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GC1 Interpretation

1.1 In the contract

- 1.1.1 “contract” means the contract documents referred to in the Articles of Agreement;
- 1.1.2 “invention” means any new and useful art, process, machine, manufacture or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof;
- 1.1.3 “Chairman” includes a person acting for, or if the office is vacant, in place of the Chairman and the Chairman’s successors in the office, and the Chairman’s or their lawful deputy and any of the Chairman’s or their representatives appointed for the purpose of the contract;
- 1.1.4 “work”, unless otherwise expressed in the contract, means everything that is necessary to be done, furnished or delivered by the Contractor to perform the Contractor’s obligations under the contract;
- 1.1.5 “Commission Representative” means the employee or employees of the Commission who is/are designated by the Articles of Agreement and includes a person authorized by the Commission Representative(s) to perform any of the Commission Representative’s functions under the contract;
- 1.1.6 “prototypes” includes models, patterns and samples;
- 1.1.7 “technical documentation” means designs, reports, photographs, drawings, plans, specifications, computer software, surveys, calculations and other data, information and material collected, computed, drawn or produced, including computer print-outs.

GC2 Successors and Assigns

- 2.1 The contract shall ensure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their lawful heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

GC3 Assignment

- 3.1 The contract shall not be assigned in whole or in part by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the Chairman and any assignment made without that consent is void and of no effect.
- 3.2 No assignment of the contract shall relieve the Contractor from any obligation under the contract or impose any liability upon the Commission or the Chairman.

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GC4 Time of the Essence

- 4.1 Time is of the essence of the contract.
- 4.2 Any delay by the Contractor in performing the Contractor's obligations under the contract which is caused by an event beyond the control of the Contractor, and which could not have been avoided by the Contractor without incurring unreasonable cost through the use of work-around plans including alternative sources or other means, constitutes an excusable delay. Events may include, but are not restricted to: acts of God, acts of the Commission, acts of local or provincial governments, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes or labour unrest, freight embargoes and unusually severe weather.
- 4.3 The Contractor shall give notice to the Chairman immediately after the occurrence of the event that causes the excusable delay. The notice shall state the cause and circumstances of the delay and indicate the portion of the work affected by the delay. When requested to do so by the Commission Representative(s), the Contractor shall deliver a description, in a form satisfactory to the Chairman, of work-around plans including alternative sources and any other means that the Contractor will utilize to overcome the delay and endeavor to prevent any further delay. Upon approval in writing by the Chairman of the work-around plans, the Contractor shall implement the work-around plans and use all reasonable means to recover any time lost as a result of the excusable delay.
- 4.4 Unless the Contractor complies with the notice requirements set forth in the contract, any delay that would constitute an excusable delay shall be deemed not to be an excusable delay.
- 4.5 Notwithstanding that the Contractor has complied with the requirements of GC4.3, the Commission may exercise the right of termination contained in GC8.

GC5 Indemnification

- 5.1 The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the Commission and the Chairman from and against all claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses, actions and other proceedings, made, sustained brought, prosecuted, threatened to be brought or prosecuted, in any manner based upon, occasioned by or attributable to any injury to or death of a person or damage to or loss of property arising from any willful or negligent act, omission or delay on the part of the Contractor, the Contractor's servants or agents in performing the work or as a result of the work.

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- 5.2 The Contractor shall indemnify the Commission and the Chairman from all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever that the Commission sustains or incurs in or about all claims, actions, suits and proceedings for the use of the invention claimed in a patent, or infringement or alleged infringement of any patent or any registered industrial design or any copyright resulting from the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the contract, and in respect of the use of or disposal by the Commission of anything furnished pursuant to the contract.
- 5.3 The Contractor's liability to indemnify or reimburse the Commission under the contract shall not affect or prejudice the Commission from exercising any other rights under law.

GC6 Notices

- 6.1 Where in the contract any notice, request, direction, or other communication is required to be given or made by either party, it shall be in writing and is effective if delivered in person, sent by registered mail, by telegram, by telex or fax addressed to the party for whom it is intended at the address mentioned in the contract and any notice, request, direction or other communication shall be deemed to have been given by registered mail, when the postal receipt is acknowledged by the other party; by telegram, when transmitted by the carrier; and, by telex, when transmitted. The address of either party may be changed by notice in the manner set out in this provision.

GC7 Canadian Labour and Materials

- 7.1 The Contractor shall use Canadian labour and material in the performance of the work to the full extent to which they are procurable, consistent with proper economy and the expeditious carrying out of the work.

GC8 Termination or Suspension

- 8.1 The Chairman may, by giving notice to the Contractor, terminate or suspend the work with respect to all or any part or parts of the work not completed.
- 8.2 All work completed by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the Commission before the giving of such notice shall be paid for by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of the contract and, for all work not completed before the giving of such notice, The Commission shall pay the Contractor's costs as determined under the provisions of the contract and, in addition, an amount representing a fair and reasonable fee in respect of such work.

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- 8.3 In addition to the amount which the Contractor shall be paid under GC8.2, the Contractor shall be reimbursed for the Contractor's cost of and incidental to the cancellation of obligations incurred by the Contractor pursuant to such notice and obligations incurred by or to which the Contractor is subject with respect to the work.
- 8.4 Payment and reimbursement under the provisions of GC8 shall be made only to the extent that they are established to the satisfaction of the Chairman that the costs and expenses were actually incurred by the Contractor and that the same are fair and reasonable and are properly attributable to the termination or suspension of the work or the part thereof so terminated.
- 8.5 The Contractor shall not be entitled to be reimbursed any amount which, taken together with any amounts paid or becoming due to the Contractor under the contract, exceeds the contract price applicable to the work or the particular part thereof.
- 8.6 The Contractor shall have no claim for damages, compensation, loss of profit, allowance or otherwise by reason of or directly or indirectly arising out of any action taken or notice given by the Chairman under the provisions of GC8 except as expressly provided therein.

GC9 Termination due to Default of Contractor

- 9.1 The Commission may, by notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of the work if:
- (i) the Contractor becomes bankrupt or insolvent, or a receiving order is made against the Contractor, or an assignment is made for the benefit of creditors, or if an order is made or resolution passed for the winding up of the Contract, or the Contractor takes the benefit of any statute for the time being in force relating to bankrupt or insolvent debtors, or
 - (ii) the Contractor fails to perform any of the Contractor's obligations under the contract, or, in the Chairman's view, so fails to make progress as to endanger performance of the contract in accordance with its terms.
- 9.2 In the event that the Commission terminates the work in whole or in part under GC9.1, the Commission may arrange, upon such terms and conditions and in such manner as the Commission deems appropriate, for the work to be completed that was so terminated, and the Contractor shall be liable to the Commission for any excess costs relating to the completion of the work.

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- 9.3 Upon termination of the work under GC9.1, the Chairman may require the Contractor to deliver and transfer title to the Commission, in the manner and to the extent directed by the Chairman, any finished work which has not been delivered and accepted prior to such termination and any materials or work-in-process which the Contractor has specifically acquired or produced for the fulfillment of the contract.

The Commission shall pay the Contractor for all such finished work delivered pursuant to such direction and accepted by the Commission, the cost to the Contractor of such finished work plus the proportionate part of any fee fixed by the said contract and shall pay or reimburse the Contractor the fair and reasonable cost to the Contractor of all materials or work-in process delivered to the Commission pursuant to such direction. The Commission may withhold from the amounts due to the Contractor such sums as the Chairman determines to be necessary to protect the Commission against excess costs for the completion of the work.

- 9.4 The Contractor shall not be entitled to be reimbursed any amount which, taken together with any amounts paid or becoming due to the Contractor under the contract, exceeds the contract price applicable to the work or the particular part thereof.
- 9.5 If, after the Chairman issues a notice of termination under GC9.1, it is determined by the Chairman that the default of the Contractor is due to causes beyond the control of the Contractor, such notice of termination shall be deemed to have been issued pursuant to GC8.1 and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be governed by GC8.

GC10 Records to be kept by Contractor

- 10.1 The Contractor shall keep proper accounts and records of the cost of the work and of all expenditures or commitments made by the Contractor including the invoices, receipts and vouchers, which shall at reasonable times be open to audit and inspection by the authorized representatives of the Chairman who may make copies and take extracts therefrom.
- 10.2 The Contractor shall afford facilities for audit and inspection and shall furnish the authorized representatives of the Chairman with such information as the Chairman or they may from time to time require with reference to the documents referred to herein.
- 10.3 The Contractor shall not dispose of the documents referred to herein without the written consent of the Chairman, but shall preserve and keep them available for audit and inspection for such period of time as may be specified elsewhere in the contract, in the absence of such specification, for a period of two years following completion of the work.

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GC11 Ownership of Intellectual and Other Property including Copyright

- 11.1 Technical documentation and prototypes produced by the Contractor in the performance of the work under the contract shall vest in and remain the property of the Commission, and the Contractor shall account fully to the Chairman in respect of the foregoing in such manner as the Chairman shall direct.
- 11.2 Technical documentation shall contain the following copyright notice:
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA (YEAR)
as represented by the Chairman of the National Capital Commission
- 11.3 Technical information and inventions conceived or developed or first actually reduced to practice in performing the work under the contract shall be the property of the Commission. The Contractor shall have no rights in and to the same. The Contractor shall not divulge or use such technical information and inventions, other than in performing the work under the contract, and shall not sell other than to the Commission any articles or things embodying such technical information and inventions.
- 11.4 The Contractor agrees to execute any further assignments or agreements as may be requested by the Commission for the purpose of registering the Commission's right of ownership recognized hereunder with the Industrial Design, Trademarks, Patents or Copyright Offices. The Contractor also agrees to arrange for any employees of the Contractor or any agent or sub-contractor of the Contractor who may be considered the author of any work which shall become the property of the Commission pursuant to this section, to sign a release form in a form satisfactory to the Commission, waiving the author's moral rights with respect to claiming authorship of the work and/or restraining the Commission's use, or modification of the work.

GC12 Conflict of Interest

- 12.1 The Contractor declares that the Contractor has no pecuniary interest in the business of any third party that would cause a conflict of interest or seem to cause a conflict of interest in carrying out the work. Should such an interest be acquired during the life of the contract, the Contractor shall declare it immediately to the Commission Representative(s).

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GC13 Contractor Status

- 13.1 This is a contract for the performance of a service and the Contractor is engaged under the contract as an independent contractor for the sole purpose of providing a service. Neither the Contractor nor any of the Contractor's personnel is engaged by the contract as an employee, servant or agent of the Commission. The Contractor agrees to be solely responsible for any and all payments and/or deductions required to be made including those required for Canada or Quebec Pension Plans, Unemployment Insurance, Worker's Compensation, or Income Tax.

GC14 Warranty by Contractor

- 14.1 The Contractor warrants that the Contractor is competent to perform the work required under the contract in that the Contractor has the necessary qualifications including the knowledge, skill and ability to perform the work.
- 14.2 The Contractor warrants that the Contractor shall provide a quality of service at least equal to that which contractors generally would expect of a competent contractor in a like situation.

GC15 Member of House of Commons

- 15.1 No member of the House of Commons shall be admitted to any share or part of this contract or to any benefit to arise therefrom.

GC16 Amendments

- 16.1 No amendment of the contract nor waiver of any of the terms and provisions shall be deemed valid unless effected by a written amendment.

GC17 Entire Agreement

- 17.1 The contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter of the contract and supersedes all previous negotiations, communications and other agreements relating to it unless they are incorporated by reference in the contract.