

Intermediary Agreement

Terms of Engagement with a Limited Company Contractor who has not Opted Out of the Conduct Regulations (Inside IR35 and under SDC)

THE PARTIES

- (1) [[CANDIDATE.LTD.COMPANY]] Limited (registered company no. [[CANDIDATE.LTD.COMPANY.NO]]) of [[CANDIDATE.LTD.COMPANY.ADDRESS.FLAT]] (“**the Intermediary**”).
- (2) Blueberry Creative Consultants Limited (registered company no. 04379194) of 10 Redan House, Redan Place, London, W2 4SA. (“**the Employment Business**”).

RECITALS

- (A) The Intermediary carries on the business of the provision of contractor services and has agreed to provide the services (“**the Intermediary Services**”) specified in the relevant Assignment Details Form.
- (B) The Employment Business has requested the Intermediary and the Intermediary has agreed with the Employment Business, to supply the Intermediary Services to the Hirer on the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement.

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1. In this Agreement the following definitions apply:

- “**Agency Worker**” means such of the Intermediary’s employees, workers, officers or representatives supplied to provide the Intermediary Services;
- “**Assignment**” means the Intermediary Services to be performed by the Agency Worker for a period of time during which the Intermediary is supplied by the Employment Business to provide the Intermediary Services to the Hirer;
- “**Assignment Details Form**” means written confirmation of the Assignment details set out in clause 6.2;
- “**AWR**” means the Agency Workers Regulations 2010;
- “**AWR Regulation 10 Contract of Employment**” means a permanent contract of employment between the Intermediary and the Agency Worker that satisfies the requirements of Regulation 10 of the AWR;
- “**Calendar Week**” means any period of seven days starting with the same day as the first day of the First Assignment;
- “**Companies Acts**” means the Companies Acts 1985, 1989 and 2006;
- “**Conduct Regulations**” means the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses Regulations 2003;
- “**Confidential Information**” shall mean any and all confidential commercial, financial, marketing, technical or other information or data of whatever nature relating to the Hirer or Employment Business or their business or affairs (including but not limited to this Agreement, data, records, reports, agreements, software, programs, specifications, know-how, trade secrets and other information concerning the Assignment) in any form or medium whether disclosed or granted access to, whether in writing, orally or by any other means, provided to the Intermediary or any third party in relation to the Assignment by the Hirer or the Employment Business or by a third party on behalf of the Hirer whether before or after the date of this Agreement together with any reproductions of such information in any form or medium or any part(s) of such information;
- “**Control**” means (a) the legal or beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the issued share capital or similar right of ownership; or (b) the power to direct or cause the direction of the affairs and/or general management of the company, partnership, statutory body or other entity in question, whether through the ownership of voting capital, by contract or otherwise, and “Controls” and “Controlled” shall be construed accordingly;
- “**Data Protection Laws**” means the Data Protection Act 1998 or any applicable statutory or regulatory provisions in force from time to time relating to the protection and transfer of personal data;
- “**Deductions**” means any deductions which the Employment Business may be required by law to make from the Deemed Direct Payment and in particular in respect of PAYE tax and Class 1 National Insurance Contributions;
- “**Deemed Direct Payment**” means the sum calculated by Employment Business in accordance with Section 61Q ITEPA;
- “**Engagement**” means the engagement (including the Intermediary’s and/ or the Agency Worker’s acceptance of the Hirer’s offer), employment or use of the Intermediary and/or any Agency Worker by the Hirer or by any third party to whom the Intermediary and/or any Agency Worker have been introduced by the Hirer, directly or indirectly, on a permanent or temporary basis, whether under a contract of service or for services, an agency, license, franchise or partnership arrangement, or any other engagement, and “Engage”, “Engages” and “Engaged” shall be construed accordingly;
- “**First Assignment**” means:
- (a) the relevant Assignment; or
- (b) if, prior to the relevant Assignment:
- i. the Agency Worker has worked in any assignment in the same role with the relevant Hirer as the role in which the Agency Worker works in the relevant Assignment; and
- ii. the relevant Qualifying Period commenced in any such assignment,
- that assignment (an assignment being (for the purpose of this defined term) a period of time during which the Agency Worker is supplied by one or more Temporary Work Agencies to the relevant Hirer to work temporarily for and under the supervision and direction of the relevant Hirer);
- “**FOIA**” means the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
- “**Hirer**” means the person, firm or corporate body together with any subsidiary or associated person, firm or corporate body (as the case may be) to whom the Intermediary is supplied or Introduced requiring the Intermediary Services;
- “**Hirer’s Group**” means (a) any individual, company, partnership, statutory body or other entity which from time to time Controls the Hirer, including (but not limited to) as a holding company as defined in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006; and (b) any company, partnership, statutory body or other entity which from time to time is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Hirer, including (but not limited to) as a subsidiary or holding company as defined in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006;
- “**Inside IR35**” means an Assignment which meets the requirements of Section 61M ITEPA;
- “**Intermediary Fees**” means the fees payable to the Intermediary for the provision of the Intermediary Services, as set out in the relevant Assignment Details Form;
- “**Intermediaries Legislation**” means sections 48 – 61 ITEPA;
- “**ITEPA**” means the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003;
- “**IR35 Status Decision**” means the Hirer’s decision on the application of the Intermediaries Legislation to the Assignment in accordance with Section 61T ITEPA, to be provided in writing to the Employment Business;
- “**Losses**” means all losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses, fines, penalties or interest whether direct, indirect, special or consequential (including, without limitation, any economic loss or other loss of profits, business or goodwill, management time and reasonable legal fees) and charges, including such items arising out of or resulting from actions, proceedings, claims and demands;
- “**Minimum Rate**” means [[RATE.PAY]] being the minimum rate of pay that the Employment Business reasonably expects to achieve, for all hours worked by the Intermediary;
- “**MSC Legislation**” means Chapter 9 of Part 2 of ITEPA;
- “**Net Pay**” means the Deemed Direct Payment minus the Deductions;
- “**NICs Legislation**” means legislation regarding the deduction and payment of national insurance contributions including in particular the Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) Regulations 1978 and the Social Security Contributions (Intermediaries) Regulations 2000;
- “**Outside IR35**” means an Assignment which does not meet the requirements of Section 61M ITEPA;
- “**Public Authority**” means (a) as defined in the FOIA and (b) as further defined in Section 61L ITEPA;
- “**Period of Extended Hire**” means any additional period that the Hirer wishes the Intermediary to be supplied for beyond the duration of the original assignment or series of assignments as an alternative to paying a Transfer Fee;
- “**Qualifying Period**” means 12 continuous Calendar Weeks during the whole or part of which the Agency Worker is supplied by one or more Temporary Work Agencies to the relevant Hirer to work temporarily for and under the supervision and direction of the relevant Hirer in the same role, and as further defined in the Schedule to this Agreement;
- “**Relevant Period**” means whichever ends the later of (a) the period of 8 weeks commencing on the day after the last day on which the Intermediary worked for the Hirer having been supplied by the Employment Business; or (b) the period of 14 weeks commencing on the first day on which the Intermediary worked for the Hirer having been supplied by Employment Business; or 14 weeks from the first day of the most recent Assignment where there has been a break of more than 6 weeks (42 days) since any previous assignment;
- “**Relevant Terms and Conditions**” means terms and conditions relating to:
- (a) pay;
- (b) the duration of working time;
- (c) night work;

- (d) rest periods;
- (e) rest breaks; and
- (f) annual leave

that are ordinarily included in the contracts of employees or workers (as appropriate) of the Hirer whether by collective agreement or otherwise and including (for the avoidance of doubt and without limitation) such terms and any basic working and employment conditions that have become contractual by virtue of custom and practice, including copies of all relevant documentation;

- “**Reporting Requirements**” means the requirements of the Income Tax (Pay as You Earn) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2015;
- “**Specified Intermediary**” means the party required to submit the report to HMRC in compliance with the Reporting Requirements;
- “**Tax and NICs Information**” means the Agency Worker’s national insurance number and written confirmation from HMRC of his/ her current tax code;
- “**Temporary Work Agency**” means as defined in the Schedule to this Agreement;
- “**Transfer Fee**” means a fee payable by the Hirer to the Employment Business if the Hirer or any third party wishes to Engage the Intermediary, as permitted by Regulation 10 of the Conduct Regulations;

“**Transparency Regulations**” means the Modern Slavery Act 2015 (Transparency in Supply Chains) Regulations 2015;

“**Type of Work**” means [[JOB.TYPES]]; and

“**WTR**” means the Working Time Regulations 1998.

- 1.2. Unless the context requires otherwise references to the singular include the plural and references to the masculine include the feminine and vice versa.
- 1.3. The headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience only and do not affect their interpretation.
- 1.4. Any reference, express or implied, to an enactment includes a reference to that enactment as from time to time amended, modified, extended, re-enacted, replaced or applied by or under any other enactment (whether before or after the date of this Agreement) and all subordinate legislation made (before or after this Agreement) under it from time to time.

2. THE AGREEMENT

- 2.1. This Agreement together with the attached Schedule and any applicable Assignment Details Form constitutes the entire agreement (“**the Agreement**”) between the Employment Business and the Intermediary for the supply of the Intermediary Services to the Hirer and shall govern all Assignments undertaken by the Intermediary. However no contract shall exist between the Employment Business and the Intermediary between Assignments. This Agreement shall prevail over any terms put forward by the Intermediary.
- 2.2. During an Assignment the Intermediary will be engaged on a contract for services by the Employment Business on the terms set out in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt this Agreement shall not be construed as a contract of employment between any Agency Worker or any representative of the Intermediary supplied to carry out the Assignment and either the Employment Business or the Hirer, and any of the liabilities of an employer arising out of the Assignment shall be the liabilities of the Intermediary.
- 2.3. No variation or alteration to this Agreement shall be valid unless the details of such variation are agreed between the Employment Business and the Intermediary and set out in writing and a copy of the varied terms is given to the Intermediary no later than 5 business days following the day on which the variation was made stating the date on or after which such varied terms shall apply.
- 2.4. The Employment Business shall act as an employment business (as defined in Section 13(3) of the Employment Agencies Act 1973 (as amended) when introducing or supplying the Intermediary for Assignments with its Hirers.

3. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EMPLOYMENT BUSINESS AND THE INTERMEDIARY AND BETWEEN THE HIRER AND THE INTERMEDIARY

- 3.1. The Employment Business will endeavour to obtain suitable Assignments for the Intermediary performing the agreed Type of Work. The Intermediary shall not be obliged to accept an Assignment offered by the Employment Business.
- 3.2. The Intermediary acknowledges that the nature of temporary work means that there may be periods when no suitable work is available and agrees that:
 - 3.2.1. suitability of the work to be offered shall be determined solely by the Employment Business;
 - 3.2.2. the Employment Business shall incur no liability to the Intermediary (or an Agency Worker) should it fail to offer opportunities to work to the Intermediary.
- 3.3. The Intermediary acknowledges to the Employment Business that the Hirer is a Public Authority. The Intermediary also acknowledges that the Hirer’s IR35 Status Decision is that the Assignment is an Inside IR35 Assignment. Accordingly, the Intermediary acknowledges that the Employment Business must calculate the Deemed Direct Payment from the Intermediary Fees, make the appropriate Deductions from the Deemed Direct Payment and account for the same to HMRC.
- 3.4. Subject to clause 3.2 the Intermediary acknowledges to the Employment Business that its services are supplied to the Employment Business as an independent contractor and that accordingly the responsibility of complying with all other statutory and legal requirements relating to the Agency Worker shall fall upon and be discharged wholly and exclusively by the Intermediary.
- 3.5. Notwithstanding the Employment Business’s obligation to make the Deductions (as set out in clause 3.3), nothing in this Agreement shall render any Agency Worker an employee or worker of either the Employment Business or the Hirer. The Intermediary shall ensure that the Agency Worker does not hold him/herself out as an employee or worker of either the Employment Business or the Hirer. In the event that any person should seek to establish any liability or obligation upon the Employment Business on the grounds that the Agency Worker is an employee/employees or worker/workers of the Employment Business or the Hirer, the Intermediary shall upon demand indemnify the Employment Business and keep it indemnified in respect of any such liability or obligation and any related Losses which the Employment Business or Hirer shall incur.
- 3.6. If before or during an Assignment or during the Relevant Period or within 12 months from the end of the last Assignment the Hirer wishes to Engage the Intermediary or any Agency Worker directly or through another employment business, the Intermediary acknowledges that the Employment Business will be entitled either to charge the Hirer a Transfer Fee or to agree to a Period of Extended Hire with the Hirer at the end of which the Intermediary or the Agency Worker (as appropriate) may be Engaged directly by the Hirer or through another employment business without further charge to the Hirer. In addition the Employment Business will be entitled to charge a Transfer Fee to the Hirer if the Hirer introduces the Intermediary or any Agency Worker to a third party (other than another employment business) who subsequently Engages the Intermediary or any Agency Worker before or during an Assignment or within the Relevant Period or within 12 months from the end of the last Assignment.
- 3.7. If the Agency Worker has completed the Qualifying Period on the start date of the relevant Assignment or following completion of the Qualifying Period during the relevant Assignment, and if the Agency Worker is entitled to any terms and conditions relating to the duration of working time, night work, rest periods, rest breaks and/or annual leave under the AWR which are different and preferential to rights and entitlements relating to the same under the WTR, any such terms and conditions will be as set out in the relevant Assignment Details Form or any variation to the relevant Assignment Details Form (as appropriate) and the Intermediary will give the Agency Worker any such entitlements.
- 3.8. As a Temporary Work Agency, the Intermediary will notify the Employment Business as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the first Assignment under this Agreement if the Agency Worker has an AWR Regulation 10 Contract of Employment and shall provide a copy of that contract on request from the Employment Business. The Intermediary will also notify the Employment Business immediately if and when any such contract is terminated.
- 3.9. As a Temporary Work Agency, the Intermediary will comply with the AWR in all relevant respects.

4. WARRANTIES PROVIDED BY THE INTERMEDIARY

- 4.1. The Intermediary warrants to the Employment Business that:
 - 4.1.1. by entering into and performing its obligations under this Agreement it will not be in breach of any obligation which it owes to any third party;
 - 4.1.2. the Agency Worker has the necessary skills and qualifications to provide the Intermediary Services;
 - 4.1.3. the Intermediary and the Agency Worker providing the Intermediary Services have not opted out of the Conduct Regulations and that the Intermediary will only supply Agency Workers to perform the Intermediary Services who have not opted out of the Conduct Regulations;
 - 4.1.4. the Agency Worker meets one of the conditions of liability as set out in Sections 51 to 53 ITEPA and will continue to meet such conditions of liability for the duration of the Assignment;
 - 4.1.5. the Intermediary is incorporated in the UK;
 - 4.1.6. the Intermediary will pay the Agency Worker only into a nominated UK bank account;
 - 4.1.7. all information the Intermediary provides to the Employment Business in order to comply with the Reporting Requirements and clauses 5.1.11 to 5.1.17 inclusive is complete and accurate.
- 4.2. The Intermediary warrants to the Employment Business that the Agency Worker has consented in writing to the Employment Business, any other intermediary involved in supplying the services of the Intermediary and the Agency Worker to the Hirer (now or in the future) and the Hirer:
 - 4.2.1. processing the Agency Worker’s personal data for purposes connected with the provision of the Intermediary Services and pursuant to this Agreement; and
 - 4.2.2. exporting and/or processing the Agency Worker’s personal data in jurisdictions outside the European Economic Area for purposes connected with the performance of this Agreement.

5. THE INTERMEDIARY’S OBLIGATIONS

- 5.1. The Intermediary agrees on its own part and on behalf of the Agency Worker if it accepts any Assignment offered by the Employment Business:
 - 5.1.1. to co-operate with the Hirer’s reasonable instructions and accept the direction of any responsible person in the Hirer’s organisation within the scope of the Assignment;

- 5.1.2. to observe any relevant rules and regulations of the Hirer's establishment or the premises where the Intermediary Services are being performed to which attention has been drawn or which the Intermediary might reasonably be expected to ascertain; including but not limited to those relating to health and safety to the extent that they are reasonably applicable to the Intermediary and the Agency Worker;
- 5.1.3. to take all reasonable steps to safeguard its own safety, the safety of the Agency Worker and the safety of any other person who may be affected by the actions of the Agency Worker whilst on the Assignment;
- 5.1.4. to comply with the Data Protection Laws in respect of any personal data which the Intermediary is granted access to for the purpose of or by reason of the performance of the Intermediary Services;
- 5.1.5. not at any time to divulge to any person, nor use for its own or any other person's benefit, any Confidential Information relating to the Hirer's or the Employment Business's employees, business affairs, transactions or finances;
- 5.1.6. not to engage in any conduct detrimental to the interests of the Employment Business and/or the Hirer which includes any conduct which could bring the Employment Business and/or the Hirer into disrepute and/or which results in the loss of custom or business by either the Employment Business or the Hirer;
- 5.1.7. not to commit any act or omission constituting unlawful discrimination against or harassment of any member of the Employment Business's or the Hirer's staff;
- 5.1.8. not to sub-contract or assign to any third party any of the Intermediary Services which it is required to perform under any Assignment;
- 5.1.9. to provide the Hirer and/or the Employment Business with any progress reports as may be requested from time to time;
- 5.1.10. to notify the Employment Business forthwith in writing if it should become insolvent, or if any of the arrangements set out in clauses 9.2.5 to 9.2.7 apply;
- 5.1.11. to provide the Agency Worker's Tax and NICs Information to the Employment Business prior to the commencement of the Assignment. **The Agency Worker acknowledges that a delay in providing his/her tax and NICs Information may delay the Employment Business paying the Net Pay to the Intermediary;**
- 5.1.12. to comply with all relevant legal obligations, including but not limited to VAT legislation and the Companies Acts;
- 5.1.13. to provide the Employment Business with all such information it may require to comply with any contractual obligations the Employment Business has to provide information to the Specified Intermediary (where it is a party other than the Employment Business) to enable the Specified Intermediary to comply with its Reporting Requirements;
- 5.1.14. to notify the Employment Business in writing immediately if it becomes subject to a HMRC investigation or compliance activity including but not limited to any of ITEPA, the NICs legislation or VAT legislation;
- 5.1.15. to provide the Employment Business with a copy of the terms under which the Intermediary has engaged the Agency Worker;
- 5.1.16. to provide the Employment Business on request, with any information required to comply with Transparency Regulations 2015; and
- 5.1.17. to update the Employment Business promptly where any of the information required under clauses 5.1.11 to 5.1.16 inclusive changes.
- 5.1.18. unless otherwise instructed by the Employment Business, complete and submit to a person nominated by the Employment Business signed time-sheets, in writing or electronic format, confirming when the Intermediary Services were performed within 5 working days of the end of the week in which the Intermediary Services were performed; and
- 5.1.19. receive self billed invoices from the Employment Business and provide any appropriate supporting documents to the Employment Business in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- 5.2. As soon as possible prior to the commencement of each Assignment and during each Assignment (as appropriate) and at any time at the Employment Business's request, the Intermediary undertakes to:
- 5.2.1. inform the Employment Business of any Calendar Weeks in the 24 months immediately preceding the start of the relevant Assignment and/or during the relevant Assignment in which the Agency Worker has worked in the same or a similar role with the relevant Hirer via any third party and which the Intermediary and/or the Agency Worker believes count or may count toward the Qualifying Period; and
- 5.2.2. provide the Employment Business with all the details of such work, including (without limitation) details of where, when and the period(s) during which such work was undertaken and any other details requested by the Employment Business; and
- 5.2.3. inform the Employment Business if, in the 24 months immediately preceding the start of the relevant Assignment, the Agency Worker has:
- 5.2.3.1. completed two or more assignments with the Hirer;
- 5.2.3.2. completed at least one assignment with the Hirer and one or more earlier assignments with any member of the Hirer's Group; and/or
- 5.2.3.3. worked in more than two roles during an assignment with the Hirer and on at least two occasions worked in a role that was not the same role as the previous role.
- 5.3. If the Agency Worker is unable for any reason to provide the Intermediary Services during the course of an Assignment, the Intermediary should inform the Employment Business as soon as possible, but in any event no later than 1 hour after the commencement of the Assignment or shift. In the event that it is not possible to inform the Employment Business within these timescales, the Intermediary should alternatively inform the Hirer and then the Employment Business as soon as possible.
- 5.4. If, either before or during the course of an Assignment, the Intermediary becomes aware of any reason why it or the Agency Worker supplied to perform the Intermediary Services may not be suitable for an Assignment, the Intermediary shall notify the Employment Business without delay.
- 5.5. The Intermediary acknowledges that any breach of its obligations set out in clause 4 (Warranties provided by the Intermediary) and this clause 5 (The Intermediary's Obligations) may cause the Employment Business to suffer Losses and that the Employment Business reserves the right to recover such Losses from the Intermediary.

6. THE EMPLOYMENT BUSINESS'S OBLIGATIONS

- 6.1. Throughout the term of this Agreement the Employment Business will pay the Intermediary at least the Minimum Rate (subject to Deductions) in respect of the provision of the Intermediary Services.
- 6.2. At the same time as an Assignment is offered to the Intermediary the Employment Business shall provide the Intermediary with an Assignment Details Form setting out the following:
- 6.2.1. the identity of the Hirer, and if applicable the nature of their business;
- 6.2.2. the date the Assignment is to commence and the duration or likely duration of the Assignment;
- 6.2.3. the Type of Work, location and hours during which the Intermediary would be required to provide the Intermediary Services;
- 6.2.4. the Intermediary Fees and any expenses payable by or to the Intermediary;
- 6.2.5. any risks to health and safety known to the Hirer in relation to the Assignment and the steps the Hirer has taken to prevent or control such risks; and
- 6.2.6. what experience, training, qualifications and any authorisation required by law or a professional body the Hirer considers necessary or which are required by law to work in the Assignment.
- 6.3. Where such information is not given in paper form or by electronic means it shall be confirmed by such means by the end of the third business day (excluding Saturday, Sunday and any public or bank holiday) following save where:
- 6.3.1. the Intermediary is being offered an Assignment in the same position as one in which the Intermediary had previously been supplied within the previous 5 business days and such information has already been given to the Intermediary; or
- 6.3.2. subject to clause 6.4, the Assignment is intended to last for 5 consecutive business days or less and such information has previously been given to the Intermediary and remains unchanged, the Employment Business needs only to provide written confirmation of the identity of the Hirer and the likely duration of the Assignment.
- 6.4. Where the provisions of clause 6.3.2 are met but the Assignment extends beyond the intended 5 consecutive business day period, the Employment Business shall provide such information set out in clause 6.2 to the Intermediary in paper or electronic form within 8 days of the start of the Assignment.

7. TIMESHEETS AND INVOICING

- 7.1. Upon completion of the Assignment or within 5 days of the Invoice Period specified in the Assignment Details Form the Intermediary shall submit and confirm, electronically via InTime, the time spent by the Intermediary in providing the Intermediary Services. A self billed invoice will be provided by the Employment Business to the Intermediary and will be used to calculate the Deemed Direct Payment in accordance with clause 3.3.
- 7.2. If the Intermediary fails to submit and confirm times when the Intermediary Services were performed within 5 days of the end of each Invoice Period, the Employment Business shall be authorised to submit and confirm hours on behalf of the Intermediary in connection with any Assignment, for which the Employment Business shall charge an administration fee of £5 plus VAT per timesheet (which fee shall be identified on the self billed invoice as an 'Invoice Fee' and which shall be deducted from the Intermediary Fee due to the Intermediary for that Assignment).
- 7.3. In the event of a self billed invoice being submitted by the Employment Business in accordance with clause 7.2 such timesheets and self billed invoices shall be deemed to be accepted by the Intermediary unless the Intermediary notifies the Employment Business of any problem or error with such invoice within 10 working days of the date such invoice is sent to the Intermediary.
- 7.4. Subject to clause 7.5 the Employment Business shall pay the Intermediary for all hours worked regardless of whether the Employment Business has received payment from the Hirer for those hours.
- 7.5. The Employment Business shall make no payment to the Intermediary for work not carried out.

8. PAYING THE INTERMEDIARY

- 8.1. Subject to the receipt of the Intermediary's invoice and signed timesheet in accordance with clause 7 above, and the Intermediary's compliance with this Agreement, the Employment Business will pay the Intermediary the Net Pay within 45 days of receipt of the Intermediary's invoice or upon receipt of funds from the Hirer whichever is the sooner. The Employment Business shall pay to the Intermediary the Intermediary Fees which shall be notified on a per Assignment basis.
- 8.2. Subject to clause 8.9, if and when the Agency Worker completes the Qualifying Period the Employment Business reserves the right to vary the Intermediary Fees if there is any variation in the Relevant Terms and Conditions. Any such variation will be as set out in a variation to the relevant Assignment Details Form and the Intermediary shall ensure that, if at any time the Employment Business varies the Intermediary Fees in accordance with this clause 8.2, the Intermediary will, at the same time, make the same variations to the corresponding payments the Intermediary makes to the Agency Worker.
- 8.3. Under the AWR, on completion of the Qualifying Period the Agency Worker may be entitled to paid annual leave (save where the Intermediary is a Temporary Work Agency and it is agreed in the relevant Assignment Details Form that the Agency Worker is employed on an AWR Regulation 10 Contract of Employment) and/or unpaid annual leave in addition to the Agency Worker's entitlement to paid annual leave under the WTR provided by the Intermediary. If this is the case, any such entitlement(s), the date from which any such entitlement(s) will commence and how any payment for such entitlement accrues in respect of the relevant Assignment will be as set out in the relevant Assignment Details Form or any variation to the relevant Assignment Details Form and the Intermediary will pass this information on to the Agency Worker and, if the Intermediary receives any such payment(s) for leave from the Employment Business, the Intermediary will make the same payment(s) to the Agency Worker.
- 8.4. Subject to clause 8.9, on completion of the Qualifying Period the Agency Worker may be entitled to receive a bonus. The Intermediary will, and will procure that the Agency Worker will, comply with any requirements of the Employment Business and/or the Hirer relating to the assessment of the Agency Worker's performance for the purpose of determining whether or not the Agency Worker is entitled to a bonus and the amount of any such bonus. If, subject to satisfying the relevant criteria, the Agency Worker is entitled to receive a bonus, the Employment Business will pay the bonus to the Intermediary subject to the appropriate Deductions and the Intermediary will pay the bonus to the Agency Worker.
- 8.5. All payments due from the Employment Business will be made to the Intermediary and not to any third party or the Agency Worker.
- 8.6. The Employment Business shall not be obliged to pay the Intermediary for any periods during which the Intermediary Services are not provided, whether this is due to the Intermediary being unable to provide the Intermediary Services or where the Hirer does not require the Intermediary Services or otherwise in respect of annual leave (save as where may be the case in accordance with clause 8.3), illness or absence of the Agency Worker.
- 8.7. The Employment Business will pay the Net Pay into a UK business bank account only.
- 8.8. The Intermediary shall bear the cost of any training which the Agency Worker may require in order to perform the Intermediary Services.
- 8.9. Clauses 8.2 to 8.4, inclusive, will not apply where the Agency Worker is employed on an AWR Regulation 10 Contract of Employment.

9. TERM AND TERMINATION

- 9.1. Either of the Employment Business or the Intermediary may terminate the Assignment by giving the other party in writing the period of notice specified in the relevant Assignment Details Form.
- 9.2. Notwithstanding clauses 9.1 and 9.3 of this Agreement, where required by the Hirer, the Employment Business may without notice and without liability instruct the Intermediary to cease work on an Assignment at any time, where:
- 9.2.1. the Intermediary has acted in breach of the rules and regulations applicable to third parties providing services to the Hirer or to the Hirer's own staff; or
- 9.2.2. the Intermediary has committed any serious or persistent breach of any of its obligations under this Agreement; or
- 9.2.3. the Hirer reasonably believes that the Intermediary has not observed any condition of confidentiality from time to time; or
- 9.2.4. the Hirer is dissatisfied with the Intermediary's or the Agency Worker's provision of the Intermediary Services and has terminated the Assignment; or
- 9.2.5. either the Hirer or the Intermediary is dissolved, ceases to conduct all (or substantially all) of its business, is or becomes unable to pay its debts as they fall due, is or becomes insolvent or is declared insolvent, or convenes a meeting or makes or proposes to make any arrangement or composition with its creditors; or
- 9.2.6. an administrator, administrative receiver, liquidator, receiver, trustee, manager or similar is appointed over any of the assets of the Hirer or the Intermediary; or
- 9.2.7. an order is made for the winding up of the Hirer or the Intermediary, or where the Hirer or the Intermediary passes a resolution for its winding up (other than for the purpose of a solvent company reorganisation or amalgamation where the resulting entity will assume all the obligations of the other party under this Agreement); or
- 9.2.8. the Intermediary or the Agency Worker is suspected of any fraud, dishonesty or serious misconduct; or
- 9.2.9. the Intermediary or the Agency Worker is unable to perform the Intermediary Services for 2 days or more; or
- 9.2.10. the Intermediary fails to provide the Agency Worker's Tax and NICs Information; or
- 9.2.11. the Hirer provides or seeks to provide, a document which incorrectly states that Assignment is an Inside IR35 assignment; or
- 9.2.12. the circumstances of the Assignment change such that the Assignment ceases to be an Inside IR35 Assignment and becomes an Outside IR35 Assignment.
- 9.2.13. the Intermediary fails to comply with clause 13.3.
- 9.3. The Intermediary acknowledges that the continuation of an Assignment is subject to and conditioned by the continuation of the contract entered into between the Employment Business and the Hirer. In the event that the contract between the Employment Business and the Hirer is terminated for any reason the Assignment shall cease with immediate effect without liability to the Intermediary.
- 9.4. Failure by the Intermediary to give notice of termination as required in the Assignment Details Form shall constitute a breach of contract and shall entitle the Employment Business to claim damages from the Intermediary for any resulting Losses suffered by the Employment Business.

10. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Intermediary acknowledges that all copyright, trademarks, patents and other intellectual property rights deriving from the Intermediary Services carried out by the Intermediary and the Agency Worker for the Hirer during the Assignment shall belong to the Hirer. Accordingly the Intermediary shall (and shall procure that the Agency Worker shall) execute all such documents and do all such acts as the Employment Business shall from time to time require in order to give effect to its rights pursuant to this clause.

11. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 11.1. In order to protect the confidentiality and trade secrets of any Hirer and the Employment Business and without prejudice to every other duty to keep secret all information given to it or gained in confidence the Intermediary agrees on its own part and on behalf of the Agency Worker as follows:
- 11.1.1. not at any time whether during or after an Assignment (unless expressly so authorised by the Hirer or the Employment Business as a necessary part of the performance of its duties) to disclose to any person or to make use of any of the trade secrets or the Confidential Information of the Hirer or the Employment Business with the exception of information already in the public domain;
- 11.1.2. to deliver up to the Hirer or the Employment Business (as directed) at the end of each Assignment all documents and other materials belonging to the Hirer (and all copies) which are in its possession including documents and other materials created by it or the Agency Worker during the course of the Assignment; and
- 11.1.3. not at any time to make any copy, abstract, summary or précis of the whole or any part of any document or other material belonging to the Hirer except when required to do so in the course of its duties under an Assignment in which event any such item shall belong to the Hirer or the Employment Business as appropriate.

12. COMPUTER EQUIPMENT WARRANTY

The Intermediary shall ensure that any computer equipment and associated software that it provides to the Agency Worker for the purpose of providing the Intermediary Services contains anti-virus protection with the latest released upgrade from time to time.

13. CONTRACT MONITORING AND AUDITS

- 13.1. The Employment Business reserves the right to audit the Intermediary on a quarterly basis to ensure compliance with this Agreement and all statutory requirements in relation to all Agency Workers supplied to provide the Intermediary Services.
- 13.2. To assist the Employment Business in its audit the Intermediary will:
- 13.2.1. maintain such records as are necessary to comply with this Agreement and all statutory requirements in relation to all Agency Workers supplied to provide the Intermediary Services, and will provide copies of the same to the Employment Business on request;
- 13.2.2. provide the Employment Business with access to its premises and original records relating to all Agency Workers supplied to provide the Intermediary Services.
- 13.3. If having conducted an audit, the Employment Business requires the Intermediary to take any action the Intermediary shall take such action within the time period specified by the Employment Business. If the Intermediary fails to take such action or to rectify the matter to the Employment Business's satisfaction, the Employment Business may terminate this Agreement in accordance with clause 9.

14. LIABILITY

- 14.1. The Intermediary shall:
- 14.1.1. be liable for any Losses or injury to any party resulting from the deliberate and/or negligent acts or omissions of the Intermediary or Agency Worker during an Assignment; and

14.1.2. obtain adequate employer's liability insurance, public liability insurance, professional indemnity insurance and any other suitable policies of insurance in respect of the Intermediary or the Agency Worker. The Intermediary shall maintain such insurances for the duration of the Assignment and following termination of the Assignment for the period specified. The Intermediary shall make a copy of the policy available to the Employment Business upon request.

14.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the Employment Business will not be liable to any of the Intermediary or the Intermediary Staff for any Losses they may incur as a result of the Hirer's IR35 Status Decision.

15. INDEMNITY

Save to the extent any such Losses result solely from any act or omission of the Employment Business or the Hirer, the Intermediary shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Employment Business against any Losses suffered or incurred by the Employment Business by reason of any proceedings, claims or demands by any third party.

16. SEVERABILITY

If any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be determined by any competent authority to be unenforceable to any extent, such provision shall, to that extent, be severed from the remaining terms, which shall continue to be valid to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws.

17. NOTICES

All notices which are required to be given in accordance with this Agreement shall be in writing and may be delivered personally or by first class prepaid post to the registered office of the party upon whom the notice is to be served or any other address that the party has notified the other party in writing, by email or facsimile transmission. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been served: if by hand when delivered, if by first class post 48 hours following posting and if by email or facsimile transmission, when that email or facsimile is sent.

18. RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES

18.1. Save as set out in clause 18.2, none of the provisions of this Agreement is intended to be for the benefit of or enforceable by third parties and the operation of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 is excluded.

18.2. The Hirer shall be entitled to rely on and enforce the indemnities in clause given by the Intermediary in favour of the Hirer, notwithstanding that the Hirer is not a party to this Agreement.

19. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

This Agreement is governed by the law of England & Wales and is subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of England & Wales.

I am authorised to sign this Agreement for and on behalf of the Intermediary.

Signed for and on behalf of [[CANDIDATE.LTD.COMPANY]] **Ltd. (the Intermediary)**

[print name here]

Date

Schedule: "Qualifying Period" and "Temporary Work Agency"

For the purpose of the definition of "Qualifying Period" in clause 1.1 of this Agreement, when calculating whether any weeks completed with the Hirer count as continuous towards the Qualifying Period, where:

- (a) the Agency Worker has started working during an assignment and there is a break, either between assignments or during an assignment, when the Agency Worker is not working;
- (b) the break is:
 - (i) for any reason and not more than six Calendar Weeks;
 - (ii) wholly due to the fact that the Agency Worker is incapable of working in consequence of sickness or injury and the break is 28 Calendar Weeks or less; paragraph (iii) does not apply; and, if required to do so by the Employment Business, the Agency Worker has provided such written medical evidence as may reasonably be required;
 - (iii) related to pregnancy, childbirth or maternity and is at a time in a protected period, being a period beginning at the start of the pregnancy and ending at the end of the 26 weeks beginning with childbirth (being the birth of a living child or the birth of a child whether living or dead after 24 weeks of pregnancy) or, if earlier, when the Agency Worker returns to work;
 - (iv) wholly for the purpose of taking time off or leave, whether statutory or contractual, to which the Agency Worker is otherwise entitled which is:
 - i. ordinary, compulsory or additional maternity leave;
 - ii. ordinary or additional adoption leave;
 - iii. ordinary or additional paternity leave;
 - iv. time off or other leave not listed in paragraphs (iv)i, ii, or iii above; or
 - v. for more than one of the reasons listed in paragraphs (iv)i, ii, iii to iv above;
 - (v) wholly due to the fact that the Agency Worker is required to attend at any place in pursuance to being summoned for service as a juror and the break is 28 Calendar Weeks or less;
 - (vi) wholly due to a temporary cessation in the Hirer's requirement for any worker to be present at the establishment and work in a particular role for a pre-determined period of time according to the established custom and practices of the Hirer;
 - (vii) wholly due to a strike, lock-out or other industrial action at the Hirer's establishment; or
 - (viii) wholly due to more than one of the reasons listed in paragraphs (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) or (vii); and
- (c) the Agency Worker returns to work in the same role with the Hirer, any weeks during which the Agency Worker worked for the Hirer before the break shall be carried forward and treated as counting towards the Qualifying Period with any weeks during which the Agency Worker works for the Hirer after the break. In addition, when calculating the number of weeks during which the Agency Worker has worked, where the Agency Worker has started working in a role during an Assignment and is unable to continue working for a reason described in paragraph (b)(iii) or (b)(iv)i, ii, or iii., for the period that is covered by one or more such reasons, the Agency Worker shall be deemed to be working in that role with the Hirer for the original intended duration or likely duration of the relevant Assignment, whichever is the longer. For the avoidance of doubt, time spent by the Agency Worker working during an assignment before 1 October 2011 does not count for the purposes of the definition of "Qualifying Period".

"Temporary Work Agency" means as defined in Regulation 4 of the AWR being a person engaged in the economic activity, public or private, whether or not operating for profit, and whether or not carrying on such activity in conjunction with others, of:

- (a) supplying individuals to work temporarily for and under the supervision and direction of hirers; or
 - (b) paying for, or receiving or forwarding payment for, the services of individuals who are supplied to work temporarily for and under the supervision and direction of hirers.
- Notwithstanding paragraph (b) of this definition a person is not a Temporary Work Agency if the person is engaged in the economic activity of paying for, or receiving or forwarding payments for, the services of individuals regardless of whether the individuals are supplied to work for hirers. For the purpose of this definition, a "hirer" means a person engaged in economic activity, public or private, whether or not operating for profit, to whom individuals are supplied, to work temporarily for and under the supervision and direction of that person.