

Terms of Reference for the Turkish Speaking Consultant Trainer

RFQ-TUR-2024-025

I- BACKGROUND

Save the Children's work improves children's life and saves children's lives across 120 countries around the world, to ensure children have healthcare, food, and shelter, as well as learning and child protection services when children need it most. We are committed to helping all children achieve their full potential by ensuring they grow up healthy, receive a good education, and stay safe.

At Save the Children Türkiye, we believe every child deserves a bright future. Since 2013, we have worked in Istanbul and Hatay to help children affected by the Syrian crisis, providing child protection, psychosocial support, early childhood education, and livelihood aid. Following the devastating 2023 earthquakes, we rapidly expanded efforts to meet urgent needs in across the worst affected provinces, including Kahramanmaraş, Adıyaman and Gaziantep.

2- REQUIREMENTS

Turkish Speaking Consultant Trainer to Deliver HLA Initiatives for Turkey Response

The Humanitarian Leadership Academy (HLA) exists to ensure that people everywhere preparing for, and responding to, humanitarian crises have access to the right learning at the right time, supporting individuals to develop new skills and organizations to become more effective, ultimately supporting the sector to adapt and become more locally led.

Our overall approach

The HLA is unique in its approach. With collaboration being at the heart of what we do and which we see as our shared responsibility to trigger the change required to support localisation, our learning marketplace is a 'one stop shop' for learning in the sector. Our diverse learning portfolio, our range of products and services, our in-house expertise, and relationships and engagement with a global constellation of subject matter experts enable us to offer direct support with scale and impact, as well as adapt and scale up locally grown initiatives Through the networks we have developed and the platforms & associated support & technical mechanisms in place, we act as a catalyst for others; we enable others in the sector to create and scale their own relevant, contextualised high quality learning.

We do this through an agile approach, experimenting with new ways of working and new business models and, where required, challenging the status quo, to achieve an end state where we work for local organizations, communities and actors to provide a platform for their own solutions.

As local as possible, as international as necessary:

To meet our 2030 ambition to ensure that all children survive, learn and are protected, and in line with the aspiration of the Grand Bargain, Save the Children recognises that local and national actors are essential in supporting children's rights and humanitarian needs in all contexts. Our role as Save the Children is complementary to and supportive of what local and national actors already do to ensure children's rights. Consequently, Save the Children will reinforce and not replace existing national and local capacities, support national and local leadership, support linkages regionally and globally, and only respond directly when invited and/or when national and local actors need additional support, filling the gaps where they exist and mobilising technical expertise in support of other responders' action as necessary.

We seek to continuously demonstrate our Partnership Principles and the sector endorsed Global Humanitarian Platform Principles of Partnerships no matter the context. These principles apply to all types of partnerships; transactional, transformational, and strategic, short term or long term. This means that we involve partners in our strategic planning processes and in all phases of the programme cycle'.

Background

The Humanitarian Leadership Academy MENAEE Centre aims to provide several training initiatives to SCI Turkey CO Partners as part of the Turkey response and as one of the 7 dimensions of Localisation.

We do this by providing a range of support to partners, such as online courses, blended learning events, in-person workshops and self-guided learning resources.

Scope of work

- The Consultant should be fluent in English and in Turkish languages with high level of training and facilitation skills to be able provide Trainings not only translations .
- The English – Turkish Speaking consultant Trainer will be responsible for the planning and delivery of several trainings in Turkey for SCI Turkey CO partners in close Supervision and collaboration with HLA MENAEE Team.
- The Consultant will be asked to meet with several stakeholders in Turkey Country office and partners inside Turkey to coordinate for the learning events.
- The Consultant will also review the training materials in English and Turkish languages and provide training workshops in several topics including (Humanitarian response, TOT, Proposal writing , project management , strategic planning) and others .
- Proposals should be submitted in English only.
- CVs are required and should be Submitted in English only.

Location:

This Consultant should be based in Turkey (Istanbul or Gaziantep) to deliver Face to Face Trainings , No Need to travel outside Turkey , Travels will be requested inside Turkey , however , if a travel will be requested outside Turkey the cost will be covered by HLA .

Methodology

- Conduct consultations and meetings with the HLA MENAEE LEAD and the regional Capacity Building Programme Manager and form of meetings and structured discussions.
- Meetings and discussions can be virtual or F2F depending on the country the consultant will be based in.
- Coordinate with relevant stakeholders to arrange and prepare for learning events.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field
- Up to 7 years of Proven experience in Humanitarian context, preferably with international organizations.
- Excellent reporting Skills
- Excellent facilitation skills
- Experience in working with Local partners.
- Preferred Experience on organizational development.
- Experience in the Education field is a plus.
- Native Turkish speaker, Fluent in English, Arabic is a plus.
- Based in Turkey – Istanbul or Gaziantep

Main Areas required: (Not limited to the below – discussions around the specific content will be agreed before coordinating the training events and resources)

Deliverables

- 1) Review the content of the training materials in Turkish language to make sure they are accurate and with high quality
- 2) Facilitate at least of 6 workshops for Turkey response including (Humanitarian response, Crisis Management , TOT, Organizational development, Project management, Strategic Planning).
- 3) Coordinate with relevant stakeholders to arrange and prepare for learning events.

Timeline

A total number of working days should be 120 working days , 10 Days a month .

- Consultations to take place: April 2024 – April 2025
- Final review of Learning Materials & Resource June 2024

•Support of delivery of Training & Facilitation will be requested during the one-year April 2024 – April 2025.

Project Budget

A minimum of 10 Working days per Month is requested to receive Monthly Payment.

If the consultant will be required to travel to deliver F2F workshops, then travel and accommodation will be covered by Save the Children.

Safeguarding

The child safeguarding level for this engagement is Level 0. The consultant will be required to deliver the service in a way that reflects Save the Children’s commitment to safeguarding children in accordance with the Child Safeguarding Policy.

The consultant must also ensure they adhere to Save the Children’s Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse policy. Save the Children has a zero-tolerance policy for exploitation and abuse committed against the populations and partners we serve.

3- / SUBMISSION OF BID

Quotations must be submitted latest by **17 April 2024, 17:00 (local time; GMT +3)** electronically to below address. If mail server does not allow you to attach all documents, you can send in separate e-mails.

formal.turkey@savethechildren.org

3.1. Documents to be submitted

- Documents indicated in “Evaluation” section (please refer to Section 4)
- Copy of signed and stamped Technical Specifications (RFQ-TUR-2024-025)
- Technical Proposal and CV to be submitted.
- SCI Policies signed and stamped.

3.3. Inquiries

- Please contact with procurement.turkey@savethechildren.org or hatice.akan@savethechildren.org for inquiries with deadline of **15 April 2024, 15:00 (GMT +3)**.

4- EVALUATION CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

Bidder must meet the following criteria;

- Bidder’s main line of business activity shall be Training, research, or consultancy (SCI has the right to request further documentation such as trial balance).

- if a company- Please provide the necessary documentation for proof of your registration in-country (Trade Registry Gazette, Chamber of Commerce Registration, Tax Documentation, Circular of Signature for signatory person for the offer submitted).
- Full compliance with SCI standard policies (Please sign and stamp the document namely SCI Policies and send it together with your proposal).
- Full compliance with the technical and administrative terms of reference.
- Offers shall provide the CV of the key personnel for the requested services along with a cover letter and a detailed financial statement.
- Offers must be in US Dollar. Save the Children will request the supplier to invoice in Turkish Lira with the exchange rate of the US Dollar from the Turkish Central Bank's Forex Buying Exchange Rate. The supplier will receive payments within 30 days after the completion of each project.

CAPABILITY CRITERIA (50%)

- 3 references within the similar scope of work in the last 3 years **(10%)**.
- The quality of the technical proposal and compliance with the proposal that was requested by the Save the Children team. **(40%)**

FINANCIAL CRITERIA (40%)

- Proposals should be sent in a detailed breakdown. Proposals should be all inclusive (VAT and other costs shall be included and detailed). **(40%)**

SUSTAINABILITY (10%)

- The bidder has their own sustainability policy, guideline etc. Please submit a copy if available. **(5%)**
- Bidder has incorporated sustainability into their project methodology. **(5%)**

A) PRACTICE PRINCIPLES AND CONTROL

1. Payments will be made over the performance of the unit services specified in the tender annex. The Contractor accepts and undertakes that he/she cannot demand price difference for any service.
2. In this contract, no advance payment or interim progress payment will be made, and payment may be requested after the delivery of the works is completed.
3. The completion of the work subject to the order will be subject to the approval of the SCI officer. The order will not be considered completed until the revisions that may be requested at the end of the work are completed, and the payments will be made when the revision etc. is followed by the progress payment.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUPPLY OF SERVICES

I. Definitions and Interpretation

I.1 Definitions. In these Conditions, the following definitions apply:

- (a) **Agreement:** the document entitled Agreement for the Supply of Services, between the Customer and the Supplier.
- (b) **Conditions:** the terms and conditions set out in this document as amended from time to time in accordance with Condition 16.6.
- (c) **Contract:** the contract between Customer and Supplier consisting of the Agreement, these Conditions and, where applicable, the Order. Should there be any inconsistency between the documents comprising the Contract, these Conditions shall have precedence unless otherwise stated in the Agreement or in the Order.
- (d) **Deliverables:** all documents, products and materials developed by the supplier or its agents, contractors and employees as part of or in relation to the Services in any form of media, including without limitation drawings, maps, plans, diagrams, designs, pictures, computer programs, data, specifications and reports (including drafts).
- (e) **Force Majeure Event:** has the meaning given in Condition 15.
- (f) **Order:** The Customer's order for the supply of Services, as set out in the Customer's purchase order form.
- (g) **Services:** the services to be provided by the Supplier (or any part of them) as set out in the Order
- (h) **Specification:** any specification for the Services, including any related plans and drawings, that is agreed in writing by the Customer and the Supplier.

I.2 Interpretation. In these Conditions, unless the context requires otherwise, the following rules apply:

- (a) A person includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality).
- (b) A reference to a party includes its personal representatives, successors or permitted assigns.
- (c) A reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to such statute or provision as amended or re-enacted. A reference to a statute or statutory provision includes any subordinate legislation made under that statute or statutory provision, as amended or re-enacted.

- (d) Any phrase introduced by the terms **including, include, in particular** or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.

2. The Services

2.1 The Supplier shall meet any performance dates for the Services specified in the Order or notified to the Supplier by the Customer.

2.2 In providing the Services, the Supplier shall:

- (a) ensure that the Services and Deliverables correspond with their description in the Order and any applicable Specification, and that they comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements;
- (b) co-operate with the Customer in all matters relating to the Services, and comply with all instructions of the Customer;
- (c) perform the Services with the best care, skill and diligence in accordance with best practice in the Supplier's industry, profession or trade;
- (d) use personnel who are suitably skilled and experienced to perform tasks assigned to them, and in sufficient number to ensure that the Supplier's obligations are fulfilled in accordance with this Contract;
- (e) provide all equipment, tools and vehicles and such other items as are required to provide the Services;
- (f) use the best quality goods, materials, standards and techniques, and ensure that the Deliverables, and all goods and materials supplied and used in the Services or transferred to the Customer, will be free from defects in workmanship, installation and design;
- (g) observe all health and safety rules and regulations and any other security requirements that apply at any of the Customer's premises;
- (h) not do or omit to do anything which may cause the Customer to lose any licence, authority, consent or permission on which it relies for the purposes of conducting its business, and the Supplier acknowledges that the Customer may rely or act on the Services; and
- (i) not infringe the rights of any third party or cause the Customer to infringe any such rights.

2.3 The Supplier represents and warrants that it has obtained and shall make available to the Customer all licences, clearances, permissions, authorisations, consents and permits necessary for the supply of the Services to the Customer and that the Deliverables shall be fit for all purposes for which the Supplier is or ought reasonably to be aware that they are required by the Customer.

- 2.4 The Customer reserves the right at any time to inspect work being undertaken in relation to supply of the Services, test the Services and inspect the premises where the Deliverables are being manufactured or stored. The Customer's inspector may adopt any reasonable means to satisfy himself or herself that the correct materials, workmanship and/or care and skill are or have been used.
- 2.5 If following such inspection or testing the Customer considers that the Services do not conform or are unlikely to comply with the Supplier's undertakings at Condition 2.2, the Customer shall inform the Supplier and the Supplier shall immediately take such remedial action as is necessary to ensure compliance.
- 2.6 Notwithstanding any such inspection or testing, the Supplier shall remain fully responsible for the Services and any such inspection or testing shall not reduce or otherwise affect the Supplier's obligations under the Contract, and the Customer shall have the right to conduct further inspections and tests after the Supplier has carried out its remedial actions.

3. Ethical Standards and Audit Requirements

- 3.1 The Supplier, its suppliers and sub-contractors shall observe the highest ethical standards and comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations and codes (including environmental regulations and the International Labour Organisation's international labour standards on child labour and forced labour) from time to time in force.
- 3.2 The Supplier, its suppliers and sub-contractors shall not in any way be involved directly or indirectly with terrorism, in the manufacture or sale of arms or have any business relations with armed groups or governments for any war related purpose or transport the Goods together with any military equipment. The Supplier shall also warrant that it has checked and will continue to check its staff, suppliers and sub-contractors against the United Kingdom Treasury List of Financial Sanctions Targets, the European Commission's List of Persons and Entities Subject to Financial Sanctions and the list of specially designated individuals and blocked persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control ('OFAC') of the Department of the Treasury of the United States of America (and any similar list of prohibited persons and entities) and will immediately inform the Customer of any apparent correlation.
- 3.3 The Supplier shall ensure that its employees, suppliers and sub-contractors are aware of, understand, and adhere to the Customer's:
- (a) Child Safeguarding policy;
 - (b) Fraud, Bribery and Corruption policy; and
 - (c) Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery policy,
- (together, the Mandatory Policies), attached to these Conditions.

- 3.4 The Supplier, its suppliers and sub-contractors shall be subject to, and shall in relation to the Contract act in accordance with, the IAPG Code of Conduct and any local or international standards which are applicable to the Goods.
- 3.5 The Supplier is taking reasonable steps (including but not limited to having in place adequate policies and procedures) to ensure it conducts its business (including its relationship with any contractor, employee, or other agent of the Supplier) in such a way as to comply with the Mandatory Policies, and shall upon request provide the Customer with information confirming its compliance.
- 3.6 The Supplier shall notify the Customer as soon as it becomes aware of any breach, or suspected or attempted breach, of the Mandatory Policies, and shall inform the Customer of full details of any action taken in relation to the reported breach.
- 3.7 The Supplier agrees to allow the Customer's employees, agents, professional advisers or other duly authorized representatives to inspect and audit all the Supplier's books, documents, papers and records and other information, including information in electronic format, for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts and transcriptions. The Supplier agrees the extension of such rights to duly authorized representatives of the European Commission, the European Court of Auditors and the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the United States Government, the Controller General of the United States and any other such representatives instructed by a donor organization of the Customer to carry an audit of the Supplier's operations.

4. Performance

- 4.1 The Supplier shall perform the Services in accordance with the timing specified in the Agreement. Time shall be of the essence in respect of this Condition 4.1.
- 4.2 If the Supplier fails to comply with the time requirement referred to in Condition 4.1 the Customer, without prejudice to its other rights under the Contract, shall be under no obligation to make payment in respect of any Services which are not accepted.
- 4.3 The Services shall be supplied at the destination and on the date or within the period specified in the Agreement and, in any event, during the Customer's usual business hours or as instructed by the Customer.
- 4.4 The Customer shall not be deemed to have accepted any Services until the Customer has had reasonable time to inspect them following performance.
- 4.5 The Customer shall be entitled to reject any Services supplied which are not in accordance with the Agreement. If any goods that belong to the Customer or that the Customer has agreed to purchase are being transported as part of the Services, such goods shall be returned to the Customer without delay.
- 4.6 If any Services are so rejected, at the Customer's option, the Supplier shall forthwith re-supply substitute Services which conform with the Contract. Alternatively, the Customer may cancel the

Contract, return any Deliverables to the Supplier at the Supplier's expense and claim costs and direct damages from the Supplier.

- 4.7 The Supplier shall ensure that it is available at the request of the Customer outside normal business hours, in order to address the requirements of any emergency in a timely fashion.

5. Indemnity

- 5.1 The Supplier shall keep the Customer indemnified in full against all costs, expenses, damages and losses (whether direct or indirect), including any interest, penalties, and legal and other professional fees and expenses awarded against or incurred or paid by the Customer as a result of or in connection with:

- (a) breach of any warranty given by the Supplier in Condition 9;
- (b) personal injury, death or damage to property caused to the Customer or its employees arising out of, or in connection with, defects in the supply of the Services, to the extent that the defect in the Services is attributable to the acts or omissions of the Supplier, its employees, agents or subcontractors;
- (c) any claim made against the Customer for actual or alleged infringement of a third party's intellectual property rights arising out of, or in connection with, the supply or use of the Services, to the extent that the claim is attributable to the acts or omissions of the Supplier, its employees, agents or subcontractors;
- (d) any claim made against the Customer by a third party arising out of, or in connection with, the supply of the Services, to the extent that such claim arises out of the breach, negligent performance or failure or delay in performance of the Contract by the Supplier, its employees, agents or subcontractors;
- (e) any claim made against the Customer by a third party for death, personal injury or damage to property arising out of, or in connection with, defects in the supply of the Services, to the extent that the defect in the Services is attributable to the acts or omissions of the Supplier, its employees, agents or subcontractors; and
- (f) any claim in respect of death or personal injury howsoever caused to any of the employees of the Supplier whilst at the premises of the Customer save where caused by the direct negligence of the Customer or its respective employees or agents.

6. Price and Payment

- 6.1 The price of the Services shall be the price set out in the Order which includes packing, labelling, carriage, insurance, delivery, royalties and licence fees (if applicable) and all other charges, taxes, duties and impositions and is not subject to alteration for any reason whatsoever.

6.2 The Customer reserves the right to withhold payment in respect of Services supplied which are defective, rejected or otherwise not in accordance with the requirements of the Contract.

6.3 The Customer may, without limiting any other rights or remedies it may have, set off any amount owed to it by the Supplier against any amounts payable by it to the Supplier under the Contract.

7. Termination

7.1 The Customer may terminate the Contract in whole or in part at any time and for any reason whatsoever by giving the Supplier at least one month's written notice.

7.2 The Customer may terminate the Contract with immediate effect by giving written notice to the Supplier and claim any losses (including all associated costs, liabilities and expenses including legal costs) back from the Supplier at any time if:

- (a) the Supplier is in material breach of its obligations under the Contract; or
- (b) the Supplier is in breach of its obligations under the Contract and fails to remedy such breach (where the breach is capable of remedy) within 14 days of written request; or
- (c) the Supplier becomes insolvent or makes any voluntary arrangement with its creditors or (being an individual or corporate entity) becomes subject to an administration order or goes into liquidation or the Supplier ceases, or threatens to cease, to carry on business; or
- (d) the Customer reasonably believes that any of the events mentioned above in sub-sections (a) through (c) is about to occur in relation to the Supplier and notifies the Supplier accordingly; or
- (e) the Customer reasonably believes that continuing contractual relations with the Supplier may damage the reputation of the Customer; or
- (f) the Customer reasonably believes that the Supplier has or is engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices.

7.3 Termination of the Contract shall not affect Conditions 2.2, 4.2(a), 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, and 16.7 which shall continue without limit in time. Termination of the Contract shall not affect any rights, liabilities or remedies arising under the Contract prior to such termination.

8. Customer's Name, Branding and Logo

The Supplier shall not use the Customer's name, branding or logo other than in accordance with the Customer's written instructions or authorization.

9. The Supplier's Warranties

9.1 The Supplier warrants to the Customer that:

- (a) the Services will be performed by appropriately qualified and trained personnel, with the best care, skill and diligence and to such high standards of quality as it is reasonable for the Customer to expect in all the circumstances;
- (b) it has all authorisations from all relevant third parties to enable it to supply the Services without infringing any applicable law, regulation, code or practice or any third party's rights and has all necessary internal authorisations to approve the execution and performance under the Contract and will produce evidence of that action to the Customer on its request;
- (c) it will ensure that the Customer is made aware of all relevant requirements of any applicable law, regulation or code of practice which applies or is relevant to the supply of the Services to the Customer;
- (d) information in written or electronic format supplied by, or on behalf of, the Supplier to the Customer at any stage during the tender process, the negotiation process, the due diligence process or the term of the Contract was complete and accurate in all material respects at the time it was supplied, and any amendments or changes to the previously supplied information will be provided to the Customer without delay;
- (e) it will not and will procure that none of its employees will accept any commission, gift, inducement or other financial benefit from any supplier or potential supplier of the Customer;
- (f) none of its directors or officers or any of the employees of the Supplier has any interest in any supplier or potential supplier of the Customer or is a party to, or are otherwise interested in, any transaction or arrangement with the Customer; and

9.2 In case of any situation constituting or likely to lead to a breach of a warranty in Clause 9.1 during the term of this Contract, the Supplier shall:

- (a) notify the Customer in writing and without delay of such breach; and
- (b) take all necessary steps to rectify this situation.

The Customer reserves the right to verify that the measures taken are appropriate and to request additional steps are taken with a specified time period. Failure to implement the requested measures may lead to the termination of the Contract. These rights are without prejudice to the Customer's rights in Clause 9.1

10. Re-tendering

The Supplier undertakes to fully co-operate with the Customer in relation to any tender process which may, at the option of the Customer, be carried out at any time in relation to the supply of any of the Services.

11. Insurance

During the term of the Contract, the Supplier shall maintain in force, with a reputable insurance company, professional indemnity insurance, product liability insurance and public liability insurance to cover such heads of liability as may arise under or in connection with the Contract, and shall, on the Customer's request, produce both the insurance certificate giving details of cover and the receipt for the current year's premium in respect of each insurance.

12. Confidentiality

A party (**Receiving Party**) shall keep in strict confidence all technical or commercial know-how, Specifications, inventions, processes or initiatives which are of a confidential nature and have been disclosed to, or otherwise obtained by, the Receiving Party by the other party (**Disclosing Party**), its employees, agents or subcontractors, and any other confidential information concerning the Disclosing Party's business or its products or its services which the Receiving Party may obtain (the **Confidential Information**). The Receiving Party shall restrict disclosure of such Confidential Information to such of its employees, agents or subcontractors as need to know it for the purpose of discharging the Receiving Party's obligations under the Contract, and shall ensure that such employees, agents or subcontractors are subject to obligations of confidentiality corresponding to those which bind the Receiving Party.

13. Customer property

The Supplier acknowledges that all materials, equipment and tools, drawings, Specifications, and data supplied by the Customer to the Supplier (**Customer Materials**) and all rights in the Customer Materials are and shall remain the exclusive property of the Customer. The Supplier shall keep the Customer Materials in safe custody at its own risk, maintain them in good condition until returned to the Customer, and not dispose or use the same other than in accordance with the Customer's written instructions or authorisation.

14. Notices

- 14.1 Any notice under or in connection with the Contract shall be given in writing to the address specified in the Agreement or to such other address as shall be notified from time to time in accordance with this Condition and shall be sent by prepaid first-class post, recorded delivery, e-mail, fax or by commercial courier. All notices sent internationally shall be sent by courier or e-mail.
- 14.2 Any notice shall be deemed to have been duly received if sent by prepaid first-class post or recorded delivery, on the second day after posting, or if delivered by commercial courier, on the date that the courier's delivery receipt is signed.
- 14.3 This Condition 14 shall not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action. For the purposes of this Condition, writing shall include e-mails and faxes.

15. Force majeure

- 15.1 Neither party shall be liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations under the Contract to the extent that such failure or delay is caused by a Force Majeure Event provided that the Supplier shall use best endeavours to cure such Force Majeure Event and resume performance under the Contract.
- 15.2 A Force Majeure Event means any event beyond a party's reasonable control, which by its nature could not have been foreseen, or, if it could have been foreseen, was unavoidable, including strikes, lock-outs or other industrial disputes (whether involving its own workforce or a third party's), acts of God, war, terrorism, riot, civil commotion, interference by civil or military authorities, armed conflict, malicious damage, nuclear, chemical or biological contamination, sonic boom, explosions, collapse of building structures, fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, loss at sea, epidemics or similar events, natural disasters, or extreme adverse weather conditions.
- 15.3 If any events or circumstances prevent the Supplier from carrying out its obligations under the Contract for a continuous period of more than 14 days, the Customer may terminate the Contract immediately by giving written notice to the Supplier.

16. General

- 16.1 Assignment and subcontracting:
- (a) The Customer may at any time assign, transfer, charge, subcontract, novate or deal in any other manner with any or all of its rights or obligations under the Contract.
 - (b) The Supplier may not assign, transfer, charge, subcontract, novate or deal in any other manner with any or all of its rights or obligations under the Contract without the Customer's prior written consent.
- 16.2 Severance:
- (a) If any court or competent authority finds that any provision of the Contract (or part of any provision) is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that provision or part-provision shall, to the extent required, be deemed to be deleted, and the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of the Contract shall not be affected.
 - (b) If any invalid, unenforceable or illegal provision of the Contract would be valid, enforceable and legal if some part of it were deleted, the provision shall apply with the minimum modification necessary to make it legal, valid and enforceable.
- 16.3 Waiver and cumulative remedies:
- (a) No waiver of any right or remedy under the Contract shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by both parties. No failure or delay by a party in exercising any right or remedy under the Contract or by law shall constitute a waiver of that or any other right

or remedy, nor preclude or restrict its further exercise. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall preclude or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

- (b) Unless specifically provided otherwise, rights arising under the Contract are cumulative and do not exclude rights provided by law.
- 16.4** No partnership: Nothing in the Contract is intended to, or shall be deemed to, constitute a partnership or joint venture of any kind between the parties, nor constitute any party the agent of another party for any purpose. No party shall have authority to act as agent for, or to bind, the other party in any way.
- 16.5** Third party rights: A person who is not a party to the Contract shall not have any rights under or in connection with it.
- 16.6** Variation: Except as set out in these Conditions, any variation to the Contract, including the introduction of any additional terms and conditions, shall only be binding when agreed in writing and signed by the Customer. The Customer reserves the right to conduct a formal review of the Contract after 12 months. For the avoidance of doubt, no terms and conditions produced by the Supplier, including, but not limited to, those forming part of the Supplier's quotation, shall supersede and take precedence over these Conditions and the Contract.
- 16.7** Governing law and jurisdiction: The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. The parties irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales to settle any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with the Contract or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).