

Agreement

Terms of Business with the Client for the supply of a self-employed consultancy who has opted out of the Conduct Regulations (outside IR35 and not under SDC)

THE PARTIES

- (1) Blueberry Creative Consultants Limited (registered company no. 04379194) of 10 Redan House, Redan Place, London, W2 4SA. (“**the Employment Business**”).
- (2) [[CLIENT]] Limited (registered company no. [[CLIENT.COMPANY.REG]]) of [[CLIENT.ADDRESS.FLAT]] (“**the Client**”) to whom the Consultancy is Introduced. For the avoidance of doubt the Client shall also include any subsidiary or associated person, firm or corporate body (as the case may be) to whom the Consultancy is Introduced.

RECITALS

- (A) The Employment Business carries on the business of sourcing and supplying consultancies to provide services to Clients of the Employment Business. The Client has instructed the Employment Business to supply a Consultancy to provide certain services, as specified in the attached schedules (“**the Schedules**”) (“**the Consultancy Services**”).
- (B) The Employment Business will Introduce a Consultancy to the Client to provide the Consultancy Services to the Client on the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement.

IT IS AGREED as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1. In this Agreement the following definitions apply:

- “Assignment”** means the Consultancy Services to be performed by the Consultancy Staff for the Client for a period of time during which the Consultancy is supplied by the Employment Business to provide the Consultancy Services to the Client;
- “AWR”** means the Agency Workers Regulations 2010;
- “Charges”** means the charges as notified to the Client at the commencement of the Assignment and which may be varied by the Employment Business from time to time during the Assignment. The charges are comprised of the Consultancy Fees, the Employment Business’ commission, and any travel, hotel or other disbursements as may have been agreed with the Client or, if there is no such agreement, such expenses as are reasonable;
- “Conduct Regulations”** means the Conduct of Employment Agencies and Employment Businesses Regulations 2003;
- “Consultancy”** means the person, firm or corporate body Introduced to the Client by the Employment Business to carry out an Assignment (and, save where otherwise indicated, includes Consultancy Staff and any third party to whom the provision of the Consultancy Services is assigned or sub-contracted with the prior approval of the Client and any officer, employee, worker or representative of any such third party);
- “Consultancy Fees”** means the fees payable to the Consultancy for the provision of the Consultancy Services;
- “Consultancy Staff”** means any officer, employee, worker or representative of the Consultancy supplied to provide the Consultancy Services (and, save where otherwise indicated, includes any officer, employee, worker or representative of any third party to whom the provision of the Consultancy Services is assigned or sub-contracted with the prior approval of the Client);
- “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;
- “Engagement”** means the engagement (including the Consultancy’s and/ or the Consultancy Staff’s acceptance of the Client’s offer), employment or use of the Consultancy’s services or the services of any Consultancy Staff, by the Client or by any third party to whom the Consultancy and/or any Consultancy Staff have been Introduced by the Client, directly or indirectly, on a permanent or temporary basis, whether under a contract of service or for services, an agency, licence, franchise or partnership arrangement, or any other engagement or through another employment business; and “Engage”, “Engages” and “Engaged” shall be construed accordingly;
- “FOIA”** means the Freedom of Information Act 2000;
- “Inside IR35”** means an Assignment which meets the provisions of Section 61M ITEPA;
- “Intermediaries Legislation”** means sections 48 – 61 ITEPA;
- “Introduction”** means (i) the passing to the Client of a curriculum vitae or information which identifies the Consultancy or Consultancy Staff or (ii) the Client’s interview of a Consultancy or Consultancy Staff (in person, by telephone or by any other means), following the Client’s instruction to the Employment Business to supply a Consultancy; or (iii) the supply of a Consultancy; and, in any case, which leads to an Engagement of that Consultancy or Consultancy Staff; and “Introduces” and “Introduced” shall be construed accordingly;
- “Introduction Fee”** means the fee payable by the Client in accordance with clause 7;
- “IR35 Status Decision”** means the Client’s decision on the application of the Intermediaries Legislation to the Assignment, such decision made in accordance with clause 3.3 and Section 61T ITEPA;
- “ITEPA”** means the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003;
- “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;
- “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 provisions of Section 61M ITEPA;
- “Public Authority”** means a public authority (a) as defined in the FOIA and (b) as further defined in Section 61L ITEPA;
- “Remuneration”** includes gross base salary or fees, guaranteed and/or anticipated bonus and commission earnings, allowances, inducement payments, the benefit of a company car and all other payments taxable, (and, where applicable, non-taxable) payable to or receivable by the Consultancy or the Consultancy Staff for services rendered to or on behalf of the Client.

1.2. Unless the context otherwise requires, 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 Schedules (“**the Agreement**”) constitutes the entire agreement between the Employment Business and the Client for the supply of the Consultancy Services by the Employment Business to the Client. This Agreement is deemed to be accepted by the Client by virtue of its request for, interview with, or Engagement of a Consultancy or the passing of any information about the Consultancy to any third party following an Introduction.

2.2. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by a director of the Employment Business this Agreement shall prevail over any terms of business or purchase conditions (or similar) put forward by the Client.

2.3. Subject to clause 6.2 no variation or alteration to this Agreement shall be valid unless the details of such variation are agreed between a director of the Employment Business and the Client and are set out in writing and a copy of the varied terms is given to the Client stating the date on or after which such varied terms shall apply.

2.4. The Client acknowledges that the Consultancy and the Consultancy Staff carrying out the Assignment have opted out of the Conduct Regulations and further that any person to whom the performance of the Consultancy Services has been assigned or sub-contracted has opted out of the Conduct Regulations and that none of the Conduct Regulations apply to any Assignments governed by this Agreement.

2.5. The Client acknowledges that the Consultancy may supply any of the Consultancy Staff to perform the Consultancy Services and where the Consultancy is unable to provide any part of the Consultancy Services for whatever reason the Consultancy shall be entitled to assign or sub-contract the performance of the Consultancy Services provided that the Employment Business and the Client are reasonably satisfied that the assignee or sub-contractor has the required skills, qualifications, resources and personnel to provide the Consultancy Services to the required standard and that the terms of any such assignment or sub-contract contain the same acknowledgements under and obligations imposed by the agreement between the Consultancy and the Employment Business. The Client shall not unreasonably withhold or delay any approval sought for the assignment or sub-contracting of the Consultancy Services.

2.6. The Client acknowledges that the Consultancy shall be permitted to determine how it will provide the Consultancy Services and will have the flexibility to determine the number of hours required and the times worked, to complete the Consultancy Services, subject to the Consultancy complying with any reasonable operational requirements of the Client. The Consultancy will be at liberty to determine the location at which it will provide the Consultancy Services, but where the Consultancy Services are undertaken at the Client’s site, the Consultancy will comply with any reasonable requirements relating to working hours, and any other operational requirements in relation to the Client’s site. Accordingly the Client

acknowledges that neither the Consultancy nor the Consultancy Staff work under (or subject to the right of) supervision, direction or control of the Client as to the manner in which they provide the Consultancy Services.

3. APPLICATION OF THE INTERMEDIARIES LEGISLATION TO THIS AGREEMENT

- 3.1. The Client confirms that it is a Public Authority.
- 3.2. The Client also confirms that the role which the Consultancy Staff will fill is not an office holder role and that the services the Consultancy Staff will provide will not be those of an office holder.
- 3.3. The Client confirms that it has assessed the Assignment as an Outside IR35 Assignment: this is the Client's IR35 Status Decision.
- 3.4. The Client will advise the Employment Business in writing immediately if any of the circumstances of the Assignment change which mean that the Assignment becomes an Inside IR35 Assignment.

4. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE EMPLOYMENT BUSINESS TO THE CLIENT

Prior to the commencement of the Assignment, or if this is not practical, upon commencement of the Assignment, the Employment Business will send to the Client the information set out in Schedule 1.

5. VERIFICATION OF EXECUTION OF THE CONSULTANCY SERVICES

- 5.1. At the end of each week of the Assignment (or at the end of the Assignment where the Assignment is for a period of less than 1 week or is completed or finished before the end of a week) the Client shall upon request by the Employment Business verify the execution of the Consultancy Services by signature of a form provided to the Client for this purpose.
- 5.2. The Client agrees that by verifying the execution of the Consultancy Services it also agrees that the Consultancy Services have been provided satisfactorily and in accordance with this Agreement. Even if the Client does not verify execution in writing, it will still be obliged to pay the Charges in respect of the work done. If the Client is dissatisfied with the work performed by the Consultancy the provisions of clause 9 below shall apply.

6. CHARGES

- 6.1. The Client agrees to pay the Charges. VAT is payable at the applicable rate on the entirety of the Charges.
- 6.2. The Employment Business reserves the right to vary the Charges agreed with the Client, by giving written notice to the Client, in order to comply with any additional liability imposed by statute or other legal requirement or entitlement.
- 6.3. The Employment Business will invoice the Client on a weekly basis. The Client will pay the Charges within 14 days of the date of the invoice.
- 6.4. The Employment Business reserves the right to charge interest under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 on invoiced amounts unpaid by the due date at the rate of 8% per annum above the base rate from time to time of the Bank of England from the due date until the date of payment.
- 6.5. The Client's obligations under this clause 6 shall be performed without any right of the Client to invoke set-off, deductions, withholdings or other similar rights.

7. PAYING THE CONSULTANCY

The Employment Business is responsible for paying the Consultancy Fees to the Consultancy.

8. INTRODUCTION FEES

- 8.1. The Client shall be liable to pay the Employment Business an Introduction Fee where the Employment Business Introduces the Consultancy to the Client and:
 - 8.1.1. the Client Engages the Consultancy or any Consultancy Staff other than through the Employment Business either during the Assignment or within a period of 12 months from the termination of the Assignment, or if there was no supply, within 12 months of the Introduction of the Consultancy by the Employment Business to the Client; or
 - 8.1.2. where the Client introduces the Consultancy to a third party and such introduction results in an Engagement of the Consultancy or any Consultancy Staff by the third party other than through the Employment Business either during the Assignment or within 12 months from the termination of the Assignment.
- 8.2. The Introduction Fee will be calculated at 20% of the Consultancy Fees payable to the Consultancy. Where the amount of the Consultancy Fees payable to the Consultancy is not known, the Introduction Fee will be calculated by multiplying the Charges by
 - (i) 320 where hourly rates have been agreed
 - (ii) 53 where daily rates have been agreed
 - (iii) 10.5 where weekly rates have been agreed
- 8.3. The Employment Business will not refund the Introduction Fee if the Engagement subsequently terminates.
- 8.4. VAT is payable in addition to any Introduction Fee due.

9. TERMINATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

- 9.1. The Assignment will terminate when the Client confirms that the Consultancy Services have been completed.
- 9.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of clause 9.1 the Client may terminate the Assignment with immediate effect by notice in writing to the Employment Business where:
 - 9.2.1. the Consultancy has acted in breach of any statutory or other reasonable rules and regulations applicable to them while providing the Consultancy Services; or
 - 9.2.2. the Client reasonably believes that the Consultancy has not observed any condition of confidentiality applicable to the Consultancy from time to time; or
 - 9.2.3. the Client reasonably considers that the Consultancy's provision of the Consultancy Services is unsatisfactory.
- 9.3. The Employment Business may terminate an Assignment with immediate effect by notice in writing if:
 - 9.3.1. the Client is in wilful or persistent breach of its obligations under this Agreement and where the breach is capable of being remedied, fails to remedy the breach within 7 days of receiving written notice from the Employment Business to do so; or
 - 9.3.2. the Client fails to pay any amount which is due to the Employment Business in full and on the date that the payment falls due; or
 - 9.3.3. the Client 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
 - 9.3.4. an administrator, administrative receiver, liquidator, receiver, trustee, manager or similar is appointed over any of the assets of the Client; or
 - 9.3.5. an order is made for the winding up of the Client, or where the Client 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
 - 9.3.6. the Client fails to provide written reasons for its IR35 Status Decision within 7 days of the date of a request for those reasons from the Employment Business; or
 - 9.3.7. the Client advises that the circumstances of the Assignment have changed so that the Assignment become an Inside IR35 Assignment; or
 - 9.3.8. the Employment Business knows or suspects that the circumstances of the Assignment have changed so that Assignment has or will become an Inside IR35 Assignment; or
 - 9.3.9. the Client or the Consultancy or the Consultancy Staff provide to the Employment Business, a document which incorrectly states that the Assignment is Outside IR35; or
 - 9.3.10. the Client fails to provide accurate and sufficient evidence that neither the Consultancy nor the Consultancy Staff work under (or subject to the right of) supervision, direction or control of any person as to the manner in which they provide the Consultancy Services; or
 - 9.3.11. the Client provides to the Employment Business, the Consultancy or the Consultancy Staff, a document which incorrectly states that the Consultancy Staff do not work under (or are not subject to) supervision, direction or control of any person as to the manner in which they provide the Consultancy Services.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA PROTECTION

All information relating to a Consultancy is confidential and where that information relates to an individual is also subject to the Data Protection Laws and is provided solely for the purpose of providing Consultancy Services to the Client. Such information must not be used for any other purpose nor divulged to any third party and the Client undertakes to abide by the provisions of the Data Protection Laws in receiving and processing the data at all times. In addition information relating to the Employment Business's business which is capable of being confidential must be kept confidential and not divulged to any third party, except information which is in the public domain.

11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

All copyright, trademarks, patents and other intellectual property rights deriving from the provision of the Consultancy Services by the Consultancy or any third party to whom the Consultancy Services are assigned or sub-contracted for the Client during the Assignment shall belong to the Client, save such rights as may be expressly owned or retained by the Consultancy and set out in Schedule 1 to this Agreement. Accordingly the Employment Business shall use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Consultancy shall (and any relevant member of the Consultancy Staff shall) execute all such documents and do all such acts in order to give effect to the Client's rights pursuant to this clause.

12. LIABILITY

12.1. Whilst reasonable efforts are made by the Employment Business to give satisfaction to the Client by ensuring reasonable standards of skills, integrity and reliability from the Consultancy and to provide the same in accordance with the Assignment details as provided by the Client, no liability is accepted by the Employment Business for any Losses arising from the failure to provide a Consultancy for completion of the Assignment or from the negligence, dishonesty, misconduct or lack of skill of the Consultancy or if the Consultancy

terminates the Assignment for any reason. For the avoidance of doubt, the Employment Business does not exclude liability for death or personal injury arising from its own negligence or for any other loss which it is not permitted to exclude under law.

12.2. The Client warrants that it does not (and does not have the right to) supervise, direct or control the Consultancy or the Consultancy Staff as to the manner in which they provide the Consultancy Services. The Client will notify the Employment Business in writing if it exercises supervision, direction or control, or seeks the right to supervise, direct or control the Consultancy or the Consultancy Staff in which case the Employment Business may terminate the Agreement and/ or any Assignments under the Agreement in accordance with clause 9.3. In addition the Client agrees that the Employment Business does not (and does not have the right) to supervise, direct or control the Consultancy or the Consultancy Staff.

Furthermore no member of the Consultancy Staff is an agency worker as defined under the AWR.

12.3. The Client shall advise the Employment Business of any special health and safety matters about which the Employment Business is required to inform the Consultancy and about any requirements imposed by law or by any professional body, which must be satisfied if the Consultancy is to fill the Assignment. The Client will comply in all respects with all relevant statutes, by-laws, codes of practice and legal requirements including the provision of adequate public liability insurance in respect of the Consultancy.

12.4. The Client shall indemnify and keep indemnified the Employment Business against any Losses incurred by the Employment Business by reason of any proceedings, claims or demands by any third party (including specifically, but without limitation, HMRC and any successor, equivalent or related body pursuant to any of the provisions of ITEPA or the NICs legislation (and/or any supporting or consequential secondary legislation relating thereto)) arising out of any Assignment or arising out of any non-compliance with and/or as a result of any breach of this Agreement by the Client.

13. 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.

14. 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 provisions, which shall continue to be valid to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws.

15. RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES

None of the provisions of this Agreement are 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.

16. 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 confirm I am authorised to sign this Agreement for and on behalf of the Client.

Signed for and on behalf of the Client

_____ [print name here]

_____ Date

Schedule 1: Assignment Details

CLIENT DETAILS

Company: [[CLIENT]]
Address: [[CLIENT.ADDRESS.FLAT]]
Contact: [[CLIENT.CONTACT]]
Position: [[CLIENT.CONTACT.POS]]
Telephone: [[CLIENT.CONTACT.TEL]]

BOOKING DATA

Booking Ref: [[JOB.REF]]
Booked By: [[CONSULTANT]]
Booked On: [[DATE.TODAY]]
PO: [[PURCHASE.ORDER]]

FREELANCER DETAILS

Name of Freelancer/Consultancy: [[CANDIDATE.NAME]] / [[CANDIDATE.LTD.COMPANY]]
Limited
Business Services Provided: [[JOB.TYPES]]

BOOKING DETAILS

Project: [[JOB.TITLE]]
Location of Booking:
Start Time: [[TIME.START]]
On Arrival Ask For: [[CLIENT.CONTACT]]
Confirmed: [[DATE.START]] End: [[DATE.END]] Duration: [[CONTRACT.DURATION]]
Pencils: Notes:

Experience, training or qualifications required:

RATES

[[RATE.CHARGE]] Daily Rate up to 10 hours
[[RATECHARGEADDITIONAL1]] Overtime rate per hour after 10 hours, weekends and bank holidays
[[KIT.FEE.CHARGE]] Daily Kit Rate
Expenses: None agreed. Expenses require written notification from Client.

EQUIPMENT

Provided by the Client:
To be provided by the Freelancer:

INVOICING FREQUENCY

Weekly

NOTICE TO TERMINATE

1 week's notice required to terminate the Assignment

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

All Intellectual Property Rights are owned and retained by the Client

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Client to advise of any risks to health and safety known to the Client and the steps the Client has taken to prevent or control such risks.