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1. General

1.1 These conditions of purchase form an integral part of all (future) contracts on the delivery of goods or the provision of services between the supplier of goods or the service provider, respectively, (hereinafter "Contractor") and GASCADE Gastransport GmbH or its affiliated companies located in Germany, respectively, (hereinafter "Company"). They shall apply if and to the extent that no other terms have been agreed upon and stipulated in the individual contract. Any terms of business of the Contractor are only valid if and to the extent the written agreement of the Company is received by the Contractor expressly confirming the Company's acceptance of the Contractor's terms of business. In particular, any references of the Company to correspondence from the Contractor containing or referring to the Contractor's terms of business shall not constitute the Company's acceptance of the applicability to this contract of such terms of business.

1.2 These conditions of purchase shall remain valid and shall prevail over any terms of business of the Contractor even if the Company should accept any goods / services in the knowledge that the Contractor has purported to deliver them on terms of business of the Contractor that deviate from or are in conflict with these conditions of purchase.

2. Bid

2.1 Bids and price quotes shall not be remunerated and shall not create any obligations on the part of the Company.

2.2 In its offer the Contractor shall explicitly expose any discrepancies between its offer and the Company's inquiry. If the Contractor has an alternative solution for an inquiry which is technologically or economically superior it shall additionally present this offer to the Company.

3. Delivery Date, Partial Delivery of Goods / Partial Performance of Services

3.1 The Contractor must comply with the agreed dates of delivery or dates of performance of services, respectively. In case of the delivery of goods such compliance requires the delivery free of any defects to the Company within the Company's regular business hours accompanied by the required shipping documents to the address specified in the purchase order (hereinafter "Place of Destination"). If the Company and the Contractor have agreed to a delivery including assembly / service, the delivery of the goods free of any defects shall not be considered to have taken place until the assembly / service has been duly carried out as specified in the contract. If a formal acceptance procedure is stipulated by law or specified in the contract, the time specified for such acceptance shall be adhered to by both parties. Advance deliveries of goods / performance of services or partial deliveries / partial performance of services require the Company's prior agreement.

3.2 If the Contractor recognizes that it will not be able to fulfill its contractual obligations either in full or in part, or not within the stipulated timeframe, it must notify this to the Company in writing forthwith. The notice must state both the reason(s) for the delay and the predicted delay in delivery time. Any acceptance by the Company of a delayed or partial delivery of goods / performance of services shall by no means constitute a waiver of any rights of the Company related to late or partial delivery of goods / performance of services.

3.3 If any documents are being prepared by the Company to enable the Contractor to carry out the order, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to request these documents in due time.

4. Sustainability

4.1 The Company conducts its business in accordance with the principle of sustainable development and adheres to internationally recognized fundamental standards for occupational health and safety, environmental protection, labor and human rights as well as responsible corporate governance

(hereinafter "ESG Standards"). The Company has described its understanding of the ESG Standards in the Supplier Code of Conduct (<http://www.gascade.de/540.html?L=1>). The Company expects the Contractor to adhere to the ESG Standards. Furthermore the Company calls upon the Contractor to ensure that all its subcontractors of any tier adhere to the ESG Standards likewise. The Company shall have the right to check adherence to the ESG Standards, either itself or through third parties commissioned by the Company.

4.2 While performing the contract, the Contractor must adhere to the occupational health and safety and environmental protection requirements as specified in the Company's purchase order. Where applicable the Contractor will be handed out project specific HSE requirements which concretize the aforementioned requirements before the Contract commences and Contractor shall adhere to those requirements.

5. Quality

5.1 The Contractor shall carry out and maintain effective quality assurance and, if requested, demonstrate this to the Company. The Contractor shall adhere to a quality management system as per ISO 9000 ff. or to a similar system of equivalent standard upon the Company's request. The Company shall have the right to inspect this quality assurance system, either itself or through third parties commissioned by the Company.

5.2 Any changes to the goods to be delivered or services to be provided require the prior written consent of the Company.

6. Testing and Inspection in the Course of Contract Fulfillment

6.1 The Company shall be entitled to carry out any inspections at any time during the performance of the contract by the Contractor. For this express purpose the Company is authorized to enter the Contractor's works and visit the installations and facilities relevant for the performance of the contract during the Contractor's usual business hours after giving prior notice. The Contractor and the Company shall each bear their own costs incurred in conducting any such inspections.

6.2 Such inspections shall not constitute a waiver of any contractual or legal rights of the Company.

7. Use of Subcontractors

Third parties (in particular any subcontractors) may only be employed or replaced by the Contractor with the Company's prior written consent. If the Contractor intends to use subcontractors to perform the contract from the outset, the Contractor must inform the Company of this when submitting its offer.

8. Shipping, Packaging, Passing of Risk

8.1 Unless agreed otherwise the delivery of goods shall be made DAP (Incoterms 2010) to the Place of Destination. Unless agreed otherwise the delivery shall be accompanied by two copies of the delivery note, the packing list, cleaning and inspection certificates according to the agreed specifications and all other necessary documents. If known the following details must be given in all shipping documents and – for packaged goods – on the outer packaging too: purchase order number, gross and net weight, number packages and type of packaging (disposable / reusable), completion date as well as Place of Destination (unloading point) and consignee. For projects, the complete job number and assembly building must be given as well.

8.2 For third country imports, the shipping documents must specify whether the goods are being delivered duty paid or duty unpaid. If the goods are delivered duty unpaid, the Contractor must submit the following customs documents to the Company: Dispatch documents (e.g. T 1), shipping documents, customs or commercial invoice, preference documents such as Form A, EUR.1, A.TR., proof/certificate of origin and – if applicable – additional documents that are necessary for customs clearance.

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The Contractor ensures that all information necessary for a customs advance notification procedure is completely, correctly and in time at the disposal of the responsible who must turn in the advance notification.

If the goods are released for free circulation, the proof of customs clearance (such as ATC number, tax assessment note) shall be included in the shipping documents.

8.3 The Contractor shall notify the Company in detail and in writing about any possible obligation to obtain a permit for (re)exports according to the respective national export and customs regulations, as well as the export and customs regulations of the country of origin of the goods and services.

8.4 The Contractor shall uphold the Company's interests during the delivery. Goods must be packed as so to avoid damage during transport. The Contractor is liable for any damage incurred due to improper packaging. Upon the Company's request the Contractor shall collect any accumulated outer packaging, transport and sales packaging from the Place of Destination following delivery and dispose of it or having this done by a third party.

The Contractor shall package, label and ship hazardous products according to the applicable national and international laws and regulations. The Contractor complies with all obligations for suppliers (pursuant to Article 3 (32) Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006/EC (hereinafter "REACH")) under REACH with respect to the delivery of goods. The Contractor shall in particular provide the Company with a safety data sheet according to Article 31 REACH in the national language of the recipient country in all cases stipulated in Article 31 (1) to (3) REACH.

8.5 Up until the actual delivery of the goods specified in the contract together with the documents mentioned in clauses 8.1 and 8.2 at the Place of Destination, the Contractor shall bear the risk of loss or damage. If the parties have agreed a delivery inclusive of installation / assembly / service, the risk of loss or damage shall pass to the Company after the installation / assembly / service has been duly completed in accordance with the contract and following the handover of the goods.

If a formal acceptance is stipulated by law or by the contract, the deadline for acceptance shall be specified by both parties upon written request by the Contractor. The result of the acceptance inspection shall be documented in an acceptance certificate. Risk of loss shall not pass from the Contractor to the Company before a successful acceptance has been confirmed by the Company in the acceptance certificate. Acceptance may not take place in any other manner, especially not through inspections, expert reports, certificates or records of work. Payment of invoice balances is not an indication of acceptance.

9. Origin of Goods

9.1 The Contractor declares the non-preferential origin of goods (country of origin) in commercial documents. Upon the Company's request he will provide a proof / certificate of origin specifying the origin of the goods.

9.2 The goods must comply with the regulations for the preferential origin of goods as per the bilateral or multilateral agreements or the unilateral regulations for the origin of goods pursuant to the Generalized Systems of Preferences (GSP), insofar as the delivery is within the scope of preferential trade.

10. Condition of the Delivery / Service, Complaints, Rights in the Event of Defects

10.1 The Contractor is responsible for delivering goods and services free of defects, in particular compliance with the agreed specification of goods and services, and, additionally, for ensuring that guaranteed properties and features are present. In addition, the Contractor guarantees that goods and services meet the current technical standards and – if applicable – the generally recognized standards in plant safety, occupational medicine and hygiene; are delivered by qualified personnel and are in line with all pertinent legal regulations. If machines, equipment or plants constitute delivery items, they

shall meet the special safety requirements applicable to machinery, equipment and plants at the time of contract fulfillment, and shall be CE marked.

10.2 The Contractor guarantees that all materials contained in the goods have effectively been pre-registered, registered (or exempt from the obligation to register) and – if relevant – authorized in accordance with the applicable requirements of REACH for the uses disclosed by the Company.

If the goods classified as an article according to Article 7 REACH the preceding sentence shall also apply to substances released from such goods. Moreover the Contractor shall forthwith notify the Company if a component of the product contains a substance in a concentration exceeding 0.1 mass percent (W/W) if this substance fulfills the criteria of Article 57 and 59 REACH (so-called substances of very high concern). This also applies to packaging products.

10.3 The Company shall notify any obvious defects to the Contractor within fourteen (14) days following receipt of the goods at the Place of Destination. Any defects that only become apparent at a later point in time must be notified by the Company within fourteen (14) days following their identification. The date of sending such notice to the Contractor shall determine whether or not such notice has been validly issued and the Contractor hereby waives its right to object to any delayed notice of defect.

10.4 In the event of any defects, the Company has the right to demand rectification of such defects according to applicable law. The mode of rectification shall be at the Company's discretion. For the purposes of the rectification, the goods shall be made available to the Contractor either at the Place of Destination or at the location where the goods were located when defects were identified, according to the Company's preference. The Contractor shall bear the cost of rectification and must execute rectification in all respects in accordance with the Company's instructions and requirements. If (i) rectification has not been effected within a reasonable period, (ii) rectification has failed, or (iii) it is not necessary by applicable law to fix a time period for rectification, the Company shall be entitled to claim further legal rights in the event of defects.

10.5 If (i) the Contractor does not fulfill its duty to rectify any defects as specified without having valid grounds to refuse to provide rectification, (ii) the Contractor seriously and irrevocably refuses to provide rectification, (iii) rectification has failed, (iv) there are fears of a loss of use of the goods, or (v) rectification may not be further postponed due to other reasons, the Company has the right to remedy the defects itself at the cost and liability of the Contractor, or allow this work to be undertaken by third parties. The Company is in this case entitled to demand compensation from the Contractor for the required measures. The applicable law shall apply in all other cases. Any additional rights of the Company concerning the Contractor's liability for defects or under any guarantees shall remain unaffected.

10.6 Claims under warranty shall become time-barred thirty (30) months after the passing of risk unless a longer expiration period is prescribed by law. The Company shall not be deemed to have waived any of its rights to make claims under warranty in the absence of an express.

11. Written Waiver

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the delivery of the goods and / or performance of the services and the use thereof by the Company pursuant to the contract will not infringe any patent laws, copyright or other proprietary rights of third parties. Notwithstanding legal claims, the Contractor shall indemnify the Company from any third party claims for which the Company may be held liable as a result of the infringement of any of the aforementioned property rights. The Contractor shall bear the cost of any licensing fees, expenses and fees incurred by the Company in preventing and / or rectifying any infringements of property rights.

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12. Contract Penalty

If a contract penalty has been agreed upon, the Company is entitled to claim such penalty until the final payment is made without requiring a reservation pursuant to section 341 paragraph 3 of the German Civil Code (“BGB”).

13. Insurance

The Contractor shall maintain sufficient liability insurance at its own expense for damage for which it or its subcontractors or agents for which it is vicariously liable are responsible. Evidence of the amount of insurance coverage for each occurrence of damage shall be provided to the Company upon request. The Contractor's contractual and legal liability remains unaffected by the extent and amount of its insurance coverage.

14. Invoicing, Payment

14.1 The agreed prices are net of any applicable value-added tax. Invoices are to be issued for deliveries made and services provided. These invoices shall comply with the relevant statutory invoicing requirements according to the national value-added tax legislations to which the deliveries / services being invoiced are subject. When using self-billing (evaluated receipt settlement), the Contractor must transfer to the Company all data required as per the applicable value-added tax legislation specified in advance.

14.2 The Contractor must provide a separate invoice for each purchase order. The invoice must include the Company's full order number and, if applicable, the Contractor's delivery note number. Certificates of work completed and any other records are to be submitted with the invoice. Invoices must correspond to the information in the purchase order in respect of the goods described, price, quantity, the order of the items and item numbers. Invoices are to be sent to the billing address specified by the Company in the purchase order.

14.3 Unless agreed otherwise the payment period shall commence as soon as an invoice, which meets the applicable value-added tax requirements, has been received at the billing address. In the case of self-billing, the payment period commences the day the credit memo is issued. Payment will be made subject to verification of the delivery / service provided.

14.4 Payment by the Company shall not be an indication of acceptance of conditions or prices, and shall not constitute a waiver of the Company's with regard to deliveries made / services provided that differed from those as agreed upon, the Company's rights to inspection, and the right to find fault with an invoice due to other reasons.

14.5 If the Company pays license fees to foreign Contractors, the Company is obliged to withhold taxes pursuant to section 50a German Income Tax Law. The Company can only abstain from deducting or reduce the withholding tax if the Contractor provides the Company with a valid exemption certificate pursuant to section 50d German Income Tax Law.

15. Assignment of Contract, Transfer, Change of Company Name, Offsetting, Retention

15.1 The Contractor may assign the rights and obligations under the contract with the Company to third parties only with the prior written consent of the Company.

15.2 The Contractor is required to notify the Company forthwith in writing of any assignment of the contract by virtue of law and of any change of its trade name.

15.3 The Company may assign the rights and obligations under the contract with the Contractor to GASCADE Gastransport GmbH, Kassel, or to any affiliated company pursuant to section 15 of the German Stock Corporation Act at any time without the Contractor's prior agreement.

15.4 The Contractor is only permitted to offset claims that are undisputed or substantiated by court judgement. The Contractor is only entitled to a right of retention if the claim, due to which the right of retention shall be deemed valid, has its origins in the same contractual relationship.

16. Termination, Rescission

16.1 The Contract may be terminated without notice for good cause. Grounds for good cause shall, in particular but without limitation, include:

- A serious breach of duty by the Contractor which is not remedied within a reasonable period of time stipulated by the Company after the written complaint is received; or
- a considerable deterioration of a party's financial situation which threatens to impact such party's ability to perform its obligations under the contract and / or to discharge of its tax and / or social liabilities; or
- the purchase or use of the goods or the service is or will be either entirely or partly impermissible due to legal or official regulations.

If the Company terminates the contract for good cause and if other existing contracts between the Company and the Contractor cannot be maintained for the same grounds for good cause, the Company shall also be entitled to terminate such other contracts existing at the time of termination and contracts which have not yet been fulfilled against a pro rata remuneration for the services already provided. In such events, the Contractor is not entitled to any further claims for damages, reimbursement of expenses or remuneration.

16.2 If the Contractor has acquired from the Company any documents, records, plans or drawings within the scope of or for the purposes of fulfilling the contract the Contractor must forthwith hand them over to the Company in the event of termination of the contract by the Company. These requirements apply likewise in the event of rescission.

17. Contractor's Removal Duty in the Event of Termination of Contract

In the event of termination of the Contract by the Company, the Contractor must, at its own expense and regardless of the grounds for termination, forthwith dismantle and remove its plant, tools and equipment. Any waste or debris produced by the Contractor's work must be promptly removed and disposed of appropriately by the Contractor at its own expense. If the Contractor does not fulfill its duties in this regard, the Company may undertake the work itself or have it undertaken by a third party and charge the expenses incurred to the Contractor if the work has still not been completed after a reasonable period of time has elapsed.

18. Documents, Confidentiality, Rights of Use

18.1 The Contractor must submit to the Company the agreed quantity of any plans, calculations or other documents in order not to exceed the contractual deadline for execution.

18.2 The review of any documents by the Company shall not relieve the Contractor of any of its responsibilities under the contract.

18.3 Any models, samples, drawings, data, materials and other documents provided to the Contractor by the Company (hereinafter “Company Documentation”) shall remain the property of the Company and must be returned to the Company forthwith upon its request at any point in time. The Contractor shall have no rights to retain any Company Documentation. The Contractor must observe the proprietary rights of the Company in and to all Company Documentation.

18.4 The Contractor is obliged to keep confidential all technical, scientific, commercial and other information obtained either directly or indirectly within the scope of the contract, in particular the information given in Company documentation (hereinafter “Confidential Information”). The Contractor may not exploit Confidential Information for commercial purposes, make it the object of industrial property rights, pass it on or make it accessible to third parties in any way, or use it for any purpose other than fulfilling the contract. This obligation shall be subject to any disclosure requirements of a legal, judicial or official nature. The aforementioned confidentiality obligation shall continue to apply for a period of ten (10) years after the contract has ended. This confidentiality requirement shall not include

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any information that the Contractor lawfully possessed prior to the Company's disclosure of such information, or is lawfully known to the public, or has been lawfully obtained from a third party. Also excluded from this confidentiality requirement shall be information that is disclosed to persons subject to a legal obligation to confidentiality, whereas the Contractor shall not release such a person from his/her obligation to confidentiality. The burden of proof for such an exception lies with the Contractor. The Contractor shall ensure that his/her employees and vicarious agents subject to this confidentiality agreement are obliged to confidentiality according to the rules set forth in these Conditions of Purchase by means of appropriate contractual agreements, too. Upon request, the Contractor shall demonstrate compliance with these obligations to the Company in writing.

The Contractor shall specifically undertake all required, appropriate precautions and measures to effectively protect the Confidential Information obtained at all times against loss or against unauthorized access. This includes in particular the creation and maintenance of appropriate, required access and entry precautions for facilities, repositories, IT systems, data storage devices and other information storage devices, especially those which contain Confidential Information. This also includes informing and instructing those people who are granted access to Confidential Information pursuant to this clause. The Contractor is required to promptly notify the Company in writing in the event that Confidential Information is lost and/or accessed by unauthorized parties.

18.5 Any obligations to preserve the confidentiality of commercially sensitive information pursuant to the Energy Industry Act and the duty to disclose non-discriminating information that may be commercially advantageous pursuant to the Energy Industry Act shall not be affected by the aforementioned requirements.

18.6 The Contractor shall grant the Company freely transferable rights of use free from any restrictions as to area, content or time for all plans, drawings, graphics, calculations and other documents related to the contract in all known media formats including electronic media, Internet and online media saved to all imaging, audio and data storage devices. This information may have either been prepared by the Contractor itself or by third parties (hereinafter "Work Results"). The Company has the right in particular to exploit, duplicate and distribute such Work Results wholly or in part as well as to modify them, revise them, or have the aforementioned activities carried out by third parties. The Company also has the right to grant third parties the same complete rights to use such Work Results wholly or in part inclusive of any intermediate changes and/or revisions. The Contractor shall grant the Company the right of use for Work Results of the aforementioned scope including for all types of use whatsoever whether or not known at the time of Contract award. The applicable legal regulations shall apply in this regard.

In acquiring licenses and Work Results from intellectual services, especially studies, specifications, user requirement and functional design specifications, specific developments in and customization of software, the Company has the absolute and irrevocable right to use all such Work Results at the Company's premises at GASCADE Gastransport GmbH in Kassel, and at the premises of all affiliated companies pursuant to section 15 of the German Stock Corporation Act.

19. Storage of Documents and Support during Reviews

The Company has the right to view and make copies or duplicate for its own purposes all documents in connection with the delivery of goods or performance of services during usual business hours. This right remains valid for the statutory safekeeping period – at least three (3) years starting from the date of acceptance or delivery. The Contractor is obliged to provide assistance with reviews. To the extent to which these documents contain confidential information about the Contractor such as Company internal calculations, agreements

or confidential information about business partners and/or employees, the Company's viewing rights shall be barred.

20. Publicity Ban, Severability Clause, Applicable Law, Place of Jurisdiction

20.1 The Contractor may only refer to or publicly disclose otherwise its business relationship with the Company with the prior written consent of the Company.

20.2 The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision or part of a provision of the contract shall not affect the validity of the entire contract.

20.3 The contract shall be construed and be subject to the substantive laws of the Federal Republic of Germany with the exclusion of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods ("CISG") dated 11 April 1980 and the German law rules on the conflict-of-laws.

20.4 At the Company's option the place of jurisdiction shall be either the court competent for the Company's registered office or the court competent according to the applicable law.