the Services and, for any disclosure or transfer of Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data to any third party, obtain the prior written consent of RCDTS (save where such disclosure or transfer is specifically authorised under this Agreement);
- (e) take all reasonable steps to ensure the reliability and integrity of any Supplier Personnel who have access to the Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data

and ensure that the Supplier Personnel:

- (i) are aware of and comply with the Supplier's duties under this Clause 23 and Clauses 20 (*RCDTS Data and Security Requirements*) and 21 (*Confidentiality*);
 - (ii) are subject to confidentiality undertakings or professional or statutory obligations of confidentiality;
 - (iii) are informed of the confidential nature of the Personal Data and Sanitised Personal Data and do not publish, disclose or divulge any of the Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data to any third party unless directed in writing to do so by RCDTS or as otherwise permitted by this Agreement;
 - (iv) have undergone adequate training in the use, care, protection and handling of personal data (as defined in the Relevant Data Protection Laws); and
 - (v) retain evidence of the steps taken in respect of Clauses 23.2(e)(i) to 23.2(e)(iv) above for RCDTS's inspection;
- (f) notify RCDTS immediately upon becoming aware of a reasonably suspected, "near-miss" or actual Personal Data Breach or circumstances that may give rise to a Personal Data Breach, providing RCDTS with sufficient information and in a timescale which allows RCDTS to meet its obligations to report a Personal Data Breach within 72 hours under Article 33 of the GDPR. Such notification shall as a minimum:
- (i) describe the nature of the Personal Data Breach, the categories and numbers of Data Subjects concerned, and the categories and numbers of Personal Data records concerned;
 - (ii) communicate the name and contact details of the Data Protection Officer or other relevant contact from whom more information may be obtained;
 - (iii) describe the likely consequences of the Personal Data Breach; and
 - (iv) describe the measures taken or proposed to be taken to address the Personal Data Breach.
- (g) co-operate with RCDTS and take such reasonable commercial steps as are directed by it to mitigate or remedy the consequences of a reasonably suspected, "near-miss" or actual Personal Data Breach including but not limited to:
- (i) documenting any such Personal Data Breaches and reporting them to any supervisory authority;
 - (ii) taking measures to address any such Personal Data Breaches, including where appropriate, measures to mitigate their possible adverse effects; and

- (iii) conducting Data Protection Impact Assessments of any Processing operations and consulting any supervisory authorities, Data Subjects and their representatives accordingly;
- (h) notify RCDTS immediately if it receives:
 - (i) from a Data Subject (or third party on their behalf):
 - (A) a Data Subject Access Request (or purported Data Subject Access Request);
 - (B) a request to rectify, any inaccurate Personal Data;
 - (C) a request to have any Personal Data erased;
 - (D) a request to restrict the Processing of any Personal Data;
 - (E) a request to obtain a portable copy of part of the Personal Data, or to transfer such a copy to any Third Party;
 - (F) an objection to any Processing of Personal Data;
 - (G) any other request, complaint or communication relating to RCDTS's obligations under the Relevant Data Protection Laws;
 - (ii) any communication from the Information Commissioner or any other regulatory authority in connection with Personal Data; or
 - (iii) a request from any third party for disclosure of Personal Data where compliance with such request is required or purported to be required by Law;
- (i) not, without RCDTS's prior written consent, and subject also to Clause 24.1, make or permit any announcement in respect of a Personal Data Breach or respond to any request, communication or complaint of the kind listed at Clause 23.2(h)(i)-(iii);
- (j) taking into account the nature of the processing, provide RCDTS with full assistance in relation to either Party's obligations under the Relevant Data Protection Laws and any complaint, communication or request as listed at clause 23.2(h) (and insofar as possible within the timescales reasonably required by the Authority) including by promptly providing:
 - (i) RCDTS with full details and copies of the complaint, communication or request;
 - (ii) such assistance as is reasonably requested by RCDTS to enable RCDTS to comply with a Data Subject Access Request within the relevant timescales set out in the Relevant Data Protection Laws;

- (iii) RCDTS, at its request, with any Personal Data it holds in relation to a Data Subject;
- (iv) assistance as requested by RCDTS following any Personal Data Breach;
- (v) assistance as requested by RCDTS with respect to any request from the Information Commissioner's Office, or any consultation by RCDTS with the Information Commissioner's Office [.] [.]

(k) [without prejudice to clause (a), not [without the prior written consent of RCDTS]:

- (i) convert any Personal Data for "big data" analysis or purposes; or
- (ii) match or compare any Personal Data with or against any other Personal Data (whether the Supplier's or any third party's);

and in each case the Supplier shall only take the steps set out in (i) to (ii) above strictly to the degree required to fulfil its obligations under this Agreement.]

- 23.3 The Supplier's obligation to notify under clause 23.2(f) and 23.2(h) shall include the provision of further information to RCDTS in phases, as details become available.
- 23.4 Insofar as the Supplier processes Sanitised Personal Data, the Supplier shall not reverse engineer or unencrypt such Sanitised Personal Data or use any data matching techniques to reconstitute Personal Data from which the Sanitised Personal Data is derived.
- 23.5 The Supplier must obtain the prior written consent of RCDTS before appointing any Sub-contractor or other Third Party to Process any Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data ("Sub-processor") and the Supplier shall remain fully liable to RCDTS [and] [.] the Customer [and any other Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary] for any failure by a Sub-processor to fulfil its obligations in relation to the Processing of any Personal Data [and/or Sanitised Personal Data]. Such consent shall be conditional upon:
- (a) the use of any Sub-processor being otherwise in accordance with clause 15 and 23.7;
 - (b) The Supplier entering into a continuing obligation to provide RCDTS with such information regarding the Sub-processor as RCDTS may reasonably require.
- 23.6 In accordance with Clause 23.5, RCDTS consents to the use by the Supplier as at the Effective Date of the Sub-processors listed in Part B of Schedule 2.8 (*Data Processing and List of Sub-processors*) which shall be updated as required by the Parties.
- 23.7 The Supplier shall procure that all Sub-processors:
- (a) prior to commencing the Processing of any Personal Data [and/or Sanitised Personal Data] enter into a written contract in relation to the Processing with

either RCDTS or the Supplier which shall include substantially the same data protection obligations on the Sub-processor as are imposed on the Supplier by these General Terms and Conditions and which shall set out the Sub-processor's agreed Processing activities in the same or substantially similar form as provided at Part A of Schedule 2.8 to these General Terms and Conditions; or

- (b) insofar as the contract referred to at Paragraph (a) above involves the transfer of Personal Data [and/or Sanitised Personal Data] outside of the European Economic Area in accordance with clause 23.8, it shall incorporate the Standard Contractual Clauses or such other mechanism as directed by RCDTS to ensure the adequate protection of the transferred Personal Data [and/or Sanitised Personal Data];
- (c) act in accordance with Clauses 15 and 23.

23.8 [The Supplier shall not Process or otherwise transfer any Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data in or to any Off-shore Location.] **OR** [The Supplier shall not Process or otherwise transfer any Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data in or to any Off-shore Location (unless the transfer is required by EU or member state law to which the Supplier is subject, and if this is the case then the Supplier shall inform RCDTS of that legal requirement before Processing that Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data, unless that law prohibits such information being provided). If, after the Effective Date, the Supplier or any Sub-contractor wishes to Process and/or transfer any Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data in or to any Off-shore Location, the following provisions shall apply:

- (a) the Supplier shall submit a Change Request to RCDTS which, if RCDTS agrees, at its sole discretion, to such Change Request, shall be dealt with in accordance with the Change Control Procedure and Clauses 23.8(b) to 23.8(d);
- (b) the Supplier shall set out in its Change Request and/or Impact Assessment details of the following:
 - (i) the Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data which will be transferred to and/or Processed in any Off-shore Location;
 - (ii) the Off-shore Location or Countries which the Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data will be transferred to and/or Processed in; and
 - (iii) any Sub-contractors or other third parties who will be Processing and/or receiving Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data in Off-shore Location;
 - (iv) how the Supplier will ensure an adequate level of protection and adequate safeguards in respect of the Personal Data that will be Processed in and/or transferred to Off-Shore Location(s) so as to ensure RCDTS's compliance with the Relevant Data Protection Laws;
- (c) in providing and evaluating the Change Request and Impact Assessment, the

Parties shall ensure that they have regard to and comply with the current RCDTS, Customer, Central Government Bodies and Information Commissioner Office policies, procedures, guidance and codes of practice on, and any approvals processes in connection with, the Processing in and/or transfers of Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data to any Off-shore Location; and

(d) the Supplier shall comply with such other instructions and shall carry out such other actions as RCDTS may notify in writing, including:

(i) incorporating Relevant Data Protection Laws Standard Contractual Clauses into this Agreement or a separate data processing agreement between the Parties; and

(ii) complying with the provisions of Clause 23.5-23.7 in relation to any Sub-contractor or other Third Party who will be Processing and/or receiving or accessing the Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data in any Off-shore Location either enters into:

(A) a direct data processing agreement with RCDTS on such terms as may be required by RCDTS; or

(B) a data processing agreement with the Supplier on terms which are equivalent to those agreed between RCDTS and the Sub-contractor relating to the relevant Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data transfer,

and in each case which the Supplier acknowledges may include the incorporation of Relevant Data Protection Laws Standard Contractual Clauses and technical and organisation measures which RCDTS deems necessary for the purpose of protecting Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data.]

23.9 The Supplier shall ensure that RCDTS complies with any obligations under the Relevant Data Protection Laws and shall not perform its obligations under this Agreement in such a way as to cause RCDTS to breach any of RCDTS's and/ or the Customer's obligations under the Relevant Data Protection Laws to the extent the Supplier is aware, or ought reasonably to have been aware, that the same would be a breach of such obligations. In connection with this obligation, the Supplier shall:

(a) immediately inform RCDTS if, in its opinion, any instruction infringes, or might reasonably be considered to infringe, the Relevant Data Protection Laws;

(b) provide all reasonable assistance to RCDTS in the preparation of any Data Protection Impact Assessment prior to commencing any Processing, such assistance including, at the discretion of RCDTS:

(i) a systematic description of the envisaged processing operations and the purpose of the processing;

- (ii) an assessment of the necessity and proportionality of the processing operations in relation to the Services;
 - (iii) an assessment of the risks to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects; and
 - (iv) the measures envisaged to address the risks, including safeguards, security measures and mechanisms to ensure the protection of Personal Data;
- (c) implement, review and maintain organisational and technical security measures to ensure the security of Personal Data in accordance with Articles 32 to 34 of the GDPR, including by:
 - (i) pseudonymising or encrypting Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data , where appropriate;
 - (ii) ensuring the on-going confidentiality, integrity and, availability of Processing systems and services;
 - (iii) ensuring a means to restore the availability of and access to Personal Data and/or Sanitised Personal Data in a timely manner following any physical or technical incident; and
 - (iv) having in place a process for regularly testing, assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of the organisational and technical security measures.
- (d) At the written direction of RCDTS, promptly and securely delete or return to RCDTS or transfer to any Replacement Supplier Personal Data (and any copies of it) in such format as is requested by RCDTS, unless the Supplier is required by Law to retain the Personal Data.

23.10 The Supplier shall not cause RCDTS and/or the Customer to breach any obligation under the Relevant Data Protection Laws and shall itself comply fully with its obligations under the Relevant Data Protection Laws including by:

- (a) adhering to any relevant codes of conduct published pursuant to Article 40 of the GDPR;
- (b) designating a Data Protection Officer if required by the Relevant Data Protection Laws;
- (c) maintaining complete and accurate records of its Processing of Personal Data containing the information set out in Article 30(2) of the GDPR, this requirement applying only where the Supplier employs 250 or more staff, unless:
 - (i) the Processing is not occasional;
 - (ii) the Processing includes special categories of data as referred to in Article 9(1) of the GDPR or Personal Data relating to criminal convictions and

offences referred to in Article 10 of the GDPR; and

- (iii) the Processing is likely to result in a risk to the rights and freedoms of Data Subjects; and
- (d) reporting any suspected non-compliance or actual non-compliance with this Clause to RCDTS immediately upon becoming aware of such non-compliance.

23.11 The Supplier shall allow for audits of its Data Processing activity by RCDTS or RCDTS's designated auditor, and make available to RCDTS or RCDTS's designated auditor all information necessary to demonstrate compliance with this Clause.

23.12 For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these Terms and Conditions relieves the Supplier of its own direct responsibilities and liabilities under the GDPR.

[Data Protection Indemnity]

23.13 [The Supplier will indemnify RCDTS [and][,] the Customer [and each other Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary] ("the Indemnified Person") against:

- (b) all losses (including all direct, indirect and consequential losses) and liabilities, which shall include without limitation all amounts paid to a regulator by way of a fine, penalty, charge or payment (including a voluntary payment) and all payments made to Data Subjects including without limitation those made on a voluntary basis;
- (c) all costs (on a full indemnity basis) including legal and other professional costs and costs of enforcement and expenses; and
- (d) all damages and expenses

that the Indemnified Person does or will incur or suffer (including without limitation in relation to all claims or proceedings made, brought or threatened against the Indemnified Person and/or in defending or settling any actual or threatened claims or proceeding), in each case arising out of or in connection with any breach by the Supplier or any Sub processor of any of its obligations under Clause 20 or this Clause 23 of this Agreement (including any failure or delay in performing, or negligent performance or non-performance of, any of those obligations) or any act or omission by the Supplier or a Sub processor that causes RCDTS [and][,] the Customer [or any other Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary] to breach any obligation under the Relevant Data Protection Laws.]

OR

[The Supplier will indemnify RCDTS [and][,] the Customer [and each other Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary] against all losses, fines and/or expenses incurred by RCDTS [and/or][,] the Customer [and/or each other Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary] including any further costs required in order to meet any additional requirements imposed by a relevant regulatory body as a result of the relevant breach, arising out of or in connection with any breach by the Supplier or any Sub processor of any of its obligations under Clause 20 or this Clause 23 of

this Agreement, or any act or omission by the Supplier or a Sub processor that causes RCDTS [and/or][,] the Customer [and/or any other Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary] to breach any obligation under the Relevant Data Protection Laws.]

24 PUBLICITY AND BRANDING

24.1 The Supplier shall not:

- (a) make any press announcements or publicise this Agreement or its contents in any way; or
- (b) use RCDTS's and/ or the Customer's name or brand in any promotion or marketing or announcement of orders,

without the prior written consent of RCDTS.

24.2 Each Party acknowledges to the other that nothing in this Agreement either expressly or by implication constitutes an endorsement of any products or services of the other Party (including the Services, the Supplier System and RCDTS System) and each Party agrees not to conduct itself in such a way as to imply or express any such approval or endorsement.

SECTION G | LIABILITY, INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE

25.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall exclude or limit:

- (a) either Party's liability for:
 - (i) death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or that of its employees, officers, agents or Sub-contractors (as applicable);
 - (ii) fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by it or its employees;
 - (iii) breach of any obligation as to title implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982; or
 - (iv) any liability to the extent it cannot be limited or excluded by Law;
- (b) the Supplier's liability in respect of the indemnities in Clause 10.13 (*Promoting Tax Compliance*), Clause 14.7 (*Employment Indemnity*), Clause 14.8 (*Income Tax and National Insurance Contributions*), Clause 19 (*IPRs Indemnity*), Clause 19A.4 (*Open Source Publication*), Clause 23.13 (*Data Protection Indemnity*), Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*) and the Annexes to Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*);
- (c) the Supplier's liability for any regulatory losses, fines and/or expenses incurred by RCDTS and/ or the Customer and any further costs incurred by RCDTS and/ or the Customer in order to meet any additional requirements imposed by a relevant regulatory body as a result of the relevant breach; or
- (d) RCDTS's liability in respect of the indemnities in Clause 14.7 (*Employment Indemnity*), Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*) and the Annexes to Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*).

Financial and other limits

25.2 Subject to Clause 25.1 (*Unlimited Liability*) and Clauses 25.5 and 25.6 (*Consequential losses*):

- (a) the Supplier's aggregate liability in respect of loss of or damage to RCDTS Premises or other property or assets of RCDTS and/ or Customer (including technical infrastructure, assets or equipment but excluding any loss or damage to RCDTS's Data or any other data) that is caused by Defaults of the Supplier occurring in each and any Contract Year shall in no event exceed:
 - (i) in relation to Defaults occurring in the first Contract Year, an amount equal to the greater of £[] and [one hundred per cent (100%)] of the Estimated Year 1 Charges;
 - (ii) in relation to Defaults occurring during any subsequent Contract Year, an amount equal to the greater of £[] and [one hundred per cent (100%)] of the Charges paid and/or due to be paid to the Supplier under this Agreement in the Contract Year immediately preceding the occurrence of

the Default; and

- (iii) in relation to Defaults occurring after the end of the Term, an amount equal to the greater of £[] and [one hundred per cent (100%)] of the Charges paid and/or due to be paid to the Supplier in the 12 month period immediately prior to the last day of the Term.
- (b) the Supplier's aggregate liability in respect of all:
 - (i) Service Credits; and
 - (ii) Compensation for Unacceptable Performance Failure;
 incurred in any [rolling period of twelve (12) months] shall be subject to the Service Credit Cap; and
- (c) the Supplier's aggregate liability in respect of all other Losses incurred by RCDTS and/ or the Customer under or in connection with this Agreement as a result of Defaults by the Supplier shall in no event exceed an amount equal to [one hundred and fifty per cent (150%)] of the Charges paid or due to be paid or payable during the Contract Year in which the Default occurred,
- (d) provided that where any Losses referred to in this Clause have been incurred by RCDTS and/ or the Customer as a result of the Supplier's abandonment of this Agreement (whether in whole or in part), or the Supplier's wilful default, wilful breach of a fundamental term of this Agreement, or wilful repudiatory breach of this Agreement, the references in such Clause to [one hundred and fifty per cent (150%)] shall be deemed to be references to [two hundred per cent (200%)].

25.3 Deductions from Charges shall not be taken into consideration when calculating the Supplier's liability under Clauses 25.2(a) and 25.2(c).

25.4 Subject to Clause 25.1 (*Unlimited Liability*) and Clause 25.5 (*Consequential Losses*) and without prejudice to RCDTS's obligation to pay the Charges as and when they fall due for payment:

- (a) RCDTS's total aggregate liability in respect of all Losses incurred by the Supplier under or in connection with this Agreement as a result of early termination of this Agreement by RCDTS pursuant to Clause 33.1(a) (*Termination by RCDTS*) or by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 33.6(a) (*Termination by the Supplier*) shall in no event exceed the following amounts:
 - (i) in relation to the Unrecovered Payment, the amount set out in [Paragraph 4] of Schedule 7.2 (*Payments on Termination*); and
 - (ii) in relation to the Breakage Costs Payment, the amount set out in [Paragraph 3.2] of Schedule 7.2 (*Payments on Termination*); and
- (b) RCDTS's aggregate liability in respect of all Losses incurred by the Supplier under or in connection with this Agreement as a result of Defaults of RCDTS shall in no event exceed an amount equal to one hundred per cent (100%) of the total

Charges paid, due to be paid or payable in the Contract Year in which the Default occurred.

Consequential Losses

25.5 Subject to Clause 25.1 (*Unlimited Liability*) and Clause 25.6, neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for:

- (a) any indirect, special or consequential Loss; or
- (b) any loss of profits, turnover, business opportunities or damage to goodwill (in each case whether direct or indirect).

25.6 Notwithstanding Clause 25.5 but subject to Clause 25.2, the Supplier acknowledges that RCDTS may, amongst other things, recover from the Supplier the following Losses incurred by RCDTS and/ or the Customer to the extent that they arise as a result of a Default by the Supplier which are deemed to be a non-exhaustive list of direct and recoverable Losses:

- (a) [the total amount of Tax Revenue which would have been collected and/or the total amount of any benefit or tax credit overpayment which would not have been made by or on behalf of the Customer had the Default not occurred;]
- (b) notwithstanding Clauses 25.6(c) and 25.6(h), any operational and/or administrative costs and expenses incurred by RCDTS and/ or the Customer in connection with dealing with a loss of Tax Revenue and/or any overpayment of any benefit or tax credit made as a result of a Default;
- (c) any additional operational and/or administrative costs and expenses incurred by RCDTS, including costs relating to time spent by or on behalf of RCDTS in dealing with the consequences of the Default;
- (d) any wasted expenditure or charges;
- (e) the additional cost of procuring Replacement Services for the remainder of the Term and/or replacement Deliverables, which shall include any incremental costs associated with such Replacement Services and/or replacement Deliverables above those which would have been payable under this Agreement;
- (f) any compensation or interest paid to a third party by RCDTS and/ or the Customer;
- (g) any fine or penalty incurred by RCDTS and/ or the Customer pursuant to Law and any costs incurred by RCDTS in defending any proceedings which result in such fine or penalty;
- (h) without prejudice to Clause 20 (*RCDTS Data and Security Requirements*), any losses associated with corruption, loss or degradation to RCDTS Data;
- (i) any anticipated savings identified in Schedule 7.6 (*Anticipated Savings*)[:] [and]

- (j) [others to be added as relevant].

Conduct of indemnity claims

- 25.7 Where under this Agreement one Party indemnifies the other Party, the Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 8.7 (*Conduct of Claims*) in relation to the conduct of claims made by a third person against the Party having (or claiming to have) the benefit of the indemnity.

Mitigation

- 25.8 Each Party shall use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate any loss or damage suffered arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, including any Losses for which the relevant Party is entitled to bring a claim against the other Party pursuant to the indemnities in this Agreement.

26 INSURANCE

The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 2.5 (*Insurance Requirements*) in relation to obtaining and maintaining insurance.

SECTION H | REMEDIES AND RELIEF

27 RECTIFICATION PLAN PROCESS

27.1 Without limitation to this Clause 0 and without prejudice to RCDTS's rights under this Agreement, if there is a Performance Failure or if the Supplier otherwise fails to perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Supplier will:

- (a) investigate, assemble and preserve pertinent information with respect to the cause(s) of the problem, including performing a root cause analysis of the problem;
- (b) advise RCDTS, as and to the extent reasonably requested by RCDTS, of the status of remedial effort being undertaken with respect to such problem;
- (c) minimise the impact of and correct the problem and thereafter recommence performance in accordance with and so as to meet or exceed the Target Performance Level of all the Key Performance Indicators and Subsidiary Performance Indicators as soon as possible; and
- (d) take appropriate preventative measures so that the problem does not reoccur.

27.2 In the event that:

- (a) there is, or is reasonably likely to be, a Delay;
- (b) in any Service Period there has been a Performance Failure;
- (c) the Supplier commits a material Default that is capable of remedy (and for these purposes a material Default may be a single material Default or a number of Defaults or repeated Defaults (whether of the same or different obligations and regardless of whether such Defaults are remedied) which taken together constitute a material Default);
- (d) following any audit conducted by RCDTS in accordance with this Agreement, there is, or is reasonably likely to be, a Default; and/or
- (e) there is, or is reasonably likely to be, an Intervention Trigger Event,

(each a “**Notifiable Default**”), the Supplier shall notify RCDTS of the Notifiable Default as soon as practicable but in any event within 3 Working Days of becoming aware of the Notifiable Default, detailing the actual or anticipated effect of the Notifiable Default and, unless the Notifiable Default also constitutes a Rectification Plan Failure or other Supplier Termination Event, RCDTS may not terminate this Agreement in whole or in part on the grounds of the Notifiable Default without first following the Rectification Plan Process. Any notice provided pursuant to this Clause 27.2 must detail the actual or anticipated effect of the Notifiable Default.

Notification

27.3 If:

- (a) the Supplier notifies RCDTS pursuant to Clause 27.2 that a Notifiable Default has occurred; or
- (b) RCDTS notifies the Supplier that it considers that a Notifiable Default has occurred (setting out sufficient detail so that it is reasonably clear what the Supplier has to rectify),
- (c) then, subject to Clauses 6.7 and 7.2, unless: the Notifiable Default also constitutes
 - (i) a Supplier Termination Event or a Rectification Plan Failure and RCDTS serves a Termination Notice;
 - (ii) an Intervention Trigger Event and RCDTS serves an Intervention Notice;
 - (iii) an Escalation Process Trigger Event and RCDTS serves an Escalation Notice; or
 - (iv) a Step-In Trigger Event and RCDTS serves a Step-In Notice,

the Supplier shall comply with the Rectification Plan Process.

27.4 The “**Rectification Plan Process**” shall be as set out in Clauses 27.5 (*Submission of the draft Rectification Plan*) to 27.9 (*Agreement of the Rectification Plan*).

Submission of the draft Rectification Plan

27.5 The Supplier shall submit a draft Rectification Plan to RCDTS for it to review as soon as possible and in any event within 10 Working Days (or such other period as may be agreed between the Parties) after the original notification pursuant to Clause 27.3 (*Notification*). The Supplier shall submit a draft Rectification Plan even if the Supplier disputes that it is responsible for the Notifiable Default.

27.6 The draft Rectification Plan shall set out:

- (a) full details of the Notifiable Default that has occurred, including a root cause analysis;
- (b) the actual or anticipated effect of the Notifiable Default; and
- (c) the steps which the Supplier proposes to take to rectify the Notifiable Default (if applicable) and to prevent such Notifiable Default from recurring, including timescales for such steps and for the rectification of the Notifiable Default (where applicable).

27.7 The Supplier shall promptly provide to RCDTS any further documentation that RCDTS reasonably requires to assess the Supplier’s root cause analysis. If the Parties do not agree on the root cause set out in the draft Rectification Plan, either Party may refer

the matter to be determined by an expert in accordance with Paragraph 5 of Schedule 8.4 (*Dispute Resolution Procedure*).

Agreement of the Rectification Plan

- 27.8 RCDTS shall notify the Supplier whether it consents to the draft Rectification Plan as soon as reasonably practicable. If RCDTS rejects the draft Rectification Plan, RCDTS shall give reasons for its decision and the Supplier shall take the reasons into account in the preparation of a revised Rectification Plan. The Supplier shall submit the revised draft of the Rectification Plan to RCDTS for review within five (5) Working Days (or such other period as agreed between the Parties) of RCDTS's notice rejecting the first draft.
- 27.9 If RCDTS consents to the Rectification Plan the Supplier shall immediately start work on the actions set out in the Rectification Plan.

28 DELAY PAYMENTS

- 28.1 If a Key Milestone has not been Achieved by its relevant Milestone Date, the provisions of Paragraph 1 of Part C of Schedule 7.1 (*Charges and Invoicing*) shall apply in relation to the payment of Delay Payments.
- 28.2 Delay Payments shall be RCDTS's exclusive financial remedy for the Supplier's failure to Achieve a Key Milestone by its Milestone Date except where:
- (a) RCDTS is entitled to or does terminate this Agreement pursuant to Clause 33.1(b) (*Termination by RCDTS*); or
 - (b) the Delay exceeds the Delay Deduction Period.

29 ESCALATION PROCESS

- 29.1 Where an Escalation Process Trigger Event occurs, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies under this Agreement, RCDTS may give not less than five (5) Working Days' notice ("**Escalation Notice**") to the Supplier requiring a meeting(s) between the Supplier Executive and RCDTS ("**Escalation Meeting(s)**").
- 29.2 The Supplier shall ensure that the Supplier Executive is available to commit their full time capability to the Escalation Meeting(s).
- 29.3 The Parties agree and acknowledge that the Escalation Meeting(s) shall take place on RCDTS Premises and at times and durations as RCDTS may determine.
- 29.4 Subject to Clause 29.5, the Escalation Meeting(s) shall continue until such time as the Escalation Process Trigger Event has been resolved to the reasonable satisfaction of RCDTS.
- 29.5 Where the Escalation Meeting(s) have continued for more than five (5) Working Days, either of the Parties may treat the matter as a Dispute to be handled through the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

- 29.6 If the Supplier is in Default of any of its obligations under Clause 29 ("**Escalation Process**"), RCDTS shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Clause 33.1(b) (*Termination by RCDTS*).

30 STEP-IN RIGHTS

- 30.1 On the occurrence of a Step-In Trigger Event, RCDTS may serve notice on the Supplier (a "**Step-In Notice**") that it will be taking action under this Clause 30 (*Step-in Rights*), either itself or with the assistance of a third party (provided that the Supplier may require any third parties to comply with a confidentiality undertaking equivalent to Clause 21 (*Confidentiality*)). The Step-In Notice shall set out the following:

- (a) the action RCDTS wishes to take and in particular the Services that it wishes to control (the "**Required Action**");
- (b) the Step-In Trigger Event that has occurred and whether RCDTS believes that the Required Action is due to the Supplier's Default;
- (c) the date on which it wishes to commence the Required Action;
- (d) the time period which it believes will be necessary for the Required Action;
- (e) whether RCDTS will require access to the Supplier's premises and/or the Sites; and
- (f) to the extent practicable, the impact that RCDTS anticipates the Required Action will have on the Supplier's obligations to provide the Services during the period that the Required Action is being taken.

- 30.2 Following service of a Step-In Notice, RCDTS shall:

- (a) take the Required Action set out in the Step-In Notice and any consequential additional action as it reasonably believes is necessary to achieve the Required Action;
- (b) keep records of the Required Action taken and provide information about the Required Action to the Supplier;
- (c) co-operate wherever reasonable with the Supplier in order to enable the Supplier to continue to provide the Services in relation to which RCDTS is not assuming control; and
- (d) act reasonably in mitigating the cost that the Supplier will incur as a result of the exercise of RCDTS's rights under this Clause 30.

- 30.3 For so long as and to the extent that the Required Action is continuing, then:

- (a) the Supplier shall not be obliged to provide the Services to the extent that they are the subject of the Required Action;
- (b) without prejudice to any Service Credits and/or Compensation for Unacceptable Performance Failure which may have accrued in respect of the period prior to

the commencement of the Required Action, no Deductions shall be applicable in relation to Charges in respect of Services that are the subject of the Required Action and the provisions of Clause 30.4 shall apply to Deductions from Charges in respect of other Services; and

- (c) RCDTS shall pay to the Supplier the Charges after subtracting any applicable Deductions and RCDTS's costs of taking the Required Action provided that if RCDTS's costs are greater than the Charges then, save for when the step-in action is taken by RCDTS under:
 - (i) limbs (c) or (d) of the definition of a Step In Trigger Event; or
 - (ii) limbs (e), (f) and (g) of the definition of a Step In Trigger Event (insofar as the primary cause of RCDTS serving the Step In Notice is identified as not being the result of the Supplier's Default)

the Supplier shall pay the difference on demand to RCDTS.

30.4 If the Supplier demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of RCDTS that the Required Action has resulted in:

- (a) the degradation of any Services not subject to the Required Action; or
- (b) the non-Achievement of a Milestone,

beyond that which would have been the case had RCDTS not taken the Required Action, then the Supplier shall be entitled to an agreed adjustment of the Charges.

30.5 Before ceasing to exercise its step in rights under this Clause 30 RCDTS shall deliver a written notice to the Supplier (a **"Step-Out Notice"**), specifying:

- (a) the Required Action it has actually taken; and
- (b) the date on which RCDTS plans to end the Required Action (the **"Step-Out Date"**) subject to RCDTS being satisfied with the Supplier's ability to resume the provision of the Services and the Supplier's plan developed in accordance with Clause 30.6.

30.6 The Supplier shall, following receipt of a Step-Out Notice and not less than twenty (20) Working Days prior to the Step-Out Date, develop for RCDTS's approval a draft plan (a **"Step-Out Plan"**) relating to the resumption by the Supplier of the Services, including any action the Supplier proposes to take to ensure that the affected Services satisfy the requirements of this Agreement.

30.7 If RCDTS does not approve the draft Step-Out Plan, RCDTS shall inform the Supplier of its reasons for not approving it. The Supplier shall within **[five (5)]** Working Days revise the draft Step-Out Plan taking those reasons into account and shall re-submit the revised plan to RCDTS for RCDTS's approval. RCDTS shall not withhold or delay its approval of the draft Step-Out Plan unnecessarily.

30.8 The Supplier shall bear its own costs in connection with any step-in by RCDTS under this Clause 30, provided that RCDTS shall reimburse the Supplier's reasonable additional expenses incurred directly as a result of any step-in action taken by RCDTS under:

- (a) limbs (c) or (d) of the definition of a Step-In Trigger Event; or
- (b) limbs (e), (f) and (g) of the definition of a Step-in Trigger Event (insofar as the primary cause of RCDTS serving the Step-In Notice is identified as not being the result of the Supplier's Default).

31 **RCDTS CAUSE**

31.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the Supplier

- (a) has failed to:
 - (i) Achieve a Milestone by its Milestone Date;
 - (ii) provide the Operational Services in accordance with the Target Performance Levels; and/or
 - (iii) comply with its obligations under this Agreement,(each a "**Supplier Non-Performance**"), and
- (b) can demonstrate that the Supplier Non-Performance would not have occurred but for an RCDTS Cause then, subject to Clauses 31.2 and 31.4 the Supplier shall not:
 - (i) be liable to accrue Service Credits in respect of that Performance Failure; or
 - (ii) be treated as being in breach of this Agreement;but only to the extent the Supplier can demonstrate that the Supplier Non-Performance was caused by RCDTS Cause.

31.2 In order to claim the relief referred to in Clause 31.1, the Supplier shall as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event within ten (10) Working Days) after becoming aware that an RCDTS Cause has caused, or is reasonably likely to cause, a Supplier Non-Performance, give RCDTS notice (a "**Relief Notice**") setting out details of:

- (a) the Supplier Non-Performance;
- (b) RCDTS Cause and its effect, or likely effect, on the Supplier's ability to meet its obligations under this Agreement;
- (c) any steps which RCDTS can take to eliminate or mitigate the consequences and impact of such RCDTS Cause; and

(d) the relief and/or compensation claimed by the Supplier.

31.3 Following the receipt of a Relief Notice, RCDTS shall as soon as reasonably practicable consider the nature of the Supplier Non-Performance and the alleged RCDTS Cause and whether it agrees with the Supplier's assessment set out in the Relief Notice as to the effect of the relevant RCDTS Cause and its entitlement to relief and/or compensation, consulting with the Supplier where necessary.

31.4 The Supplier shall use all reasonable endeavours to eliminate or mitigate the consequences and impact of an RCDTS Cause, including any Losses that the Supplier may incur and the duration and consequences of any Delay or anticipated Delay.

31.5 Without prejudice to Clause 5.9 (*Continuing obligation to provide the Services*), if a Dispute arises as to:

- (a) whether a Supplier Non-Performance would not have occurred but for an RCDTS Cause; and/or
- (b) the nature and/or extent of the relief and/or compensation claimed by the Supplier,

either Party may refer the Dispute to the Dispute Resolution Procedure. Pending the resolution of the Dispute, both Parties shall continue to resolve the causes of, and mitigate the effects of, the Supplier Non-Performance.

31.6 [Save as expressly set out in this Agreement, the Supplier shall not be entitled to any relief or compensation for a Supplier Non-Performance which relates to Performance Indicators designated as shared in Schedule 2.2 (*Performance Levels*).]

32 FORCE MAJEURE

32.1 Subject to the remaining provisions of this Clause 32 (and, in relation to the Supplier, subject to its compliance with its obligations in Schedule 8.6 (*Business Continuity and Disaster Capability*)), a Party may claim relief under this Clause 32 from liability for failure to meet its obligations under this Agreement for as long as and only to the extent that the performance of those obligations is directly affected by a Force Majeure Event. Any failure or delay by the Supplier in performing its obligations under this Agreement which results from a failure or delay by an agent, Sub-contractor or supplier shall be regarded as due to a Force Majeure Event only if that agent, Sub-contractor or supplier is itself impeded by a Force Majeure Event from complying with an obligation to the Supplier.

32.2 The Affected Party shall as soon as reasonably practicable issue a Force Majeure Notice, which shall include details of the Force Majeure Event, its effect on the obligations of the Affected Party and any action the Affected Party proposes to take to mitigate its effect.

- 32.3 If the Supplier is the Affected Party, it shall not be entitled to claim relief under this Clause 32 to the extent that consequences of the relevant Force Majeure Event:
- (a) are capable of being mitigated by any of the Services including the BCDC Services, but the Supplier has failed to do so; and/or
 - (b) should have been foreseen and prevented or avoided by a prudent provider of services similar to the Services, operating to the standards required by this Agreement.
- 32.4 Subject to Clause 32.5, as soon as practicable after the Affected Party issues the Force Majeure Notice, and at regular intervals thereafter, the Parties shall consult in good faith and use reasonable endeavours to agree any steps to be taken and an appropriate timetable in which those steps should be taken, to enable continued provision of the Services affected by the Force Majeure Event.
- 32.5 The Parties shall at all times following the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event and during its subsistence use their respective reasonable endeavours to prevent and mitigate the effects of the Force Majeure Event. Where the Supplier is the Affected Party, it shall take all steps in accordance with Good Industry Practice to overcome or minimise the consequences of the Force Majeure Event.
- 32.6 Where, as a result of a Force Majeure Event:
- (a) an Affected Party fails to perform its obligations in accordance with this Agreement, then during the continuance of the Force Majeure Event:
 - (i) the other Party shall not be entitled to exercise any rights to terminate this Agreement in whole or in part as a result of such failure other than pursuant to Clause 33.1(c) (*Termination by RCDTS*) or Clause 33.6(b) (*Termination by the Supplier*); and
 - (ii) neither Party shall be liable for any Default arising as a result of such failure;
 - (b) the Supplier fails to perform its obligations in accordance with this Agreement:
 - (i) RCDTS shall not be entitled:
 - (A) during the continuance of the Force Majeure Event to exercise its rights under Clause 30 (*Step-in Rights*) as a result of such failure;
 - (B) to receive Delay Payments pursuant to Clause 28 (*Delay Payments*) to the extent that the Achievement of any Milestone is affected by the Force Majeure Event; and
 - (C) to receive Service Credits, to withhold any of the Service Charges pursuant to Clause 7.2 (*Performance Failures*) or withhold and retain any of the Service Charges as compensation pursuant to Clause 7.4(a) (*Unacceptable Performance Failure*) to the extent that

a Performance Failure has been caused by the Force Majeure Event; and

- (ii) the Supplier shall be entitled to receive payment of the Charges (or a proportional payment of them) only to the extent that the Services (or part of the Services) continue to be performed in accordance with the terms of this Agreement during the occurrence of the Force Majeure Event.

32.7 The Affected Party shall notify the other Party as soon as practicable after the Force Majeure Event ceases or no longer causes the Affected Party to be unable to comply with its obligations under this Agreement.

32.8 Relief from liability for the Affected Party under this Clause 32 shall end as soon as the Force Majeure Event no longer causes the Affected Party to be unable to comply with its obligations under this Agreement and shall not be dependent on the serving of notice under Clause 32.7.

SECTION I | TERMINATION AND EXIT MANAGEMENT

33 TERMINATION RIGHTS

Termination by RCDTS

33.1 RCDTS may terminate this Agreement (in whole or in part) by issuing a Termination Notice to the Supplier:

- (a) for convenience at any time, including where the Agreement should not have been entered into in view of a serious infringement of obligations under European Law declared by the Court of Justice of the European Union under Article 258 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU;
- (b) if a Supplier Termination Event occurs;
- (c) if a Force Majeure Event endures for a continuous period of more than ninety (90) days; or
- (d) if the Agreement has been substantially amended to the extent that the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 require a new procurement procedure,

and this Agreement shall terminate on the date specified in the Termination Notice.

33.2 Where RCDTS:

- (a) is terminating this Agreement under Clause 33.1(b) due to the occurrence of either limb (c) and/or (j) of the definition of Supplier Termination Event, it may rely on a single material Default or on a number of Defaults or repeated Defaults (whether of the same or different obligations and regardless of whether such Defaults are cured) which taken together constitute a material Default; and/or
- (b) has the right to terminate this Agreement under Clause 33.1(b) or Clause 33.1(c), it may, prior to or instead of terminating the whole of this Agreement, serve a Termination Notice requiring the Partial Termination of this Agreement to the extent that it relates to any part of the Services which are materially affected by the relevant circumstances.

Termination for Persistent Breach

33.3 If a Default by the Supplier has occurred on more than one occasion then without prejudice to any other right of RCDTS to terminate this Agreement, RCDTS may serve a notice ("**Termination Warning Notice**") on the Supplier:

- (a) specifying that it is a formal Termination Warning Notice;
- (b) giving reasonable details of the Default; and
- (c) stating that if such Default recurs or continues, it may result in termination of this Agreement for Persistent Breach.

33.4 If the Default specified in the Termination Warning Notice recurs after the date of service of the relevant Termination Warning Notice then RCDTS may serve a further notice on the Supplier ("**Final Termination Warning Notice**"):

- (a) specifying that it is a Final Termination Warning Notice;
- (b) stating that the specified Default has been the subject of a Termination Warning Notice served within the **[twelve (12) month]** period prior to the date of the Final Termination Warning Notice; and
- (c) stating that if such Default continues or recurs on one or more occasion within the **[six (6) month]** period following the date of the Final Termination Warning Notice RCDTS may serve written notice on the Supplier to terminate this Agreement for Persistent Breach (termination to take effect from the date set out in the notice).

33.5 Termination for Persistent Breach shall be treated in the same way as a termination following a Supplier Termination Event.

Termination by the Supplier

33.6 The Supplier may, by issuing a Termination Notice to RCDTS, terminate:

- (a) this Agreement if RCDTS fails to pay an undisputed sum due to the Supplier under this Agreement which in aggregate exceeds **£[insert amount equivalent to 1 month's average Charges]** and such amount remains outstanding forty (40) Working Days after the receipt by RCDTS of a notice of non-payment from the Supplier; or
- (b) any Services that are materially impacted by a Force Majeure Event that endures for a continuous period of more than ninety (90) days,

and this Agreement or the relevant Services (as the case may be) shall then terminate on the date specified in the Termination Notice (which shall not be less than twenty (20) Working Days from the date of the issue of the Termination Notice). If the operation of Clause 33.6(b) would result in a Partial Termination, the provisions of Clause 33.7 (*Partial Termination*) shall apply.

Partial Termination

33.7 If the Supplier notifies RCDTS pursuant to Clause 33.6(b) (*Termination by the Supplier*) that it intends to terminate this Agreement in part and RCDTS, acting reasonably, believes that the effect of such Partial Termination is to render the remaining Services incapable of meeting a significant part of RCDTS Requirements, then RCDTS shall be entitled to terminate the remaining part of this Agreement by serving a Termination Notice to the Supplier within one (1) month of receiving the Supplier's Termination Notice. For the purpose of this Clause 33.7, in assessing the significance of any part of RCDTS Requirements, regard shall be had not only to the proportion of that part to RCDTS Requirements as a whole, but also to the importance of the relevant part to RCDTS.

33.8 The Parties shall agree the effect of any Change necessitated by a Partial Termination in accordance with the Change Control Procedure, including the effect the Partial Termination may have on any other Services and the Charges, provided that:

- (a) the Supplier shall not be entitled to an increase in the Charges in respect of the Services that have not been terminated if the Partial Termination arises due to the occurrence of a Supplier Termination Event;
- (b) any adjustment to the Charges (if any) shall be calculated in accordance with the Financial Model and must be reasonable; and
- (c) the Supplier shall not be entitled to reject the Change.

34 **CONSEQUENCES OF EXPIRY OR TERMINATION**

General Provisions on Expiry or Termination

34.1 The provisions of Clauses 5.8 (*Specially Written Software warranty*), 10.9 and 10.13 (*Promoting Tax Compliance*), 10.6 and 10.7 (*Set-off and Withholding*), 12 (*Records, Reports, Audits and Open Book Data*), 14.7 (*Employment Indemnity*), 14.8 (*Income Tax and National Insurance Contributions*), [15.220 to 15.23 (*Apprenticeships*)] 15 (*Intellectual Property Rights*), 17 (*Licences Granted by the Supplier*), 19 (*IPRs Indemnity*), 19.A.4 (*IPR Indemnity for Open Source Software*), 21 (*Confidentiality*), 22 (*Transparency and Freedom of Information*), 23 (*Protection of Personal Data*), 24 (*Limitations on Liability*), 34 (*Consequences of Expiry or Termination*), 40 (*Severance*), 42 (*Entire Agreement*), 43 (*Third Party Rights*), 46 (*Disputes*) and 47 (*Governing Law and Jurisdiction*), and the provisions of Schedules 1 (*Definitions*), 7.1 (*Charges and Invoicing*), 7.2 (*Payments on Termination*), 7.5 (*Financial Reports and Audit Rights*), 8.2 (*Reports and Records*), 8.4 (*Dispute Resolution Procedure*), 8.5 (*Exit Management*), and 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*), shall survive the termination or expiry of this Agreement.

Exit Management

34.2 The Parties shall comply with the provisions of Schedule 8.5 (*Exit Management*) and any current Exit Plan in relation to orderly transition of the Services to RCDTS or a Replacement Supplier.

Payments by RCDTS

34.3 If this Agreement is terminated by RCDTS pursuant to Clause 33.1(a) (*Termination by RCDTS*) or by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 33.6(a) (*Termination by the Supplier*), RCDTS shall pay the Supplier the Termination Payment (which shall be the Supplier's sole remedy for the termination of this Agreement).

34.4 If this Agreement is terminated (in part or in whole) by RCDTS pursuant to Clauses 33.1(b), 33.1(c) and/or 33.2 (*Termination by RCDTS*), or the Term expires, the only payments that RCDTS shall be required to make as a result of such termination (whether by way of compensation or otherwise) are:

- (a) payments in respect of any Assets or apportionments in accordance with

Schedule 8.5 (*Exit Management*); and

- (b) payments in respect of unpaid Charges for Services received up until the Termination Date.

34.5 The costs of termination incurred by the Parties shall lie where they fall if:

- (a) either Party terminates or partially terminates this Agreement for a continuing Force Majeure Event pursuant to Clauses 33.1(c) or 33.2(b) (*Termination by RCDTS*) or 33.6(b) (*Termination by the Supplier*); or
- (b) RCDTS terminates this Agreement under Clause 33.1(d).

Payments by the Supplier

34.6 In the event of termination or expiry of this Agreement, the Supplier shall repay to RCDTS all Charges it has been paid in advance in respect of Services not provided by the Supplier as at the date of expiry or termination.

34.7 If this Agreement is terminated (in whole or in part) by RCDTS pursuant to Clause 33.1(b) (*Termination by RCDTS*) prior to Achievement of one or more CPP Milestones, RCDTS may at any time on or within twelve (12) months of the issue of the relevant Termination Notice by issue to the Supplier of written notice (a “**Milestone Adjustment Payment Notice**”) require the Supplier to repay to RCDTS an amount equal to the aggregate Milestone Adjustment Payment Amounts in respect of each CPP Milestone to which the Milestone Adjustment Payment Notice relates less a reasonable amount to reflect the Deliverables relating to the relevant CCP Milestones that RCDTS wishes to retain (taking into account the Supplier’s costs of providing that Deliverable and the benefit derived by RCDTS) (“**Milestone Adjustment Payment Amount**”).

34.8 The Supplier shall within ten (10) Working Days of receipt of a Milestone Adjustment Payment Notice, in each case as applicable:

- (a) notify RCDTS whether it agrees with the Milestone Adjustment Payment Amount; or
- (b) provide RCDTS with its calculation of the Milestone Adjustment Payment Amount in respect of each CPP Milestone that is the subject of the relevant Milestone Adjustment Payment Notice, including details of all relevant Milestone Payments; and
- (c) provide RCDTS with such supporting information as RCDTS may require.

34.9 If the Parties do not agree the calculation of a Milestone Adjustment Payment Amount within twenty (20) Working Days of the Supplier’s receipt of the relevant Milestone Adjustment Payment Notice, either Party may refer the Dispute to the Dispute Resolution Procedure.

SECTION J | MISCELLANEOUS AND GOVERNING LAW

35 **COMPLIANCE**

Health and Safety

35.1 The Supplier shall perform its obligations under this Agreement (including those in relation to the Services) in accordance with:

- (a) all applicable Law regarding health and safety; and
- (b) the Health and Safety Policy whilst at RCDTS Premises.

35.2 Each Party shall notify the other as soon as practicable of any health and safety incidents or material health and safety hazards at RCDTS Premises of which it becomes aware and which relate to or arise in connection with the performance of this Agreement. The Supplier shall instruct the Supplier Personnel to adopt any necessary associated safety measures in order to manage any such material health and safety hazards.

Equality and Diversity

35.3 The Supplier shall:

- (a) perform its obligations under this Agreement (including those in relation to the Services) in accordance with:
 - (i) all applicable equality Law (whether in relation to race, sex, gender reassignment, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief, pregnancy, maternity or otherwise);
 - (ii) RCDTS's equality and diversity policy as provided to the Supplier from time to time; and
 - (iii) any other requirements and instructions which RCDTS reasonably imposes in connection with any equality obligations imposed on RCDTS at any time under applicable equality Law; and
- (b) take all necessary steps, and inform RCDTS of the steps taken, to prevent unlawful discrimination designated as such by any court or tribunal, or the Equality and Human Rights Commission or (any successor organisation).

Official Secrets Act

35.4 The Supplier shall comply with the provisions of the Official Secrets Acts 1911 to 1989.

Modern Slavery

35.5 The Supplier shall;

- (a) comply with all applicable anti-slavery and human trafficking law, statutes and regulations from time to time in force including the Modern Slavery Act 2015;

- (b) not engage in any activity, practice or conduct that would constitute an offence under sections 1, 2 or 4 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015;
 - (c) make reasonable enquiries to ensure that its officers, employees and Subcontractors have not been convicted of slavery or human trafficking offences;
 - (d) in its contracts with Subcontractors include anti-slavery and human trafficking provisions that are substantially the same as the provisions in this contract;
 - (e) notify RCDTS immediately upon becoming aware of any actual or suspected breach of its obligations under Clause 35.5(a) and/or (b), details of the breach and the mitigation action it has taken or intends to take in order to:
 - (i) remedy the breach; and
 - (ii) ensure future compliance.
- 35.6 The Supplier shall prepare and deliver to RCDTS an annual slavery and human tracking report setting out the steps it has taken to ensure that human trafficking is not taking place in any of its supply chains or in any part of its business and a certificate of compliance.
- 35.7 If the Supplier fails to comply (or if RCDTS receives information which demonstrates that the Supplier has failed to comply) with any of the provisions in Clause 36.5 then this shall constitute a Supplier Termination Event.

36 ASSIGNMENT AND NOVATION

- 36.1 The Supplier shall not assign, novate or otherwise dispose of or create any trust in relation to any or all of its rights, obligations or liabilities under this Agreement without the prior written consent of RCDTS.
- 36.2 RCDTS may at its discretion assign, novate or otherwise dispose of any or all of its rights, obligations and liabilities under this Agreement and/or any associated licences to:
- (a) the Customer or any other Central Government Body; or
 - (b) to a body other than the Customer or a Central Government Body (including any private sector body) which performs any of the functions that previously had been performed by RCDTS,
- and the Supplier shall, at RCDTS's request, enter into a novation agreement in such form as RCDTS shall reasonably specify in order to enable RCDTS to exercise its rights pursuant to this Clause 36.2.
- 36.3 A change in the legal status of RCDTS or the Customer, including such that the Customer ceases to be a Central Government Body, shall not affect the validity of this Agreement and this Agreement shall be binding on any successor body to RCDTS.

- 36.4 If RCDTS or the Customer assigns, novates or otherwise disposes of any of its rights, obligations or liabilities under this Agreement to a body which is not a Central Government Body or to a body which is not controlled by a Central Government Body, or if a body which is not a Central Government Body succeeds the Customer (any such body a “**Successor Body**”), the Supplier shall have the right to terminate for an Insolvency Event affecting the Successor Body identical to the right of termination of RCDTS under limb (m) of the definition of Supplier Termination Event (as if references in that limb (m) to the Supplier and the Guarantor and references to a Party in the definition of Insolvency Event were references to the Successor Body).

37 WAIVER AND CUMULATIVE REMEDIES

- 37.1 The rights and remedies under this Agreement may be waived only by notice and in a manner that expressly states that a waiver is intended. A failure or delay by a Party in ascertaining or exercising a right or remedy provided under this Agreement or by law shall not constitute a waiver of that right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy. No single or partial exercise of any right or remedy shall prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.
- 37.2 Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, rights and remedies under this Agreement are cumulative and do not exclude any rights or remedies provided by law, in equity or otherwise.

38 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES

Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement, nor any actions taken by the Parties pursuant to this Agreement, shall create a partnership, joint venture or relationship of employer and employee or principal and agent between the Parties, or authorise either Party to make representations or enter into any commitments for or on behalf of any other Party.

39 PREVENTION OF FRAUD AND BRIBERY

- 39.1 The Supplier represents and warrants that neither it, nor to the best of its knowledge any Supplier Personnel, have at any time prior to the Effective Date:
- (a) committed a Prohibited Act or been formally notified that it is subject to an investigation or prosecution which relates to an alleged Prohibited Act; and/or
 - (b) been listed by any government department or agency as being debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or otherwise ineligible for participation in government procurement programmes or contracts on the grounds of a Prohibited Act.
- 39.2 The Supplier shall not during the term of this Agreement:
- (a) commit a Prohibited Act; and/or
 - (b) do or suffer anything to be done which would cause RCDTS, the Customer or any of their respective employees, consultants, contractors, sub-contractors or

agents to contravene any of the Relevant Requirements or otherwise incur any liability in relation to the Relevant Requirements.

39.3 The Supplier shall during the term of this Agreement:

- (a) establish, maintain and enforce, and require that its Sub-contractors establish, maintain and enforce, policies and procedures which are adequate to ensure compliance with the Relevant Requirements and prevent the occurrence of a Prohibited Act; and
- (b) keep appropriate records of its compliance with its obligations under Clause 39.3(a) and make such records available to RCDTS on request.

39.4 The Supplier shall immediately notify RCDTS in writing if it becomes aware of any breach of Clause 39.1 and/or 39.2, or has reason to believe that it has or any of the Supplier Personnel have:

- (a) been subject to an investigation or prosecution which relates to an alleged Prohibited Act;
- (b) been listed by any government department or agency as being debarred, suspended, proposed for suspension or debarment, or otherwise ineligible for participation in government procurement programmes or contracts on the grounds of a Prohibited Act; and/or
- (c) received a request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind in connection with the performance of this Agreement or otherwise suspects that any person or Party directly or indirectly connected with this Agreement has committed or attempted to commit a Prohibited Act.

39.5 If the Supplier makes a notification to RCDTS pursuant to Clause 39.4, the Supplier shall respond promptly to RCDTS's enquiries, co-operate with any investigation, and allow RCDTS to Audit any books, Records and/or any other relevant documentation in accordance with Clause 12 (*Records, Reports, Audits and Open Book Data*).

39.6 If the Supplier is in Default under Clauses 39.1 and/or 39.2, RCDTS may by notice:

- (a) require the Supplier to remove from performance of this Agreement any Supplier Personnel whose acts or omissions have caused the Default; or
- (b) immediately terminate this Agreement.

39.7 Any notice served by RCDTS under Clause 39.6 shall specify the nature of the Prohibited Act, the identity of the Party who RCDTS believes has committed the Prohibited Act and the action that RCDTS has elected to take (including, where relevant, the date on which this Agreement shall terminate).

40 SEVERANCE

40.1 If any provision of this Agreement (or part of any provision) is held to be void or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision (or

part) shall to the extent necessary to ensure that the remaining provisions of this Agreement are not void or unenforceable be deemed to be deleted and the validity and/or enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected.

- 40.2 In the event that any deemed deletion under Clause 40.1 is so fundamental as to prevent the accomplishment of the purpose of this Agreement or materially alters the balance of risks and rewards in this Agreement, either Party may give notice to the other Party requiring the Parties to commence good faith negotiations to amend this Agreement so that, as amended, it is valid and enforceable, preserves the balance of risks and rewards in this Agreement and, to the extent that is reasonably possible, achieves the Parties' original commercial intention.
- 40.3 If the Parties are unable to agree on the revisions to this Agreement within five (5) Working Days of the date of the notice given pursuant to Clause 40.2, the matter shall be dealt with in accordance with Paragraph 4 (*Commercial Negotiation*) of Schedule 8.4 (*Dispute Resolution Procedure*) except that if the representatives are unable to resolve the dispute within thirty (30) Working Days of the matter being referred to them, this Agreement shall automatically terminate with immediate effect. The costs of termination incurred by the Parties shall lie where they fall if this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Clause 40.3.

41 FURTHER ASSURANCES

Each Party undertakes at the request of the other, and at the cost of the requesting Party to do all acts and execute all documents which may be reasonably necessary to give effect to the meaning of this Agreement.

42 ENTIRE AGREEMENT

- 42.1 This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in respect of its subject matter and supersedes and extinguishes all prior negotiations, arrangements, understanding, course of dealings or agreements made between the Parties in relation to its subject matter, whether written or oral.
- 42.2 Neither Party has been given, nor entered into this Agreement in reliance on, any warranty, statement, promise or representation other than those expressly set out in this Agreement.
- 42.3 Nothing in this Clause 42 shall exclude any liability in respect of misrepresentations made fraudulently.

43 THIRD PARTY RIGHTS

- 43.1 The provisions of Clause 19 (*IPRs Indemnity*), Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.6 of Part A, Paragraphs 2.1, 2.6, 3.1 and 3.3 of Part B, Paragraphs 2.1 and 2.3 of Part C and Paragraphs 1.4, 2.3 and 2.8 of Part D of Schedule 9.1 (*Staff Transfer*) and the provisions of Paragraph 8.12 of Schedule 8.5 (*Exit Management*) (together "**Third Party Provisions**") confer benefits on persons named in such provisions other than the Parties (each such person a "**Third Party Beneficiary**") and are intended to be

enforceable by Third Parties Beneficiaries by virtue of the CRTPA.

- 43.2 Without prejudice to Clause 43.1, the Parties agree that the Customer has full rights to enforce all the rights and benefits of RCDTS arising from this Agreement as though the Customer was RCDTS.
- 43.3 In respect of Clause 43.1, and without prejudice to the overriding rights of enforcement given to the Customer under Clause 43.2, no Third Party Beneficiary may enforce, or take any step to enforce, any Third Party Provision without the prior written consent of RCDTS, which may, if given, be given on and subject to such terms as RCDTS may determine.
- 43.4 Any amendments or modifications to this Agreement may be made, and any rights created under Clause 43.1 may be altered or extinguished, by the Parties without the consent of any Third Party Beneficiary.

Service Recipients and Service Beneficiaries

- 43.5 Subject to Clauses 43.1, 43.2 and Clauses 43.6 to 43.11 a person who is not a Party to this Agreement has no right under the CRTPA to enforce any term of this Agreement but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available otherwise than pursuant to that Act.
- 43.6 [With effect from the Effective Date], [t][T]he Supplier shall provide the Services to the Service Recipients and/or Service Beneficiaries listed in Schedule 2.7 (*Service Recipients and Service Beneficiaries*) in accordance with, and subject to, the terms of this Agreement. In addition, the Supplier shall provide the Services to such other Service Recipients and Service Beneficiaries (in addition to those listed in Schedule 2.7 (*Service Recipients and Service Beneficiaries*) as at the Effective Date) as RCDTS may designate during the Term (and such third parties shall become "Service Recipients" or "Service Beneficiaries" (as appropriate) for the purposes of this Agreement).
- 43.7 The provision of any of the Services for the benefit of a Service Recipient and/ or a Service Beneficiary shall be without prejudice to the terms and conditions of any existing agreement which may have been entered into by the Supplier and such Service Beneficiary and/or Service Recipient (as appropriate).
- 43.8 Nothing in this Agreement shall create or be deemed to create a supplier - customer relationship between the Supplier and any Service Beneficiary and/or Service Recipient at a contractual or management level but, without prejudice to that position, in providing services and dealing with service-related issues, at the level of the end user, the Supplier will deal directly with the end users or their relevant representatives in the Service Recipient and/ or Service Beneficiary.
- 43.9 If there is a Default by the Supplier, any liability of the Supplier as a result of such Default shall be dealt with as between the Supplier and RCDTS under the terms of this Agreement[, provided that:
- (a) if any Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary suffers or incurs any losses and/or damages as a direct result of any such Default or is entitled to make a

claim under Clause 19 (*IPRs Indemnities*), such losses and/or damages shall be recoverable from the Supplier, and such claim shall be made against the Supplier, under this Agreement by RCDTS (and not by the Service Recipient) and shall be subject to Clause 0 (*Limitations on Liability*); and

- (b) RCDTS shall procure the agreement of the Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary to the provisions of this Clause 43 prior to the commencement of provision of any services to that Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary].

43.10 Where compliance with any obligation or responsibility of RCDTS is necessary in order to enable the Supplier to supply the benefit of a Service to a Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary, responsibility for compliance shall remain with RCDTS but compliance by the Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary shall be deemed to be compliance by RCDTS.

43.11 Other terms and conditions applicable to the provision of Services to any Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary are as follows:

- (a) the maximum period for which the Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary may enjoy the benefit of the Services shall be the duration of this Agreement;
- (b) to the extent that the Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary receives the benefit of the Services, the term "RCDTS Data" shall be deemed to extend to any data of the Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary;
- (c) for the purposes of this Agreement, the Services received by the Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary shall be treated as though provided to RCDTS and references to RCDTS in Clause 17 (Licences Granted by the Supplier) shall be deemed to include references to the Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary;
- (d) a right, indemnity or any limitation or exclusion of liability in favour of RCDTS, is intended by the Parties to be a right or benefit of such Service Recipients and/or Service Beneficiary, as if such Service Recipients and/or Service Beneficiary had been parties to this Agreement;
- (e) RCDTS shall ensure that any relevant Service Recipients and/or Service Beneficiary shall comply with the Dispute Resolution Procedure in respect of any Disputes regarding the Services which involve such Service Recipients and/or Service Beneficiary. In respect of any such Disputes, RCDTS shall participate in and manage the Dispute Resolution Procedure on the applicable Services Recipient's and/or Service Beneficiary's behalf and the Supplier agrees that such Disputes may be so managed by RCDTS;
- (f) the Parties agree that no consent from any Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary is required for the Parties to vary or terminate this Agreement (whether or not in a way that varies or extinguishes rights or benefits in favour of such Service Recipients and/or Service Beneficiary); and

- (g) during the Term, RCDTS shall be entitled to remove any Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary from the scope of this Agreement in accordance with Clauses 43.12 and 43.13 below.

Addition and/or removal of Service Recipients and/or Service Beneficiaries

43.12 From time to time, RCDTS may decide that it requires a new Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary to receive the Services or part of the Services or that a Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary will no longer receive the Services or part of the Services. In such circumstances:

- (a) RCDTS shall provide written notice to the Supplier to add or remove that Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary (as appropriate) from the scope of this Agreement as of the date specified by RCDTS;
- (b) RCDTS shall, if necessary, adjust the Charges on an equitable basis to reflect the increased/reduced scope and/or volume of the Services;
- (c) RCDTS may request that the Supplier provide Termination Assistance (including continuing the benefit of any licences granted to the said Services Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary under this Agreement) in relation to the removed Services Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary; and
- (d) if a Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary is removed from the scope of this Agreement pursuant to this Clause 43.12 as a result of any UK Government reorganisation, the Supplier shall, if requested by RCDTS, provide Services to any new UK Government entity designated by RCDTS under the terms of this Agreement for a reasonable period designated by RCDTS, which may include Termination Assistance.

43.13 RCDTS may partially add or remove a Service Recipient and/or Service Beneficiary from the scope of this Agreement based upon the principles of Clause 43.12 and, upon so doing, the Supplier shall comply with the other provisions of Clause 43.12.

44 NOTICES

44.1 Any notices sent under this Agreement must be in writing.

44.2 Subject to Clause 44.4, the following table sets out the method by which notices may be served under this Agreement and the respective deemed time and proof of service:

Manner of Delivery	Deemed time of service	Proof of service
Email	9.00am on the first Working Day after sending	Dispatched as a pdf attachment to an e-mail to the correct e-mail address without any error message.
Personal delivery	On delivery, provided delivery is between	Properly addressed and delivered as evidenced by

	9.00am and 5.00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise, delivery will occur at 9.00am on the next Working Day.	signature of a delivery receipt
Prepaid, Royal Mail Signed For™ 1 st Class or other prepaid, next working day service providing proof of delivery.	At the time recorded by the delivery service, provided that delivery is between 9.00am and 5.00pm on a Working Day. Otherwise, delivery will occur at 9.00am on the same Working Day (if delivery before 9.00am) or on the next Working Day (if after 5.00pm).	Properly addressed prepaid and delivered as evidenced by signature of a delivery receipt

- 44.3 Notices shall be sent to the addresses set out below or at such other address as the relevant Party may give notice to the other Party for the purpose of service of notices under this Agreement:

	Supplier	RCDTS
Contact	[insert]	[insert]
Address	[insert]	[insert]
Email	[insert]	[insert]

- 44.4 The following notices may only be served as an attachment to an email if the original notice is then sent to the recipient by personal delivery or recorded delivery in the manner set out in the table in Clause 44.2:

- (a) Step-In Notices;
- (b) Force Majeure Notices;
- (c) notices issued by the Supplier pursuant to Clause 33.6 (*Termination by the Supplier*);
- (d) Termination Notices; and
- (e) Dispute Notices.

- 44.5 Failure to send any original notice by personal delivery or recorded delivery in accordance with Clause 44.4 shall invalidate the service of the related e-mail transmission. The deemed time of delivery of such notice shall be the deemed time of

delivery of the original notice sent by personal delivery or Royal Mail Signed For™ 1st Class delivery (as set out in the table in Clause 44.2) or, if earlier, the time of response or acknowledgement by the other Party to the email attaching the notice.

- 44.6 This Clause 44 does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or, where applicable, any arbitration or other method of dispute resolution (other than the service of a Dispute Notice under Schedule 8.4 (*Dispute Resolution Procedure*)).

45 NON-SOLICITATION

- 45.1 Except in respect of implementing any Relevant Transfer, the Supplier shall not, and the Supplier shall procure that any Sub-contractor shall not, during the Term and for 12 months following the termination or expiry of this Agreement either directly or indirectly solicit or entice away (or seek to attempt to solicit or entice away) from the employment of RCDTS and/or the Customer any person employed by RCDTS and/ or the Customer in the receipt and/or administration of the Services.

46 DISPUTES

- 46.1 The Parties shall resolve Disputes arising out of or in connection with this Agreement in accordance with the Dispute Resolution Procedure.
- 46.2 The Supplier shall continue to provide the Services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement until a Dispute has been resolved.

47 GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

- 47.1 Each Party irrevocably agree that this Agreement and any issues, disputes or claims (whether contractual or non-contractual) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation shall be exclusively governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.
- 47.2 Subject to Clause 46 (*Disputes*) and Schedule 8.4 (*Dispute Resolution Procedure*) (including RCDTS's right to refer the dispute to arbitration), the Parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim (whether contractual or non-contractual) that arises out of or in connection with this Agreement or its subject matter or formation.

IN WITNESS of which this Agreement has been duly executed by the Parties on the date which appears at the head of its page 1.

SIGNED for and on behalf of **[name of the Supplier]**.

Signature:

Name (block capitals):

Position:

Date:

SIGNED for and on behalf of **[The Commissioners for Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs]**

Signature:

Name (block capitals):

Position:

Date: