

1. Definitions

- 1.1 "Seller" means Fertile Fields Limited, its successors and assigns or any person acting on behalf of and with the authority of Fertile Fields Limited.
- 1.2 "Customer" means the person/s or any person acting on behalf of and with the authority of the Customer requesting the Seller to provide the Services as specified in any proposal, quotation, order, invoice or other documentation, and:
 - (a) if there is more than one Customer, is a reference to each Customer jointly and severally; and
 - (b) if the Customer is a part of a Trust, shall be bound in their capacity as a trustee; and
 - (c) includes the Customer's executors, administrators, successors and permitted assigns.
- 1.3 "Goods" means all Goods or Services supplied by the Seller to the Customer at the Customer's request from time to time (where the context so permits the terms 'Goods' or 'Services' shall be interchangeable for the other).
- 1.4 "Price" means the Price payable (plus any Goods and Services Tax ("GST") where applicable) for the Goods as agreed between the Seller and the Customer in accordance with clause 5 below.

2. Acceptance

- 2.1 The Customer is taken to have exclusively accepted and is immediately bound, jointly and severally, by these terms and conditions if the Customer places an order for or accepts delivery of the Goods.
- 2.2 These terms and conditions may only be amended with the consent of both parties in writing and shall prevail to the extent of any inconsistency with any other document or contract between the Customer and the Seller.
- 2.3 The Customer acknowledges that the supply of Goods on credit shall not take effect until the Customer has completed a credit application with Seller and it has been approved with a credit limit established for the account.
- 2.4 In the event that the supply of Goods request exceeds the Customer's credit limit and/or the account exceeds the payment terms, Seller reserves the right to refuse delivery.
- 2.5 The Customer acknowledges and accepts that the supply of Goods for accepted orders may be subject to availability and if, for any reason, Goods are not or cease to be available, the Seller reserves the right to vary the Price with alternative Goods as per clause 5.2.
- 2.6 These terms and conditions may be meant to be read in conjunction with the Seller's Hire Form, and:
 - (a) where the context so permits, the terms 'Services' or 'Goods' shall include any supply of Equipment, as defined therein; and
 - (b) if there are any inconsistencies between the two documents then the terms and conditions contained therein shall prevail
- 2.7 Electronic signatures shall be deemed to be accepted by either party providing that the parties have complied with Section 22 of the Electronic Transactions Act 2002 or any other applicable provisions of that Act or any Regulations referred to in that Act.

3. Errors and Omissions

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

4. Change in Control

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

5. Price and Payment

- 5.1 At the Seller's sole discretion the Price shall be either:
 - (a) as indicated on any invoice provided by the Seller to the Customer; or
 - (b) the Price as at the date of delivery of the Goods according to the Seller's current price list; or
 - (c) the Seller's quoted price (subject to clause 5.2) which will be valid for the period stated in the quotation or otherwise for a period of thirty (30) days.
- 5.2 The Seller reserves the right to change the Price if a variation to the Seller's quotation is requested or a variation in the cost of the Goods and shall be entitled to charge for storage and maintenance of plants ordered where:
 - (a) an order is not picked up by the arranged date;

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- (b) the commencement date on a supply and implement agreement is delayed by reasons beyond Seller's control (including, but not limited to, earthworks not being completed, delays in the Customer obtaining permits or consents, extreme weather, water restrictions, etc).
- (c) in the event of increases to the Seller in the cost of labour or materials which are beyond the Seller's control.
- 5.3 Variations will be charged for on the basis of the Seller's quotation, and will be detailed in writing, and shown as variations on the Seller's invoice. The Customer shall be required to respond to any variation submitted by the Seller within ten (10) working days. Failure to do so will entitle the Seller to add the cost of the variation to the Price. Payment for all variations must be made in full at the time of their completion
- 5.4 At the Seller's sole discretion a non-refundable deposit may be required.
- 5.5 Time for payment for the Goods being of the essence, the Price will be payable by the Customer on the date/s determined by the Seller, which may be:
- (a) on delivery of the Goods;
- (b) before delivery of the Goods;
- (c) for certain approved Customers, due twenty (20) days following the end of the month in which a statement is posted or emailed to the Customer's address or address for notices;
- (d) fourteen (14) days the date specified on any invoice as being the date for payment; or
- (e) failing any notice to the contrary, the date which is seven (7) days following the date of any invoice given to the Customer by the Seller.
- 5.6 Payment may be made by cash, cheque, bank cheque, electronic/on-line banking, credit card (a surcharge per transaction may apply), or by any other method as agreed to between the Customer and the Seller.
- 5.7 The Customer shall not be entitled to set off against, or deduct from the Price, any sums owed or claimed to be owed to the Customer by the Seller nor to withhold payment of any invoice because part of that invoice is in dispute.
- 5.8 Unless otherwise stated the Price does not include GST. In addition to the Price, the Customer must pay to the Seller an amount equal to any GST the Seller must pay for any supply by the Seller under this or any other contract for the sale of the Goods. The Customer must pay GST, without deduction or set off of any other amounts, at the same time and on the same basis as the Customer pays the Price. In addition, the Customer must pay any other taxes and duties that may be applicable in addition to the Price except where they are expressly included in the Price.

6. Delivery of Goods

- 6.1 Delivery ("**Delivery**") of the Goods is taken to occur at the time that:
- (a) the Customer or the Customer's nominated carrier takes possession of the Goods at the Seller's address; or
- (b) the Seller (or the Seller's nominated carrier) delivers the Goods to the Customer's nominated address even if the Customer is not present at the address.
- 6.2 At the Seller's sole discretion the cost of delivery is in addition to the Price.
- 6.3 The Seller may deliver the Goods in separate instalments. Each separate instalment shall be invoiced and paid in accordance with the provisions in these terms and conditions.
- 6.4 Any time specified by the Seller for delivery of the Goods is an estimate only and the Seller will not be liable for any loss or damage incurred by the Customer as a result of delivery being late. However both parties agree that they shall make every endeavour to enable the Goods to be delivered at the time and place as was arranged between both parties. In the event that the Seller is unable to supply the Goods as agreed solely due to any action or inaction of the Customer, then the Seller shall be entitled to charge a reasonable fee for redelivery and/or storage.

7. On-Line Ordering

- 7.1 The Customer acknowledges and agrees that:
- (a) the Seller does not guarantee the website's performance;
- (b) display on the website does not guarantee the availability of any particular Goods; therefore, all orders placed through the website shall be subject to confirmation of acceptance by the Seller
- (c) on-line ordering may be unavailable from time to time for regularly scheduled maintenance and/or upgrades;
- (d) there are inherent hazards in electronic distribution, and as such the Seller cannot warrant against delays or errors in transmitting data between the Customer and the Seller including orders, and you agree that to the maximum extent permitted by law, the Seller will not be liable for any losses which the Customer suffers as a result of online-ordering not being available or for delays or errors in transmitting orders;
- (e) if the Customer is not the cardholder for any credit card being used to pay for the Goods, the Seller shall be entitled to reasonably assume that the Customer has received permission from the cardholder for use of the credit card for the transaction.
- 7.2 The Seller reserves the right to terminate the Customer's order if it learns that you have provided false or misleading information, interfered with other users or the administration of the Seller's business, or violated these terms and conditions.

8. Risk

- 8.1 Risk of damage to or loss of the Goods passes to the Customer on Delivery and the Customer must insure the Goods on or before Delivery.

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- 8.2 If any of the Goods are damaged or destroyed following delivery but prior to ownership passing to the Customer, the Seller is entitled to receive all insurance proceeds payable for the Goods. The production of these terms and conditions by the Seller is sufficient evidence of the Seller's rights to receive the insurance proceeds without the need for any person dealing with the Seller to make further enquiries.
- 8.3 If the Customer requests the Seller to leave Goods outside the Seller's premises for collection or to deliver the Goods to an unattended location then such Goods shall be left at the Customer's sole risk.
- 8.4 As strict control cannot be exercised by the Seller over the use of the Goods (including, without limitation, fertiliser use, weather, plant and soil conditions) the Seller accepts no responsibility or liability for any failure in performance, losses, damages or injuries (consequential or otherwise) arising from storage, handling, mixing, application or use of the Goods. The Customer assumes all responsibility for the correct selection, use and application of the Goods

9. Access

- 9.1 The Customer shall ensure that Seller has clear and free access to the delivery site at all times to enable them to provide Goods and/or Services. Seller shall not be liable for any loss or damage to the site (including, without limitation, damage to pathways, driveways and concreted or paved or grassed areas) unless due to the negligence of Seller.

10. Specifications

- 10.1 The Customer acknowledges that all descriptive specifications, illustrations, dimensions and weights stated in the Seller's or the manufacturer's fact sheets, price lists or advertising material, are approximate only and are given by way of identification only. The Customer shall not be entitled to rely on such information, and any use of such does not constitute a sale by description, and does not form part of the contract, unless expressly stated as such in writing by the Seller.

11. Title

- 11.1 The Seller and the Customer agree that ownership of the Goods shall not pass until:
- (a) the Customer has paid the Seller all amounts owing to the Seller; and
 - (b) the Customer has met all of its other obligations to the Seller.
- 11.2 Receipt by the Seller of any form of payment other than cash shall not be deemed to be payment until that form of payment has been honoured, cleared or recognised.
- 11.3 It is further agreed that until ownership of the Goods passes to the Customer in accordance with clause 11.1:
- (a) the Customer is only a bailee of the Goods and must return the Goods to the Seller on request.
 - (b) the Customer holds the benefit of the Customer's insurance of the Goods on trust for the Seller and must pay to the Seller the proceeds of any insurance in the event of the Goods being lost, damaged or destroyed.
 - (c) the Customer must not sell, dispose, or otherwise part with possession of the Goods other than in the ordinary course of business and for market value. If the Customer sells, disposes or parts with possession of the Goods then the Customer must hold the proceeds of any such act on trust for the Seller and must pay or deliver the proceeds to the Seller on demand.
 - (d) the Customer should not convert or process the Goods or intermix them with other goods but if the Customer does so then the Customer holds the resulting product on trust for the benefit of the Seller and must sell, dispose of or return the resulting product to the Seller as it so directs.
 - (e) the Customer irrevocably authorises the Seller to enter any premises where the Seller believes the Goods are kept and recover possession of the Goods.
 - (f) the Seller may recover possession of any Goods in transit whether or not delivery has occurred.
 - (g) the Customer shall not charge or grant an encumbrance over the Goods nor grant nor otherwise give away any interest in the Goods while they remain the property of the Seller.
 - (h) the Seller may commence proceedings to recover the Price of the Goods sold notwithstanding that ownership of the Goods has not passed to the Customer.

12. Personal Property Securities Act 1999 ("PPSA")

- 12.1 Upon assenting to these terms and conditions in writing the Customer acknowledges and agrees that:
- (a) these terms and conditions constitute a security agreement for the purposes of the PPSA; and
 - (b) a security interest is taken in all Goods and/or collateral (account) – being a monetary obligation of the Customer to the Seller for Services – that have previously been supplied and that will be supplied in the future by the Seller to the Customer.
- 12.2 The Customer undertakes to:
- (a) sign any further documents and/or provide any further information (such information to be complete, accurate and up-to-date in all respects) which the Seller may reasonably require to register a financing statement or financing change statement on the Personal Property Securities Register;
 - (b) indemnify, and upon demand reimburse, the Seller for all expenses incurred in registering a financing statement or financing change statement on the Personal Property Securities Register or releasing any Goods charged thereby;
 - (c) not register, or permit to be registered, a financing statement or a financing change statement in relation to the Goods and/or collateral (account) in favour of a third party without the prior written consent of the Seller; and

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- (d) immediately advise the Seller of any material change in its business practices of selling the Goods which would result in a change in the nature of proceeds derived from such sales.
- 12.3 The Seller and the Customer agree that nothing in sections 114(1)(a), 133 and 134 of the PPSA shall apply to these terms and conditions.
- 12.4 The Customer waives its rights as a debtor under sections 116, 120(2), 121, 125, 126, 127, 129, 131 and 132 of the PPSA.
- 12.5 Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Seller, the Customer waives its right to receive a verification statement in accordance with section 148 of the PPSA.
- 12.6 The Customer shall unconditionally ratify any actions taken by the Seller under clauses 12.1 to 12.5.

13. Security and Charge

- 13.1 In consideration of the Seller agreeing to supply the Goods, the Customer charges all of its rights, title and interest (whether joint or several) in any land, realty or other assets capable of being charged, owned by the Customer either now or in the future, to secure the performance by the Customer of its obligations under these terms and conditions (including, but not limited to, the payment of any money).
- 13.2 The Customer indemnifies the Seller from and against all the Seller's costs and disbursements including legal costs on a solicitor and own customer basis incurred in exercising the Seller's rights under this clause.
- 13.3 The Customer irrevocably appoints the Seller and each director of the Seller as the Customer's true and lawful attorney/s to perform all necessary acts to give effect to the provisions of this clause 13 including, but not limited to, signing any document on the Customer's behalf.

14. Defects

- 14.1 The Customer shall inspect the Goods on delivery and shall within seven (7) days of delivery (time being of the essence) notify the Seller of any alleged defect, shortage in quantity, damage or failure to comply with the description or quote. The Customer shall afford the Seller an opportunity to inspect the Goods within a reasonable time following delivery if the Customer believes the Goods are defective in any way. If the Customer shall fail to comply with these provisions the Goods shall be presumed to be free from any defect or damage. For defective Goods, which the Seller has agreed in writing that the Customer is entitled to reject, the Seller's liability is limited to either (at the Seller's discretion) replacing the Goods or repairing the Goods.
- 14.2 Goods will not be accepted for return other than in accordance with 14.1 above.
- 14.3 Goods to be returned in accordance to 12.1 are required to be returned within seven (7) days.
- 14.4 Subject to clause 14.1, non-stocklist items or Goods made to the Customer's specifications are not acceptable for return.

15. Warranty

- 15.1 Subject to the conditions of warranty set out in clause 15.2 the Seller warrants that if any defect in any workmanship of the Seller becomes apparent and is reported to the Seller within twelve (12) months of the date of delivery (time being of the essence) then the Seller will either (at the Seller's sole discretion) replace or remedy the workmanship.
- 15.2 The conditions applicable to the warranty given by clause 15.1 are:
- (a) the warranty shall not cover any defect or damage which may be caused or partly caused by or arise through:
- (i) failure on the part of the Customer to properly maintain any Goods; or
 - (ii) failure on the part of the Customer to follow any instructions or guidelines provided by the Seller; or
 - (iii) any use of any Goods otherwise than for any application specified on a quote or order form; or
 - (iv) the continued use of any Goods after any defect becomes apparent or would have become apparent to a reasonably prudent operator or user; or
 - (v) fair wear and tear, any accident or act of God.
- (b) the warranty shall cease and the Seller shall thereafter in no circumstances be liable under the terms of the warranty if the workmanship is repaired, altered or overhauled without the Seller's consent.
- (c) in respect of all claims the Seller shall not be liable to compensate the Customer for any delay in either replacing or remedying the workmanship or in properly assessing the Customer's claim.
- 15.3 To the extent permitted by statute, no warranty is given by the Seller as to the quality or suitability of the Goods for any purpose and any implied warranty, is expressly excluded. The Seller shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to the Goods, or caused by the Goods, or any part thereof however arising.
- 15.4 As strict control cannot be exercised by the Seller over the use of the Goods (including, without limitation, fertiliser use, weather, plant and soil conditions) the Seller accepts no responsibility or liability for any failure in performance, losses, damages or injuries (consequential or otherwise) arising from storage, handling, mixing, application or use of the Goods. The Customer assumes all responsibility for the correct selection, use and application of the Goods.
- 15.5 In the case of second hand Goods, the Customer acknowledges that he has had full opportunity to inspect the same and that he accepts the same with all faults and that no warranty is given by the Seller as to the quality or suitability for any purpose and any implied warranty, statutory or otherwise, is expressly excluded. The Seller shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to the Goods, or caused by the Goods, or any part thereof however arising.

16. Consumer Guarantees Act 1993

16.1 If the Customer is acquiring Goods for the purposes of a trade or business, the Customer acknowledges that the provisions of the Consumer Guarantees Act 1993 do not apply to the supply of Goods by the Seller to the Customer.

17. Intellectual Property

17.1 Where the Seller has designed, drawn or developed Goods for the Customer, then the copyright in any designs and drawings and documents shall remain the property of the Seller. Under no circumstances may such designs, drawings and documents be used without the express written approval of the Seller.

17.2 The Customer agrees that the Seller may (at no cost) use for the purposes of marketing or entry into any competition, any documents, designs, drawings or Goods which the Seller has created for the Customer.

18. Default and Consequences of Default

18.1 Interest on overdue invoices shall accrue daily from the date when payment becomes due, until the date of payment, at a rate of two and a half percent (2.5%) per calendar month (and at the Seller's sole discretion such interest shall compound monthly at such a rate) after as well as before any judgment.

18.2 If the Customer owes the Seller any money the Customer shall indemnify the Seller from and against all costs and disbursements incurred by the Seller in recovering the debt (including but not limited to internal administration fees, legal costs on a solicitor and own customer basis, the Seller's collection agency costs, and bank dishonour fees).

18.3 Further to any other rights or remedies the Seller may have under this contract, if a Customer has made payment to the Seller, and the transaction is subsequently reversed, the Customer shall be liable for the amount of the reversed transaction, in addition to any further costs incurred by the Seller under this clause 18 where it can be proven that such reversal is found to be illegal, fraudulent or in contravention to the Customer's obligations under this contract.

18.4 Without prejudice to the Seller's other remedies at law the Seller shall be entitled to cancel all or any part of any order of the Customer which remains unfulfilled and all amounts owing to the Seller shall, whether or not due for payment, become immediately payable if:

- (a) any money payable to the Seller becomes overdue, or in the Seller's opinion the Customer will be unable to make a payment when it falls due;
- (b) the Customer has exceeded any applicable credit limit provided by the Seller;
- (c) the Customer becomes insolvent, convenes a meeting with its creditors or proposes or enters into an arrangement with creditors, or makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
- (d) a receiver, manager, liquidator (provisional or otherwise) or similar person is appointed in respect of the Customer or any asset of the Customer.

19. Cancellation

19.1 Without prejudice to any other remedies the Seller may have, if at any time the Customer is in breach of any obligation (including those relating to payment) under these terms and conditions the Seller may suspend or terminate the supply of Goods to the Customer. The Seller will not be liable to the Customer for any loss or damage the Customer suffers because the Seller has exercised its rights under this clause.

19.2 The Seller may cancel any contract to which these terms and conditions apply or cancel delivery of Goods at any time before the Goods are delivered by giving written notice to the Customer. On giving such notice the Seller shall repay to the Customer any money paid by the Customer for the Goods. The Seller shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from such cancellation.

19.3 In the event that the Customer cancels delivery of Goods the Customer shall be liable for any and all loss incurred (whether direct or indirect) by the Seller as a direct result of the cancellation (including, but not limited to, any loss of profits).

19.4 Cancellation of orders for Goods made to the Customer's specifications, or for non-stocklist items, will definitely not be accepted once production has commenced, or an order has been placed.

20. Privacy Act 1993

20.1 The Customer authorises the Seller or the Seller's agent to:

- (a) access, collect, retain and use any information about the Customer;
 - (i) (including any overdue fines balance information held by the Ministry of Justice) for the purpose of assessing the Customer's creditworthiness; or
 - (ii) for the purpose of marketing products and services to the Customer.
- (b) disclose information about the Customer, whether collected by the Seller from the Customer directly or obtained by the Seller from any other source, to any other credit provider or any credit reporting agency for the purposes of providing or obtaining a credit reference, debt collection or notifying a default by the Customer.

20.2 Where the Customer is an individual the authorities under clause 20.1 are authorities or consents for the purposes of the Privacy Act 1993.

20.3 The Customer shall have the right to request the Seller for a copy of the information about the Customer retained by the Seller and the right to request the Seller to correct any incorrect information about the Customer held by the Seller.

21. Service of Notices

- 21.1 Any written notice given under this contract shall be deemed to have been given and received:
- (a) by handing the notice to the other party, in person;
 - (b) by leaving it at the address of the other party as stated in this contract;
 - (c) by sending it by registered post to the address of the other party as stated in this contract;
 - (d) if sent by facsimile transmission to the fax number of the other party as stated in this contract (if any), on receipt of confirmation of the transmission;
 - (e) if sent by email to the other party's last known email address.
- 21.2 Any notice that is posted shall be deemed to have been served, unless the contrary is shown, at the time when by the ordinary course of post, the notice would have been delivered.

22. Trusts

- 22.1 If the Customer at any time upon or subsequent to entering in to the contract is acting in the capacity of trustee of any trust ("Trust") then whether or not the Seller may have notice of the Trust, the Customer covenants with the Seller as follows:
- (a) the contract extends to all rights of indemnity which the Customer now or subsequently may have against the Trust and the trust fund;
 - (b) the Customer has full and complete power and authority under the Trust to enter into the contract and the provisions of the Trust do not purport to exclude or take away the right of indemnity of the Customer against the Trust or the trust fund. The Customer will not release the right of indemnity or commit any breach of trust or be a party to any other action which might prejudice that right of indemnity.
 - (c) the Customer will not without consent in writing of the Seller (the Seller will not unreasonably withhold consent), cause, permit, or suffer to happen any of the following events:
 - (i) the removal, replacement or retirement of the Customer as trustee of the Trust;
 - (ii) any alteration to or variation of the terms of the Trust;
 - (iii) any advancement or distribution of capital of the Trust; or
 - (iv) any resettlement of the trust property.

23. General

- 23.1 The failure by either party to enforce any provision of these terms and conditions shall not be treated as a waiver of that provision, nor shall it affect that party's right to subsequently enforce that provision. If any provision of these terms and conditions shall be invalid, void, illegal or unenforceable the validity, existence, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected, prejudiced or impaired.
- 23.2 These terms and conditions and any contract to which they apply shall be governed by the laws of New Zealand and are subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of New Plymouth.
- 23.3 The Seller shall be under no liability whatsoever to the Customer for any indirect and/or consequential loss and/or expense (including loss of profit) suffered by the Customer arising out of a breach by the Seller of these terms and conditions (alternatively the Seller's liability shall be limited to damages which under no circumstances shall exceed the Price of the Goods).
- 23.4 The Seller may licence and/or assign all or any part of its rights and/or obligations under this contract without the Customer's consent.
- 23.5 The Customer cannot licence or assign without the written approval of the Seller.
- 23.6 The Customer agrees that the Seller may amend these terms and conditions by notifying the Customer in writing. These changes shall be deemed to take effect from the date on which the Customer accepts such changes, or otherwise at such time as the Customer makes a further request for the Seller to provide Goods to the Customer.
- 23.7 Neither party shall be liable for any default due to any act of God, war, terrorism, strike, lock-out, industrial action, fire, flood, storm or other event beyond the reasonable control of either party.
- 23.8 Both parties warrant that they have the power to enter into this contract and have obtained all necessary authorisations to allow them to do so, they are not insolvent and that this contract creates binding and valid legal obligations on them.