

1. Definitions

- 1.1 **“Contract”** means the terms and conditions contained herein, together with any quotation, order, invoice or other document or amendments expressed to be supplemental to this Contract.
- 1.2 **“GMEC”** means GMEC Solutions Pty Ltd, its successors and assigns or any person acting on behalf of and with the authority of GMEC Solutions Pty Ltd.
- 1.3 **“Client”** means the person/s, entities or any person acting on behalf of and with the authority of the Client requesting GMEC to provide the Works as specified in any proposal, quotation, order, invoice or other documentation, and:
(a) if there is more than one Client, is a reference to each Client jointly and severally; and
(b) if the Client is a partnership, it shall bind each partner jointly and severally; and
(c) if the Client is a part of a Trust, shall be bound in their capacity as a trustee; and
(d) includes the Client’s executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.
- 1.4 **“Works”** means all Works (including consultation, manufacturing and/or installation services) or Materials supplied by GMEC to the Client at the Client’s request from time to time (where the context so permits the terms ‘Works’ or ‘Materials’ shall be interchangeable for the other).
- 1.5 **“Worksite”** means the address nominated by the Client to which the Materials are to be supplied by GMEC.
- 1.6 **“Intended Use”** means a building product and the use thereof, for which the building product is intended to be, or is reasonably likely to be, associated with a building.
- 1.7 **“Non-Conforming Building Product”** means building products that are regarded as Non-Conforming for an Intended Use if, when associated with a building:
(a) the product is not, or will not be, safe; or
(b) does not, or will not, comply with the relevant regulatory provisions; or
(c) the product does not perform, or is not capable of performing, for the use to the standard it is represented to conform by or for a person in the chain of responsibility for the product.
- 1.8 **“Confidential Information”** means information of a confidential nature whether oral, written or in electronic form including, but not limited to, this Contract, either party’s intellectual property, operational information, know-how, trade secrets, financial and commercial affairs, contracts, client information (including but not limited to, **“Personal Information”** such as: name, address, D.O.B, occupation, driver’s license details, electronic contact (email, Facebook or Twitter details), medical insurance details or next of kin and other contact information (where applicable), previous credit applications, credit history) and pricing details.
- 1.9 **“Cookies”** means small files which are stored on a user’s computer. They are designed to hold a modest amount of data (including Personal Information) specific to a particular client and website, and can be accessed either by the web server or the client’s computer. **If the Client does not wish to allow Cookies to operate in the background when using GMEC’s website, then the Client shall have the right to enable / disable the Cookies first by selecting the option to enable / disable provided on the website, prior to making enquiries via the website.**
- 1.10 **“Price”** means the Price payable (plus any GST where applicable) for the Works as agreed between GMEC and the Client in accordance with clause 5 below.
- 1.11 **“GST”** means Goods and Services Tax as defined within the “A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999” (Cth).

2. Acceptance

- 2.1 The Client is taken to have exclusively accepted and is immediately bound, jointly and severally, by these terms and conditions if the Client places an order for or accepts delivery of any Works.
- 2.2 In the event of any inconsistency between the terms and conditions of this Contract and any other prior document or schedule that the parties have entered into, the terms of this Contract shall prevail.
- 2.3 Any amendment to the terms and conditions contained in this Contract may only be amended in writing by the consent of both parties.
- 2.4 The Client acknowledges that:
(a) the supply of Works on credit shall not take effect until the Client has completed a credit application with GMEC and it has been approved with a credit limit established for the account; and
(b) in the event that the supply of Works requested exceeds the Client’s credit limit and/or the account exceeds the payment terms, GMEC reserves the right to refuse delivery; and
(c) accepts that the supply of Materials for accepted orders may be subject to availability and if, for any reason, Materials are not or cease to be available, GMEC reserves the right to vary the Price with alternative Materials as per clause 5.2, subject to prior confirmation and agreement of both parties; and
(d) GMEC also reserves the right to halt all Works until such time as GMEC and the Client agree to such changes. GMEC shall not be liable to the Client for any loss or damage the Client suffers due to GMEC exercising its rights under this clause.
- 2.5 If GMEC has been requested by the Client to diagnose a fault that requires investigation, disassembly and/or testing, all costs involved will be charged to the Client irrespective of whether or not the repair goes ahead.
- 2.6 Electronic signatures shall be deemed to be accepted by either party providing that the parties have complied with Section 14 of the Electronic Transactions (Queensland) Act 2001 or any other applicable provisions of that Act or any Regulations referred to in that Act.

3. Errors and Omissions

- 3.1 The Client acknowledges and accepts that GMEC shall, without prejudice, accept no liability in respect of any alleged or actual error(s) and/or omission(s):
(a) resulting from an inadvertent mistake made by GMEC in the formation and/or administration of this Contract; and/or
(b) contained in/omitted from any literature (hard copy and/or electronic) supplied by GMEC in respect of the Works.
- 3.2 In the event such an error and/or omission occurs in accordance with clause 3.1, and is not attributable to the negligence and/or wilful misconduct of GMEC; the Client shall not be entitled to treat this Contract as repudiated nor render it invalid.

4. Change in Control

4.1 The Client shall give GMEC not less than fourteen (14) days prior written notice of any proposed change of ownership of the Client and/or any other change in the Client's details (including but not limited to, changes in the Client's name, address, contact phone or fax number/s, change of trustees, or business practice). The Client shall be liable for any loss incurred by GMEC as a result of the Client's failure to comply with this clause.

5. Price and Payment

5.1 At GMEC's sole discretion the Price shall be either:

- (a) as indicated on invoices provided by GMEC to the Client in respect of Works performed or Materials supplied; or
- (b) GMEC's quoted Price (subject to clause 5.2) which shall be binding upon GMEC provided that the Client shall accept GMEC's quotation in writing within thirty (30) days.

5.2 GMEC reserves the right to change the Price:

- (a) if a variation to the Materials which are to be supplied is requested; or
- (b) if a variation to the Works originally scheduled (including any applicable plans or specifications) is requested; or
- (c) where additional Works are required due to the discovery of hidden or unidentifiable difficulties (including, but not limited to, poor weather, limitations to accessing the Worksite, incorrect plans or other pertinent information or data, safety considerations and/or health hazards (such as the discovery of asbestos), prerequisite work by any third party not being completed, obscured building/Worksite defects, or hidden and/or underground locations (as per clause 9), remedial work required due to existing workmanship being of a poor quality or non-compliant to the building code, etc.) which are only discovered on commencement of the Works; or
- (d) in the event of increases to GMEC in the cost of labour, taxes, levies or Materials which are beyond GMEC's control.

5.3 Variations will be charged for on the basis of GMEC's quotation, and will be detailed in writing, and shown as variations on GMEC's invoice. The Client shall be required to respond to any variation submitted by GMEC within ten (10) working days. Failure to do so will entitle GMEC to add the cost of the variation to the Price. Payment for all variations must be made in full at the time of their completion.

5.4 At GMEC's sole discretion a deposit may be required.

5.5 Time for payment for the Works being of the essence, the Price will be payable by the Client on the date/s determined by GMEC, which may be:

- (a) by way of progress payments in accordance with GMEC's specified progress payment schedule. Such progress payment claims may include the reasonable value of authorised variations and the value of any Materials delivered to the Worksite but not yet installed; or
- (b) for approved credit account holders fourteen (14) days following the date of any invoice; or
- (c) the date specified on any invoice or other form as being the date for payment; or
- (d) failing any notice to the contrary, the date which is seven (7) days following the date of any invoice given to the Client by GMEC.

5.6 Payment may be made by cash, cheque, bank cheque, electronic/on-line banking, credit card (a surcharge may apply per transaction), or by any other method as agreed to between the Client and GMEC.

5.7 GMEC may in its discretion allocate any payment received from the Client towards any invoice that GMEC determines and may do so at the time of receipt or at any time afterwards. On any default by the Client GMEC may re-allocate any payments previously received and allocated. In the absence of any payment allocation by GMEC, payment will be deemed to be allocated in such manner as preserves the maximum value of GMEC's Purchase Money Security Interest (as defined in the PPSA) in the Materials.

5.8 The Client shall not be entitled to set off against, or deduct from the Price, any sums owed or claimed to be owed to the Client by GMEC nor to withhold payment of any invoice because part of that invoice is in dispute.

5.9 Unless otherwise stated the Price does not include GST. In addition to the Price, the Client must pay to GMEC an amount equal to any GST GMEC must pay for any supply by GMEC under this or any other contract for the sale of the Materials. The Client must pay GST, without deduction or set off of any other amounts, at the same time and on the same basis as the Client pays the Price. In addition, the Client must pay any other taxes and duties that may be applicable in addition to the Price except where they are expressly included in the Price.

6. Provision of the Works

6.1 Subject to clause 6.2 it is GMEC's responsibility to ensure that the Works start as soon as it is reasonably possible.

6.2 The Works' commencement date will be put back and/or the completion date extended by whatever time is reasonable in the event that GMEC claims an extension of time (by giving the Client written notice) where completion is delayed by an event beyond GMEC's control, including but not limited to any failure by the Client to:

- (a) make a selection; or
- (b) have the Worksite ready for the Works; or
- (c) notify GMEC that the Worksite is ready.

6.3 At GMEC's sole discretion, the cost of delivery is either included in the Price or is in addition to the Price.

6.4 GMEC may deliver the Works by separate instalments. Each separate instalment shall be invoiced and paid in accordance with the provisions in these terms and conditions.

6.5 Any time specified by GMEC for delivery of the Works is an estimate only and GMEC will not be liable for any loss or damage incurred by the Client as a result of delivery being late. However both parties agree that they shall make every endeavour to enable the Works to be supplied at the time and place as was arranged between both parties. In the event that GMEC is unable to supply the Works as agreed solely due to any action or inaction of the Client, then GMEC shall be entitled to charge a reasonable fee for re-supplying the Works at a later time and date, and/or for storage of the Materials.

7. Risk

7.1 If GMEC retains ownership of the Materials under clause 12 then:

- (a) where GMEC is supplying Materials only, all risk for the Materials shall immediately pass to the Client on delivery and the Client must insure the Materials on or before delivery. Delivery of the Materials shall be deemed to have taken place immediately at the time that the Materials are delivered by GMEC or GMEC's nominated carrier to the Client's nominated delivery address (even if the Client is not present at the address); or

- (b) where GMEC is to both supply and install Materials then GMEC shall maintain a contract works insurance policy until the Works are completed. Upon completion of the Works all risk for the Works shall immediately pass to the Client.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 7.1 if the Client specifically requests GMEC to leave Materials outside GMEC's premises for collection or to deliver the Materials to an unattended location then such materials shall always be left at sole risk of the Client and it shall be the Client's responsibility to ensure the Materials are insured adequately or at all. In the event that such Materials are lost, damaged or destroyed then replacement of the Materials shall be at the Client's expense.
- 7.3 The Client warrants that any structures to which the Materials are to be affixed are able to withstand the installation of the Materials and that any electrical connections (including, but not limited to, meter boxes, main switches, circuit breakers, and electrical cable) are of suitable capacity to handle the Materials once installed. If, for any reason (including the discovery of asbestos, defective or unsafe wiring, or dangerous access to roofing or risk), GMEC reasonably forms the opinion that the Client's premises is not safe for the installation of Materials to proceed then GMEC shall be entitled to delay installation of the Materials (in accordance with clause 6.2) until GMEC is satisfied that it is safe for the installation to proceed.
- 7.4 The Client acknowledges that GMEC is only responsible for parts that are replaced by GMEC and that in the event that other parts/goods, subsequently fail, the Client agrees to indemnify GMEC against any loss or damage to the Materials, or caused by the goods, or any part thereof howsoever arising.
- 7.5 GMEC:
- (a) shall be entitled to rely on the accuracy of any plans, specifications and other information provided by the Client. The Client acknowledges and agrees that in the event that any of this information provided by the Client is inaccurate, GMEC accepts no responsibility for any loss, damages, or costs however resulting from these inaccurate plans, specifications or other information; and
 - (b) shall upon installation ensure that all Materials are to be installed in a manner that is fully compliant with industry standards. If, for any reason, the Client specifically requires the Materials to be installed in any way which goes against GMEC's recommendations and/or falls below industry standards; a request detailing that requirement must be made in writing to GMEC. Accordingly, GMEC offers no warranty in regards to the aforementioned;
 - (c) accepts no responsibility for:
 - (i) any damage or performance related problems with any Materials where they have not been used and/or maintained in accordance with GMEC's and/or the manufacturers' recommendations;
 - (ii) any damage or defects in any Materials caused by movement and/or interference of the said Materials;
 - (iii) painting, re-decorating, re-sealing, carpentry or any other Works required for the restoration or making good of any surface/area where any Works have been carried out.
- 7.6 In the event that the electrical wiring is required to be re-positioned at the request of any third party contracted by the Client then the Client agrees to notify GMEC immediately upon any proposed changes. The Client agrees to indemnify GMEC against any additional costs incurred with such a relocation of electrical wiring. All such variances shall be invoiced in accordance with clause 5.2
- 7.7 Where GMEC requires that Materials, tools etc. required for the Works be stored at the Worksite, the Client shall supply GMEC a safe area for storage and shall take all reasonable efforts to protect all items from destruction, theft or damage. In the event that any of the stored items are destroyed, stolen or damaged, then the cost of repair or replacement shall be the Client's responsibility.
- 7.8 The Client acknowledges:
- (a) that all descriptive specifications, illustrations, drawings, data dimensions, and weights stated in GMEC's fact sheets, price lists or advertising material are indicative only and that they have not relied on such information;
 - (b) that they shall:
 - (i) not be entitled to withhold any payment due under this Contract because of any delay in the connection of, or the supply of electricity to the Materials by an electrical distributor or any other third party;
 - (ii) be responsible for any building work, excavation work, core drilling or any other non-standard surface penetrations that need to be carried out to enable GMEC to carry out the Works;
 - (c) and agrees that:
 - (i) it is their responsibility to insure any equipment partly or completely installed on site, against theft or damage; and
 - (ii) GMEC does not guarantee the performance or transmission speed or quality of any data; and
 - (iii) transmission of data may be unavailable from time to time due to scheduled maintenance and/or upgrades to websites, servers or networks by third parties; and
 - (iv) there are inherent hazards in electronic distribution (including, but not limited to electrical interference, surges or spikes, high traffic volume affecting speed, etc.) and as such GMEC cannot warrant against delays or errors in transmitting data between the Client and any person or entity the Client conducts communications with including orders, and you agree that GMEC will not be liable for any losses which the Client suffers as a result of delays or errors in transmitting orders or other communications and/or documents; and
 - (v) they are (for all purposes) solely responsible for the migration of all files and data (regardless of their format). GMEC shall not be held responsible or liable for any loss, corruption, or deletion of files or data (including, but not limited to the software) resulting from illegal hacking or mislabelling or misfiling.
- 7.9 The Client warrants that no other tradesmen interfere with any Works and/or Materials supplied under this Contract. GMEC shall not be liable for any costs, damages or loss however arising from the Client's failure to comply with this clause.
- 8. Access**
- 8.1 The Client shall ensure that GMEC has clear and free access to the Worksite at all times to enable them to undertake the Works (including carrying out Worksite inspections, gain signatures for required documents, and for the delivery and installation of the Materials). GMEC shall not be liable for any loss or damage to the Worksite (including, without limitation, damage to pathways, driveways and concreted or paved or grassed areas) unless due to the negligence of GMEC.
- 8.2 The Client agrees to be present at the Worksite when and as reasonably requested by GMEC and its employees, contractors and/or agents.

9. Underground Locations

- 9.1 Prior to GMEC commencing any work the Client must advise GMEC of the precise location of all underground services on the Worksite and clearly mark the same. The underground mains and services the Client must identify include, but are not limited to, electrical services, gas services, sewer services, pumping services, sewer connections, sewer sludge mains, water mains, irrigation pipes, telephone cables, fibre optic cables, oil pumping mains, and any other services that may be on the Worksite.
- 9.2 Whilst GMEC will take all care to avoid damage to any underground services the Client agrees to indemnify GMEC in respect of all and any liability claims, loss, damage, costs and fines as a result of damage to services not precisely located and notified as per clause 9.1.

10. Client's Responsibilities

- 10.1 The Client acknowledges that:
- (a) in the event asbestos or any other toxic substances are discovered at the Worksite that it is their responsibility to ensure the safe removal of the same. The Client further agrees to indemnify GMEC against any costs incurred by GMEC as a consequence of such discovery. Under no circumstances will GMEC handle removal of asbestos product;
 - (b) it is their responsibility to:
 - (i) ensure that all Materials, plant or equipment which GMEC is required to install (or to connect any of its Materials to) are of the correct type, size, rating, standard, quality, colour and finish, conform with all relevant Australian standards and local statutory requirements, and are as specified in the specifications, drawings and plans upon which GMEC based the quotation on and therefore, the Client agrees to indemnify GMEC against any costs incurred by GMEC in rectifying such errors if required;
 - (ii) provide and have erected scaffolding to enable the Works to be undertaken (where in GMEC's opinion it is deemed necessary). Any scaffolding must comply with industry safety standards and any person erecting the scaffolding shall be suitably qualified to ensure its safe and proper erection, and where necessary, shall hold a current certificate of competency and/or be fully licensed;
 - (iii) remove any furniture or personal items from the vicinity of the Works, and agrees that GMEC shall not be liable for any damage caused to those items through the Client's failure to comply with this clause;
 - (iv) supply electricity, temporary lighting, toilet, eating and first aid facilities if so required;
 - (v) be wholly responsible for:
 - (a) animals and/or children on the Worksite; and
 - (b) the removal of rubbish from or clean-up of the Worksite.

11. Compliance with Laws

- 11.1 The Client and GMEC shall comply with the provisions of all statutes, regulations and bylaws of government, local and other public authorities that may be applicable to the Works, including any work health and safety laws (WHS) relating or any other relevant safety standards or legislation pertaining to the Works.
- 11.2 Both parties acknowledge and agree:
- (a) to comply with the National Construction Code of Australia (NCC) and comply with section 74AA (products associated with building works and/or the intended use) and section 74AE (Chain of Responsibility) of the QBCC Act 1991, in respect of all workmanship and building products to be supplied during the course of the Works; and
 - (b) that Works will be provided in accordance with any current relevant Australian/New Zealand Standards applicable.
- 11.3 Where the Client has supplied products for GMEC to complete the Works, the Client acknowledges that it accepts responsibility for the suitability of purpose and use for their products and the Intended Use and any faults inherent in those products. However, if in GMEC's opinion, it is believed that the materials supplied are Non-Conforming products and will not conform with state and/or territory regulations, then GMEC shall be entitled, without prejudice, to halt the Works until the appropriate conforming products are sourced and all costs associated with such a change to the plans and design will be invoiced in accordance with clause 5.2.
- 11.4 The Client shall obtain (at the expense of the Client) all licenses and approvals that may be required for the Works.
- 11.5 All work will be tested to ensure that it is electrically safe and is in accordance with the wiring rules and other standards applying to the electrical installation under the Electrical Safety Regulations 2013. All of the cabling work will comply with the Australian and New Zealand Wiring standards.
- 11.6 If during the course of installation when the Works are being conducted within and around switchboards that if the same is found defective or deemed to be unsafe by GMEC, then GMEC shall notify the Client immediately. The power if isolated will not be re-energised until such time as the existing condition has been rectified and made safe in accordance to the Electrical Safety Regulations. The Client accepts and agrees that any costs associated with the rectification Works including any Materials and labour shall be to the Client's account.
- 11.7 Any live work or Works undertaken near live conductors where it is safe to do so shall be dealt with in accordance with Australian and New Zealand Wiring standards being "Safe working on Low Voltage Electrical Installations, relevant Commonwealth and Statutory Acts and Work Place Regulations". GMEC's live work procedures are designed to eliminate risk of injury to GMEC's employees, damage to the Client's installations and unexpected power disconnections. It may in some cases require disconnection and isolation of the installation to undertake such Works for which additional charges may be applicable. This shall be invoiced in accordance with clause 5.2.

12. Title

- 12.1 GMEC and the Client agree that ownership of the Materials shall not pass until:
- (a) the Client has paid GMEC all amounts owing to GMEC; and
 - (b) the Client has met all of its other obligations to GMEC.
- 12.2 Receipt by GMEC of any form of payment other than cash shall not be deemed to be payment until that form of payment has been honoured, cleared or recognised.
- 12.3 It is further agreed that until ownership of the Materials passes to the Client in accordance with clause 12.1:
- (a) the Client is only a bailee of the Materials and unless the Materials have become fixtures must return the Materials to GMEC on request;
 - (b) the Client holds the benefit of the Client's insurance of the Materials on trust for GMEC and must pay to GMEC the proceeds of any insurance in the event of the Materials being lost, damaged or destroyed;

- (c) the production of these terms and conditions by GMEC shall be sufficient evidence of GMEC's rights to receive the insurance proceeds direct from the insurer without the need for any person dealing with GMEC to make further enquiries;
- (d) the Client must not sell, dispose, or otherwise part with possession of the Materials other than in the ordinary course of business and for market value. If the Client sells, disposes or parts with possession of the Materials then the Client must hold the proceeds of any such act on trust for GMEC and must pay or deliver the proceeds to GMEC on demand;
- (e) the Client should not convert or process the Materials or intermix them with other goods but if the Client does so then the Client holds the resulting product on trust for the benefit of GMEC and must sell, dispose of or return the resulting product to GMEC as it so directs;
- (f) unless the Materials have become fixtures the Client irrevocably authorises GMEC to enter any premises where GMEC believes the Materials are kept and recover possession of the Materials;
- (g) GMEC may recover possession of any Materials in transit whether or not delivery has occurred;
- (h) the Client shall not charge or grant an encumbrance over the Materials nor grant nor otherwise give away any interest in the Materials while they remain the property of GMEC;
- (i) GMEC may commence proceedings to recover the Price of the Materials sold notwithstanding that ownership of the Materials has not passed to the Client.

13. Personal Property Securities Act 2009 ("PPSA")

- 13.1 In this clause financing statement, financing change statement, security agreement, and security interest has the meaning given to it by the PPSA.
- 13.2 Upon assenting to these terms and conditions in writing the Client acknowledges and agrees that these terms and conditions constitute a security agreement for the purposes of the PPSA and creates a security interest in all Materials and/or collateral (account) – being a monetary obligation of the Client to GMEC for Works – that have previously been supplied and that will be supplied in the future by GMEC to the Client.
- 13.3 The Client undertakes to:
- (a) promptly sign any further documents and/or provide any further information (such information to be complete, accurate and up-to-date in all respects) which GMEC may reasonably require to:
 - (i) register a financing statement or financing change statement in relation to a security interest on the Personal Property Securities Register;
 - (ii) register any other document required to be registered by the PPSA; or
 - (iii) correct a defect in a statement referred to in clause 13.3(a)(i) or 13.3(a)(ii);
 - (b) indemnify, and upon demand reimburse, GMEC for all expenses incurred in registering a financing statement or financing change statement on the Personal Property Securities Register established by the PPSA or releasing any Materials charged thereby;
 - (c) not register a financing change statement in respect of a security interest without the prior written consent of GMEC;
 - (d) not register, or permit to be registered, a financing statement or a financing change statement in relation to the Materials and/or collateral (account) in favour of a third party without the prior written consent of GMEC;
 - (e) immediately advise GMEC of any material change in its business practices of selling the Materials which would result in a change in the nature of proceeds derived from such sales.
- 13.4 GMEC and the Client agree that sections 96, 115 and 125 of the PPSA do not apply to the security agreement created by these terms and conditions.
- 13.5 The Client hereby waives its rights to receive notices under sections 95, 118, 121(4), 130, 132(3)(d) and 132(4) of the PPSA.
- 13.6 The Client waives its rights as a grantor and/or a debtor under sections 142 and 143 of the PPSA.
- 13.7 Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by GMEC, the Client waives its right to receive a verification statement in accordance with section 157 of the PPSA.
- 13.8 The Client shall unconditionally ratify any actions taken by GMEC under clauses 13.3 to 13.5.
- 13.9 Subject to any express provisions to the contrary (including those contained in this clause 13), nothing in these terms and conditions is intended to have the effect of contracting out of any of the provisions of the PPSA.

14. Security and Charge

- 14.1 In consideration of GMEC agreeing to supply the Materials, the Client charges all of its rights, title and interest (whether joint or several) in any land, realty or other assets capable of being charged, owned by the Client either now or in the future, and the Client grants a security interest in all of its present and after-acquired property, to secure the performance by the Client of its obligations under these terms and conditions (including, but not limited to, the payment of any money).
- 14.2 The Client indemnifies GMEC from and against all GMEC's costs and disbursements including legal costs on a solicitor and own client basis incurred in exercising GMEC's rights under this clause.
- 14.3 The Client irrevocably appoints GMEC and each director of GMEC as the Client's true and lawful attorney/s to perform all necessary acts to give effect to the provisions of this clause 14 including, but not limited to, signing any document on the Client's behalf.

15. Defects, Warranties and Returns, Competition and Consumer Act 2010 ("CCA")

- 15.1 The Client must inspect all Materials on delivery (or the Works on completion) and must within seven (7) days of delivery notify GMEC in writing of any evident defect/damage, shortage in quantity, or failure to comply with the description or quote. The Client must notify any other alleged defect in the Materials/Works as soon as reasonably possible after any such defect becomes evident. Upon such notification the Client must allow GMEC to inspect the Materials or to review the Works provided.
- 15.2 Under applicable State, Territory and Commonwealth Law (including, without limitation the CCA), certain statutory implied guarantees and warranties (including, without limitation the statutory guarantees under the CCA) may be implied into these terms and conditions (**Non-Excluded Guarantees**).
- 15.3 GMEC acknowledges that nothing in these terms and conditions purports to modify or exclude the Non-Excluded Guarantees.
- 15.4 Except as expressly set out in these terms and conditions or in respect of the Non-Excluded Guarantees, GMEC makes no warranties or other representations under these terms and conditions including but not limited to the quality or suitability of the Materials/Works. GMEC's liability in respect of these warranties is limited to the fullest extent permitted by law.

- 15.5 If the Client is a consumer within the meaning of the CCA, GMEC's liability is limited to the extent permitted by section 64A of Schedule 2.
- 15.6 If GMEC is required to replace any Materials under this clause or the CCA, but is unable to do so, GMEC may refund any money the Client has paid for the Materials.
- 15.7 If GMEC is required to rectify, re-supply, or pay the cost of re-supplying the Works under this clause or the CCA, but is unable to do so, then GMEC may refund any money the Client has paid for the Works but only to the extent that such refund shall take into account the value of Works and Materials which have been provided to the Client which were not defective.
- 15.8 If the Client is not a consumer within the meaning of the CCA, GMEC's liability for any defect or damage in the Materials is:
- (a) limited to the value of any express warranty or warranty card provided to the Client by GMEC at GMEC's sole discretion;
 - (b) limited to any warranty to which GMEC is entitled, if GMEC did not manufacture the Materials;
 - (c) otherwise negated absolutely.
- 15.9 Subject to this clause 15, returns will only be accepted provided that:
- (a) the Client has complied with the provisions of clause 15.1; and
 - (b) GMEC has agreed that the Materials are defective; and
 - (c) the Materials are returned within a reasonable time at the Client's cost (if that cost is not significant); and
 - (d) the Materials are returned in as close a condition to that in which they were delivered as is possible.
- 15.10 Notwithstanding clauses 15.1 to 15.9 but subject to the CCA, GMEC shall not be liable for any defect or damage which may be caused or partly caused by or arise as a result of:
- (a) the Client failing to properly maintain or store any Materials;
 - (b) the Client using the Materials for any purpose other than that for which they were designed;
 - (c) the Client continuing to use any Materials after any defect became apparent or should have become apparent to a reasonably prudent operator or user;
 - (d) interference with the Works by the Client or any third party without GMEC's prior approval;
 - (e) the Client failing to follow any instructions or guidelines provided by GMEC;
 - (f) fair wear and tear, any accident, or act of God.
- 15.11 GMEC may in its absolute discretion accept non-defective Materials for return in which case GMEC may require the Client to pay handling fees of up to twenty percent (20%) of the value of the returned Materials plus any freight costs.
- 15.12 Notwithstanding anything contained in this clause if GMEC is required by a law to accept a return then GMEC will only accept a return on the conditions imposed by that law.
- 15.13 Subject to clause 15.1, customised, or non-stocklist items or Materials made or ordered to the Client's specifications are not acceptable for credit or return.

16. Intellectual Property

- 16.1 Where GMEC has designed, drawn, written plans or a schedule of Works, or created any products for the Client, then the copyright in all such designs, drawings, documents, plans, schedules and products shall remain vested in GMEC, and shall only be used by the Client at GMEC's discretion. Under no circumstances may such designs, drawings and documents be used without the express written approval of GMEC.
- 16.2 The Client warrants that all designs, specifications or instructions given to GMEC will not cause GMEC to infringe any patent, registered design or trademark in the execution of the Client's order and the Client agrees to indemnify GMEC against any action taken by a third party against GMEC in respect of any such infringement.
- 16.3 The Client agrees that GMEC may (at no cost) use for the purposes of marketing or entry into any competition, any documents, designs, drawings, plans or products which GMEC has created for the Client.

17. Default and Consequences of Default

- 17.1 Interest on overdue invoices shall accrue daily from the date when payment becomes due, until the date of payment, at a rate of two and a half percent (2.5%) per calendar month (and at GMEC's sole discretion such interest shall compound monthly at such a rate) after as well as before any judgment.
- 17.2 If the Client owes GMEC any money the Client shall indemnify GMEC from and against all costs and disbursements incurred by GMEC in recovering the debt (including but not limited to internal administration fees, legal costs on a solicitor and own client basis, GMEC's contract default fee, and bank dishonour fees).
- 17.3 Further to any other rights or remedies GMEC may have under this Contract, if a Client has made payment to GMEC, and the transaction is subsequently reversed, the Client shall be liable for the amount of the reversed transaction, in addition to any further costs incurred by GMEC under this clause 17 where it can be proven that such reversal is found to be illegal, fraudulent or in contravention to the Client's obligations under this Contract.
- 17.4 Without prejudice to GMEC's other remedies at law GMEC shall be entitled to cancel all or any part of any order of the Client which remains unfulfilled and all amounts owing to GMEC shall, whether or not due for payment, become immediately payable if:
- (a) any money payable to GMEC becomes overdue, or in GMEC's opinion the Client will be unable to make a payment when it falls due;
 - (b) the Client has exceeded any applicable credit limit provided by GMEC;
 - (c) the Client becomes insolvent or bankrupt, convenes a meeting with its creditors or proposes or enters into an arrangement with creditors, or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
 - (d) a receiver, manager, liquidator (provisional or otherwise) or similar person is appointed in respect of the Client or any asset of the Client.

18. Cancellation

- 18.1 Without prejudice to any other remedies GMEC may have, if at any time the Client is in breach of any obligation (including those relating to payment) under these terms and conditions GMEC may suspend or terminate the supply of Works to the Client. GMEC will not be liable to the Client for any loss or damage the Client suffers because GMEC has exercised its rights under this clause.
- 18.2 GMEC may cancel any contract to which these terms and conditions apply or cancel delivery of Works at any time before the Works are commenced by giving written notice to the Client. On giving such notice GMEC shall repay to the Client any sums paid in respect of the Price,

less any amounts owing by the Client to GMEC for Works already performed. GMEC shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from such cancellation.

- 18.3 In the event that the Client cancels the delivery of Works the Client shall be liable for any and all loss incurred (whether direct or indirect) by GMEC as a direct result of the cancellation (including, but not limited to, any loss of profits).
- 18.4 Cancellation of orders for products made to the Client's specifications, or for non-stocklist items, will definitely not be accepted once production has commenced, or an order has been placed.

19. Privacy Policy

19.1 All emails, documents, images or other recorded information held or used by GMEC is Personal Information, as defined and referred to in clause 19.3, and therefore considered Confidential Information. GMEC acknowledges its obligation in relation to the handling, use, disclosure and processing of Personal Information pursuant to the Privacy Act 1988 ("the Act") including the Part IIIC of the Act being Privacy Amendment (Notifiable Data Breaches) Act 2017 (NDB) and any statutory requirements, where relevant in a European Economic Area ("EEA"), under the EU Data Privacy Laws (including the General Data Protection Regulation "GDPR") (collectively, "EU Data Privacy Laws"). GMEC acknowledges that in the event it becomes aware of any data breaches and/or disclosure of the Client's Personal Information, held by GMEC that may result in serious harm to the Client, GMEC will notify the Client in accordance with the Act and/or the GDPR. Any release of such Personal Information must be in accordance with the Act and the GDPR (where relevant) and must be approved by the Client by written consent, unless subject to an operation of law.

19.2 Notwithstanding clause 19.1, privacy limitations will extend to GMEC in respect of Cookies where the Client utilises GMEC's website to make enquiries. GMEC agrees to display reference to such Cookies and/or similar tracking technologies, such as pixels and web beacons (if applicable), such technology allows the collection of Personal Information such as the Client's:

- (a) IP address, browser, email client type and other similar details;
- (b) tracking website usage and traffic; and
- (c) reports are available to GMEC when GMEC sends an email to the Client, so GMEC may collect and review that information ("collectively Personal Information")

If the Client consents to GMEC's use of Cookies on GMEC's website and later wishes to withdraw that consent, the Client may manage and control GMEC's privacy controls via the Client's web browser, including removing Cookies by deleting them from the browser history when exiting the site.

19.3 The Client agrees for GMEC to obtain from a credit reporting body (CRB) a credit report containing personal credit information (e.g. name, address, D.O.B, occupation, driver's license details, electronic contact (email, Facebook or Twitter details), medical insurance details or next of kin and other contact information (where applicable), previous credit applications, credit history) about the Client in relation to credit provided by GMEC.

19.4 The Client agrees that GMEC may exchange information about the Client with those credit providers and with related body corporates for the following purposes:

- (a) to assess an application by the Client; and/or
- (b) to notify other credit providers of a default by the Client; and/or
- (c) to exchange information with other credit providers as to the status of this credit account, where the Client is in default with other credit providers; and/or
- (d) to assess the creditworthiness of the Client including the Client's repayment history in the preceding two (2) years.

19.5 The Client consents to GMEC being given a consumer credit report to collect overdue payment on commercial credit.

19.6 The Client agrees that personal credit information provided may be used and retained by GMEC for the following purposes (and for other agreed purposes or required by):

- (a) the provision of Works; and/or
- (b) analysing, verifying and/or checking the Client's credit, payment and/or status in relation to the provision of Works; and/or
- (c) processing of any payment instructions, direct debit facilities and/or credit facilities requested by the Client; and/or
- (d) enabling the collection of amounts outstanding in relation to the Works.

19.7 GMEC may give information about the Client to a CRB for the following purposes:

- (a) to obtain a consumer credit report;
- (b) allow the CRB to create or maintain a credit information file about the Client including credit history.

19.8 The information given to the CRB may include:

- (a) Personal Information as outlined in 19.3 above;
- (b) name of the credit provider and that GMEC is a current credit provider to the Client;
- (c) whether the credit provider is a licensee;
- (d) type of consumer credit;
- (e) details concerning the Client's application for credit or commercial credit (e.g. date of commencement/termination of the credit account and the amount requested);
- (f) advice of consumer credit defaults (provided GMEC is a member of an approved QAIC External Disputes Resolution Scheme), overdue accounts, loan repayments or outstanding monies which are overdue by more than sixty (60) days and for which written notice for request of payment has been made and debt recovery action commenced or alternatively that the Client no longer has any overdue accounts and GMEC has been paid or otherwise discharged and all details surrounding that discharge(e.g. dates of payments);
- (g) information that, in the opinion of GMEC, the Client has committed a serious credit infringement;
- (h) advice that the amount of the Client's overdue payment is equal to or more than one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150).

19.9 The Client shall have the right to request (by e-mail) from GMEC:

- (a) a copy of the Personal Information about the Client retained by GMEC and the right to request that GMEC correct any incorrect Personal Information; and
- (b) that GMEC does not disclose any Personal Information about the Client for the purpose of direct marketing.

19.10 GMEC will destroy Personal Information upon the Client's request (by e-mail) or if it is no longer required unless it is required in order to fulfil the obligations of this Contract or is required to be maintained and/or stored in accordance with the law.

- 19.11 The Client can make a privacy complaint by contacting GMEC via e-mail. GMEC will respond to that complaint within seven (7) days of receipt and will take all reasonable steps to make a decision as to the complaint within thirty (30) days of receipt of the complaint. In the event that the Client is not satisfied with the resolution provided, the Client can make a complaint to the Information Commissioner at www.oaic.gov.au.
- 20. Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017**
- 20.1 At GMEC's sole discretion, if there are any disputes or claims for unpaid Works and/or Materials then the provisions of the Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017 may apply.
- 20.2 Nothing in this Contract is intended to have the effect of contracting out of any applicable provisions of the Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017 of Queensland, except to the extent permitted by the Act where applicable.
- 21. Service of Notices**
- 21.1 Any written notice given under this Contract shall be deemed to have been given and received:
- (a) by handing the notice to the other party, in person;
 - (b) by leaving it at the address of the other party as stated in this Contract;
 - (c) by sending it by registered post to the address of the other party as stated in this Contract;
 - (d) if sent by facsimile transmission to the fax number of the other party as stated in this Contract (if any), on receipt of confirmation of the transmission;
 - (e) if sent by email to the other party's last known email address.
- 21.2 Any notice that is posted shall be deemed to have been served, unless the contrary is shown, at the time when by the ordinary course of post, the notice would have been delivered.
- 22. Trusts**
- 22.1 If the Client at any time upon or subsequent to entering in to the Contract is acting in the capacity of trustee of any trust ("Trust") then whether or not GMEC may have notice of the Trust, the Client covenants with GMEC as follows:
- (a) the Contract extends to all rights of indemnity which the Client now or subsequently may have against the Trust and the trust fund;
 - (b) the Client has full and complete power and authority under the Trust to enter into the Contract and the provisions of the Trust do not purport to exclude or take away the right of indemnity of the Client against the Trust or the trust fund. The Client will not release the right of indemnity or commit any breach of trust or be a party to any other action which might prejudice that right of indemnity;
 - (c) the Client will not without consent in writing of GMEC (GMEC will not unreasonably withhold consent), cause, permit, or suffer to happen any of the following events:
 - (i) the removal, replacement or retirement of the Client as trustee of the Trust;
 - (ii) any alteration to or variation of the terms of the Trust;
 - (iii) any advancement or distribution of capital of the Trust; or
 - (iv) any resettlement of the trust property.
- 23. General**
- 23.1 Any dispute or difference arising as to the interpretation of these terms and conditions or as to any matter arising hereunder, shall be submitted to, and settled by, arbitration in accordance with the Institute of Arbitrators Australia Rules for the Conduct of Commercial Arbitration.
- 23.2 The failure by either party to enforce any provision of these terms and conditions shall not be treated as a waiver of that provision, nor shall it affect that party's right to subsequently enforce that provision. If any provision of these terms and conditions shall be invalid, void, illegal or unenforceable the validity, existence, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected, prejudiced or impaired.
- 23.3 These terms and conditions and any contract to which they apply shall be governed by the laws of Queensland, the state in which GMEC has its principal place of business, and are subject to the jurisdiction of the courts in that state.
- 23.4 Subject to clause 15, GMEC shall be under no liability whatsoever to the Client for any indirect and/or consequential loss and/or expense (including loss of profit) suffered by the Client arising out of a breach by GMEC of these terms and conditions (alternatively GMEC's liability shall be limited to damages which under no circumstances shall exceed the Price of the Works).
- 23.5 GMEC may licence and/or assign all or any part of its rights and/or obligations under this Contract without the Client's consent.
- 23.6 The Client cannot licence or assign without the written approval of GMEC.
- 23.7 GMEC may elect to subcontract out any part of the Works but shall not be relieved from any liability or obligation under this Contract by so doing. Furthermore, the Client agrees and understands that they have no authority to give any instruction to any of GMEC's sub-contractors without the authority of GMEC.
- 23.8 The Client agrees that GMEC may amend their general terms and conditions for subsequent future contracts with the Client by disclosing such to the Client in writing. These changes shall be deemed to take effect from the date on which the Client accepts such changes, or otherwise at such time as the Client makes a further request for GMEC to provide Works to the Client.
- 23.9 Neither party shall be liable for any default due to any act of God, war, terrorism, strike, lock-out, industrial action, fire, flood, storm, national or global pandemics and/or the implementation of regulation, directions, rules or measures being enforced by Governments or embargo, including but not limited to, any Government imposed border lockdowns (including, worldwide destination ports), etc, ("Force Majeure") or other event beyond the reasonable control of either party.
- 23.10 Both parties warrant that they have the power to enter into this Contract and have obtained all necessary authorisations to allow them to do so, they are not insolvent and that this Contract creates binding and valid legal obligations on them.