

Request for FWA for Supply of Trees and Flowers for Greenification

RFQ-TUR-2024-024

1- BACKGROUND

Save the Children is the world's leading independent organization for children. We work in 120 countries. We save children's lives; we fight for their rights; we help them fulfil their potential. We work together, with our partners, to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

2- REQUIREMENTS

Bidders shall submit proposal for the following requirements: Request for Quotations for Supply of trees and flowers.

<u>Specification of Plants</u>	QTY / Miktar
Boxwood 80-100cm. in size (Şimşir 80-100 cm boyunda belirtilen noktalara dikilecek)	pcs
Blue Spruce 100-120cm. in size (Mavi Ladin, 100-120 cm boyunda, belirtilen noktalara dikilecek)	pcs
Chieflera flower 2-3 Stems (Şeflera çiçeği, 2-3 gövdeli, 100-120 cm boyunda, dekoratif saksıda (salon için kullanılacak)	pcs
Wooden Flowerpot 40cm. width, 90cm. length, 40cm. height including the soil and flower (Ahşap Saksı: Genişlik: 40 cm, Uzunluk: 90 cm, Yükseklik: 40 cm (Çiçeği ve toprağı ile birlikte, Toprak çiçek dikimine uygun torf olmalı) Wooden pots should be mounted on the ground for safety and to prevent loss. Wood colour (Ahşap saksıların hem güvenlik hem de kaybolmasını önlemek adına yere monte edilmesi lazım. Ahşap rengi)	pcs
Lemon Pine 100-120 cm (Limon Çamı 100-120 cm, belirtilen noktalara dikilecek)	pcs
Benjamin hall flower, 100-120cm, in decorative pot (to be used for the hall) Benjamin salon çiçeği, 100-120cm, dekoratif saksıda (salon için kullanılacak)	pcs
Layered Jasmine, 30-40 cm, in decorative pots (Katmerli Yasemin 30-40 cm, dekoratif saksıda teslim edilecektir.	pcs
Dwarf Lemon Tree, Grafted, Mayer Lemon Pine, 150-160 cm, 3 years old, with fruit on the branch, will be delivered in pots. Bodur Limon Ağacı, Aşılı, Yediveren, Mayer Limon Çamı, 150-160 cm, aşılı, 3 yaşında, dalında meyvesi olan, saksıda teslim edilecektir.	pcs

Decorative flower pot, 5 kg. It will be produced from different colors and quality materials. Dekoratif saksı, 5 kg'lık saksılar. Farklı renklerde ve kaliteli materyalden üretilmiş olacaktır.	pcs
Rose seedling, Height: 60 cm, Grafted, 2 year old, Healthy and ready for planting, Grown rose seedling, Certified, Planting will be done by awarded supplier Gül fidesi, Boy: 60 cm, Aşılı, 2 yaşında, Sağlıklı ve dikime hazır, Yetiştirilmiş gül fidesi, Sertifikalı, Dikim tedarikçi tarafından yapılacaktır	pcs
Tomato, Cucumber, Eggplant, Pepper, Zucchini Seedlings. There will be 1 of each seedling specified in a package. A total of 5 seedlings will be distributed and planted. Domates, Salatalık, Patlıcan, Biber, Kabak Fidesi. Bir pakatte belirtilen her fideden 1 adet olacaktır. Toplamda 5 adet fide dağıtımı ve ekimi yapılacaktır.	packed
Soil should has a high water retention capacity, good drainage, and fertility. The acidity or alkalinity level of the soil is balanced The soil will be used for planting flowers and will be distributed to other interested side by the awarded supplier Toprak yüksek su tutma kapasitesine, iyi drenaja ve verimliliğe sahip olmalıdır. Toprağın asitlik veya alkalilik seviyesi dengelidir Toprak çiçek dikiminde kullanılacak ve ödül kazanan tedarikçi tarafından diğer ilgili taraflara dağıtılacaktır	M3

Yüklenici firma tarafından dikilecek Hatay içi belirlenen noktalara / To be planted by the contractor company
Saksıda teslim edilecek, ahşap saksı yere montelenecek / To be delivered in pots, the wooden pot will be mounted on the ground

Detailed technical specifications (**Annex-A**) attached in the product criteria section this RFQ.

3- / SUBMISSION OF BID

Quotations must be submitted latest by **23.04.2024 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

- Catalogue of offered item.

3.2. Sample/Catalogue Submission

Please share the technical specifications of each offered products in your offer. Please share the photos of each offered products along with your quotation to formal.turkey@savethechildren.org

3.2. Inquiries

- Please contact with procurement.turkey@savethechildren.org for inquiries with deadline of **19.04.2024 17:00**

4- EVALUATION CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

Bidder must meet the following criteria.

- Please provide necessary documentation for proof of your registration in country (Trade Registry Gazette, Chamber of Commerce Registration, Tax Plate, Circular of Signature for signatory person for the offer submitted)
- A statement (signed/stamped) that confirms submitted unit prices (US Dollar) are going to be valid for 45 days.
- Full compliance with SCI standard policies (Please sign and stamp the document namely SCI Policies and send together with your proposal).
- Technical Specifications should be filled & dully signed/tamped.
- Offerors must provide technical catalogue with their proposal.
- Payment within 30 calendar days after the delivery of the requested items.

CAPABILITY CRITERIA (40%)

- Delivery lead time **(20%)**
- Quality and technicality of the offered items (please share photos and specification). **(20%)**

SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA (10%)

- The bidder has a legal establishment or a company in Hatay thus reducing the carbon footprint and developing the local economy after the earthquake. **(10%)**

COMMERCIAL CRITERIA (50%)

- Bids must be submitted in unit price and in US Dollars. **(VAT and other fees and expenses must be included to the unit price) (%50)**
- Submit your offer signed and stamped only on the RFQ document in PDF format and as well Excel format.

ATTACHMENTS - PRODUCT CRITERIA

The detailed information given for the products listed below describes the requested products in general terms to the companies that will bid. **For detailed information, please review the RFQ document.**

PACKAGING AND SHIPPING PRINCIPLES

All requested materials will be provided in closed and the original boxes. The information and quantities of the products inside will be written on the boxes.

The supplier company is responsible for any damage, loss and collateral damage that may occur during shipping and delivery, and for the elimination of damages that have occurred. In similar cases, Save the Children Turkey Representative has the freedom not to accept the products unless the deficiencies are corrected.

The products will be delivered to **Save the Children's designated locations in Hatay.**

The supplier will be responsible of delivering all required products as per DDP incoterm. All expenses including delivery, loading, offloading must be included in the price.

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 agreement, 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.

Annex A Technical Specifications and Requirements

- The trees to be purchased will be planted in the container city. / Alımı yapılacak olan ağaçlar konteynır kente/kentlere dikilecektir
- The labor required for the planting of the trees shall be carried out by the contractor company in the areas determined by SC. / Ağaçların dikimi için gerekli olan işçilik yüklenici firma tarafından SC'nin belirlediği alanlara yapılacaktır.
- The place where the trees will be delivered within the borders of Hatay province will be determined by SC and all kinds of transport and planting costs will belong to the supplier. / Hatay ili sınırları içerisinde Ağaçların teslim edileceği yer SC tarafından belirlenecek, her türlü nakliye ve ekim maliyetleri tedarikçiye ait olacaktır.
- The distribution of the flowers requested in pots will be carried out by the contractor company as determined by SC. / Saksıda talep edilen çiçeklerin dağıtımı yüklenici firma tarafından SC'nin belirlediği şekilde yapılacaktır.
- Mounting of the pots on the ground for security and to prevent loss will be done by the contractor company. / Saksıların güvenlik ve kaybolmasını engellemek için yere montelenmesi yüklenici firma tarafından yapılacaktır.
- The sizes of all requested saplings will be delivered as specified. / Talep edilen tüm fidanların ebatları belirtildiği gibi teslim edilecektir.
- The requested trees must be delivered green, healthy, and intact. / Talep edilen ağaçların yeşil, sağlıklı ve sağlam bir şekilde teslim edilmesi gerekmektedir.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUPPLY OF SERVICES

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 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.

1.2 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).