

# **STARTEAM CIA Printed Circuit Boards Ltd.**

## **STARTEAM CIA Custom Products Ltd.**

### **General Terms & Conditions**

#### **§ 1. General**

- 1) STARTEAM CIA Printed Circuit Boards Ltd. & STARTEAM CIA Custom Products shall hereinafter be referred to as "STG CIA", the contractual partner as "Client".
- 2) The following contractual provisions of STG CIA shall apply to all contractual relationships of the parties.
- 3) These terms and conditions shall apply exclusively. Deviating, conflicting or supplementary General Terms and Conditions of the Client shall only become part of the contract if and to the extent that STG CIA has consented to their validity in writing. The requirement of written consent also applies in the event of STG CIA, in knowledge of the customer's terms and conditions, performing the delivery to the client unconditionally or STG CIA replies or refers to a letter that containing or referring to the terms and conditions of the client or a third party.

#### **§ 2. Effectuation of the agreements**

Offers of STG CIA shall be non-binding unless expressly stated as being binding. Quotations are to be assessed as a request to the Client to place an order. The agreement shall be effectuated by the written order confirmation by STG CIA or shipment of the goods or the provision of the contractually agreed service.

#### **§ 3. Subcontractors**

- 1) In order to complete the agreement, STG CIA shall be entitled to award subcontracts to an appropriate degree. STG CIA shall be responsible for the careful selection of the subcontractors unless the Client has expressly determined a third party.
- 2) The invoicing of the costs for using the subcontractors shall be borne by the Client through STG CIA. The Client shall be informed of the relevant rates before the contract is awarded.

#### **§ 4. Intellectual property**

STG CIA shall exclusively own all intellectual property regarding the products and services provided in all actually known or future types of use. STG CIA reserves all types of use and rights especially but not limited to manuals, documentation, explanations, quotations, diagrams, drawings and technical depictions, unless expressly otherwise agreed.

#### **§ 5. Place of performance**

- 1) The place of performance shall be the business headquarters of STG CIA, unless expressly otherwise agreed.
- 2) With the handing over of the goods to the company contracted with the shipping, the risk of accidental loss and deterioration shall pass to the Client, even if STG CIA executes the shipping itself. On request of the Client, delivery shall be covered by transport insurance at its cost.

#### **§ 6. Delivery/performance**

- 1) Delivery dates or delivery deadlines, which can be agreed as being non-binding or binding, must be specified in writing. In the case that there is a delay in delivery the statutory regulations shall apply with the proviso that the Client can only withdraw from the agreement

if there is a breach of obligations for which STG CIA is responsible. Any default damages shall be ruled in accordance with § 13.

- 2) In case the goods are not manufactured in factories of the STARTEAM Global group, STG CIA shall obtain the goods under the agreement from suppliers and in each case concludes congruent covering operations. STG CIA's delivery duty is subject to punctual and correct self-delivery.
- 3) Delivery hindrances for which STG CIA is not responsible (e.g. force majeure, war, natural disasters, transport or operational stoppages, import hindrances, energy and raw material shortages, government action, labor disputes as well as the breach of the co-operation duties of the Client), entitle STG CIA to an appropriate single-sided extension of the delivery deadline for the duration of the disturbance.
- 4) STG CIA reserves the right to assume complete deliveries within a window of +/- 5% of the ordered quantities.
- 5) STG CIA reserves the right to withdraw from the agreement if STG CIA in spite of the conclusion of congruent covering operations is not supplied on time or at all.
- 6) This shall apply correspondingly to partial deliveries.
- 7) STG CIA can withdraw from partial deliveries unless the Client can prove that the remaining partial deliveries are of no interest to it. STG CIA also has the choice of withdrawing from the entire agreement unless the Client can prove that the remaining partial deliveries are of interest for it.
- 8) Partial deliveries and partial performances and corresponding invoices are permissible if they are not unreasonable for the Client.
- 9) An extension of the performance deadline shall come into force as long as the parties negotiate a modification of the performance. The delivery deadline shall not begin before the provision of the documents, authorizations, approvals necessary for executing the agreement and receipt of an agreed payment through the Client.
- 10) STG CIA does not pay penalties.
- 11) These provisions shall apply accordingly to other services by STG CIA.

## **§ 7. Characteristics of the contractual object**

- 1) The Client is not entitled to any rights from the design changes of the manufacturer which occur during the delivery period, unless essential or agreed functional characteristics are dropped without any replacement. STG CIA reserves the right up to delivery to carry out standard technical changes, in particular improvements, if as a result only minor changes to the quality arise and the Client is not unreasonably affected.
- 2) Statements regarding the quality or durability of a product or service do not represent a warranty or assurance.
- 3) If goods are produced or modified on the basis of the Client's specifications STG CIA is not committed without a special agreement to review these specifications. The Client shall not be entitled to any claims due to faults which are based on these specifications or on goods supplied by third parties used by the Client.
- 4) For all Sample deliveries STG CIA ask for a written release according to VDA. If such an official release is not existent until the order of series, such order and all subsequent orders of this article will recognize as release of the samples.

## **§ 8. Warranty**

- 1) The expiry deadline for claims based on defects shall be one year in the case of the purchase of new goods.
- 2) The deadline shall begin with the delivery of the goods to the agreed destination.
- 3) The goods or parts thereof which reveal faults within the aforementioned expiry deadline must either be improved or replaced by STG CIA free of charge in line with the Client's choice if the cause was already evident at the time of the passage of risk.
- 4) STG CIA must always be granted the opportunity to subsequent performance within a suitable deadline. If the subsequent performance fails the Client can withdraw from the agreement without affecting any of its claims for damages or reduce the remuneration.

- 5) Claims due to faults do not exist in the event of natural wear and tear or damages which result after the passage of risk due to faulty, negligent or incorrect use, excessive strain, unsuitable operating resources or due to special external influences which were not assumed according to the agreement. In the course of exercising the warranty rights, the Client must provide the information required to diagnose and eliminate faults, in particular making faulty goods available for inspection, disclosing the processing steps and providing a trained and competent employee, who co-operates in the subsequent performance. In the event of a subsequent performance on site free access to the faulty goods must be granted and if necessary other work on the production resources of the Client are to be stopped.
- 6) If changes, maintenance work or subsequent performance attempts are carried out by the Client or by persons other than the technicians contracted by STG CIA, there shall be no claims based on faults for the above and for the resulting consequences.
- 7) The claims of the Client due to necessary expenses for the purpose of subsequent performance, in particular transport and travel costs, labor and material costs, are excluded if the expenses increase because the object delivered was subsequently moved to a different location to the place of delivery, unless the transfer corresponds with its intended use.
- 8) Further-reaching claims or claims of the Client against STG CIA and their auxiliary persons other than those stated in the above mentioned paragraphs due to material defect are excluded.
- 9) If STG CIA is unwarrantedly claimed against in the course of the warranty (e.g. due to a processing error, incorrect handling of the goods, absence of a fault), the Client must reimburse all costs incurred in connection with the inspection of the goods and the subsequent performance, unless it is not responsible for the recourse.
- 10) Handling the warranty STG CIA shall be given access to the complained materials or by choice of STG CIA the materials shall be sent to STG CIA or any other place by the Client. STG CIA is authorized to test the materials in running operations and during the further processing.

## **§ 9. Reservation of title**

- 1) STG CIA shall retain ownership of the delivered item until it has been paid for in full ("reserved goods").
- 2) Any processing of the reserved goods shall take place on behalf of STG CIA and free of charge as well as without placing any duty on STG CIA so that STG CIA shall be regarded as the manufacturer in accordance with article 950 German civil code, in other words at every point in time and degree of processing of the products retains the ownership in the products. When processed with other goods not belonging to STG CIA by the Client, STG CIA owns the new property in proportion of the invoice value of the reserved goods to the other processed goods at the time of processing. The same shall apply to the new item resulting from the processing as for the reserved goods. It shall be deemed as reserved goods in the interests of these provisions.
- 3) The Client's accounts receivable from a resale of the reserved goods shall already now be assigned to STG CIA to secure all accounts receivable of STG CIA from the business relationship irrespective of whether the reserved goods are resold without being processed or after being processed and whether it was resold to one or several purchasers.
- 4) The Client is only entitled and authorized to resell the reserved goods on the basis of a purchasing contract, contract for services, contract for work and materials or similar contract if the account receivables from the resale passes to STG CIA. The Client is not entitled to dispose of the reserved goods in any other way. On request of STG CIA the Client is committed to inform the third-party the assignment of payment to STG CIA.
- 5) If the value of the existing securities for STG CIA exceeds the value of its accounts receivable in total by more than 20%, STG CIA is, on request of the Client or a third party disadvantaged by the excess security of the seller, committed to release securities of its choice.
- 6) The Client must inform STG CIA without delay if third parties, through seizure, attachment, exercising the landlord's lien or similar measures, assert rights to the equitable lien of STG CIA which affect or endanger the ownership and/or the indirect possession of STG CIA, if a third party or the Client itself has made an application to open bankruptcy proceedings over its assets or if an out-of-court settlement is aspired.

## **§ 10. Remuneration**

Price fluctuations (e.g. personnel cost, raw materials) can occur, especially in long term contracts. STG CIA and the Client shall re-negotiate the remuneration with regard to the following change request rules:

STG CIA shall inform the Client regarding rising of costs (e.g. raw material, shipping, personnel costs) within a period of 14 days after the key date. The Client shall answer within a period of 14 days (accepting or refusal of changes) in written form. If the Client does not answer the changes are not accepted. STG CIA is entitled to withdraw and to not to deliver the Client in future.

Agreed partial orders are not subject to this change request and will be executed.

The Client is not entitled to claim for any regress if STG CIA withdraws from future contractual orders.

## **§ 11. Payment**

- 1) Unless otherwise agreed in writing invoices are due for payment 30 days after receipt without any discounts.
- 2) STG CIA shall be entitled to offset payments against the oldest invoice due, also in the case of opposing payment terms of the Client.
- 3) In the event of default, protest or stoppage of payment as well as if bankruptcy proceedings are opened any deferral shall end. All accounts receivable of STG CIA shall be due in total immediately.
- 4) In the case that the Client is in default of acceptance, STG CIA shall be entitled to withdraw from the agreement and to demand damages after setting a deadline of at least 14 days.

## **§ 12. Setting off**

The Client can only set off with accounts receivable against STG CIA if its account receivable is established as res judicata, is uncon- tested or recognized by STG CIA. The same shall apply to the exercise of rights of retention.

## **§ 13. Liability, exclusion of liability**

- 1) STG CIA shall be liable for damages of the Client only if STG CIA acts in cases of intent or gross negligence. STG CIA is liable for damages of negligence regarding those contractual liabilities which are essential for the Client and whose breach could endanger the scope of the contract if the Client trusts in this. In this case the STG CIA is not liable for damages which are not predictable or contractual coherent or typical foreseeable. STG CIA is not liable for other negligently breaches of any other duties.
- 2) The fore standing exclusion of liability is not valid in cases of personal injuries (death, body injuries) and in cases of the German Product Liability Act.
- 3) If liability is excluded or limited in accordance with the figures above, this shall also apply to the personal liability of the employees, representatives and aids of STG CIA.
- 4) Any change of the burden of proof to the disadvantage of the Client is not connected with the provisions above.

## **§ 14. Export**

If applicable, the goods supplied by STG CIA shall be subject to the German and foreign export controls and embargo regulations. The export from Germany and the import into third countries is only permissible with the agreement of the relevant authorities (possibly several states and the EU). The Client undertakes to keep itself informed about the statutory regulations on a case-by- case basis and to obtain the necessary authorizations as well as to pass these on to STG CIA.

**§ 15. Place of jurisdiction**

The sole place of jurisdiction for any disputes from the contractual relationship of the parties and the related legal relationships shall be Karlsruhe.

**§ 16. Choice of law**

Solely Italian law shall apply under exclusion of the UN convention on contracts for the international sale of goods and under exclusion of those Articles of the German EGBGB which refer to the laws of other countries.

**§ 17. Written forms**

Any amendments or supplements to the agreement, individual agreements and assurances must be made in writing. This shall also apply to the need for the written form.

**§ 18. Non-escape clause**

If provisions of these Terms and Conditions should be or become partly or wholly void, the remaining conditions will continue to apply. The parties are bound to replace the void provision or the void part of the provision by a legally valid arrangement, which comes as close as possible to *the commercial* meaning and purpose of the void provision or part of the provision.