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The signing of the booking form implies your acceptance of the rules and regulations.

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General Rules

SIGB adheres to the General Data Protection Regulation regarding rights pertaining to personal data we collect and hold. You can ask what data we store, or update or ask for the data to be removed at any time. Full details of the are on the website or contact marta@mcspr.co.uk for info.

1 Regulations

In addition to these rules and regulations the Exhibitor must comply with the requirements of all relevant Authorities and with any regulations issued by the Hall Owner in force at the time of the exhibition. Once the Organiser receives and approves the completed Booking Form, the Exhibitor shall be bound to take the stand allocated, to occupy it at all times when the Exhibition Hall is open to visitors and to pay all charges in respect of the stand and otherwise to comply with all the Exhibitor's obligations. This exhibition and all regulations pertaining to the exhibition shall be governed by the laws of England and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

2 Amendments, application and interpretation of rules and regulations

- a) The Organisers reserve to themselves the right to add to, alter or expunge any of the Rules and Regulations at any time.
- b) In the event of any dispute as to the Interpretation of these Rules and Regulations as a result of their translation into a foreign language, the English version shall be taken as authentic.
- c) Each Exhibitor is bound in all respects by these Rules and Regulations.
- d) Each Exhibitor must bring to the notice of all agents or contractors employed by him such of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations as may affect such agents or contractors, and any claim arising from the failure of the Exhibitor to give such notice shall be the sole responsibility of the Exhibitor concerned.
- e) Questions that may arise between the Organisers and Exhibitors in regard to the true interpretation or meaning of these Rules and Regulations or the implementation thereof and all questions and disputes not provided for by these Rules and Regulations shall be settled or determined by the Organisers in conjunction with the Exhibition Committee whose decision in relation thereto shall be final.
- f) All verbal agreements, individual and special arrangements must be confirmed in writing.

3 Serving of notice

Any notice on any person under these regulations shall be given in writing. Such notice shall be deemed to have been properly served if (a) handed to him personally or to any person who is apparently his employee or representative, or (b) left at his last known address, or (c) sent to his last known address by registered letter in such case notice shall conclusively be deemed to have been served at the time when such registered letter would normally be delivered or (d) affixed to his stand.

4 Application for space

The Organisers reserve the right to refuse any application without reason given. After receipt of the Booking Form, each Exhibitor will be allocated stand space and will receive invoices for the cost of stand space, as per the payment schedule.

5 Contract

No stand will be reserved or treated as allocated and no contract shall exist until the Exhibitor has returned the completed Booking Form and has received written approval. The contract constitutes a licence to exhibit and not a tenancy. The Organiser reserves the right to make any alterations to the floorplan deemed to be necessary in the best interest of the exhibition as a whole and to alter the shape, size or position of the space allocated to the Exhibitor.

6 Payment of stand charges

The charges payable by the Exhibitor are set out in the Booking Form and must be received by the Organiser as follows:
50% Deposit Payment due with booking.

50% Balance invoiced in October with payment due by 1st November.

100% will be invoiced on receipt of bookings received from 1st October.

Any exhibitor who has not supplied cleared funds prior to the show opening will not be permitted to exhibit.

7 VAT

Value Added Tax is not included in any of the charges shown on the Booking Form, but will be charged, where appropriate on all invoices, the dates of which will also be the tax point dates.

8 Non-Payment

If payments are not received by the due date, the Organiser may exclude the Exhibitor from the Exhibition, terminate the Contract or, (without prejudice to any other rights or remedies of the Organiser) charge the Exhibitor interest at the rate of 4% over the base rate from time to time of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc on any charges not paid by the due dates for payment thereof from such date until the same are paid.

9 Cancellation or withdrawal

Cancellation or withdrawal of the Exhibitor is only permitted if effected by notice in writing, provided that the following percentages of the costs shall be payable, depending on the date of receipt of such cancellation notice.

On or before 30th September - 50% of the total stand cost.

After 1st October - 100% of the total stand cost.

To the extent that such amounts have not been paid, the balance shall be immediately due and payable and if more than the above amounts have been paid, the Organiser shall refund the balance following the receipt of such cancellation notice.

10 Space Reduction

Should an Exhibitor wish to reduce the stand space allotted after the Booking Form has been received and approved by the Organiser, the Organiser shall have the right to charge the following penalty fees:

Up to 1st October - 50% cost of area reduced.

After 1st October - 100% cost of area reduced.

11 Bankruptcy or liquidation

Should an Exhibitor, being an individual or firm, become bankrupt, having a Receiving Order made against him or them or make any arrangements with his or their creditors or, being a limited liability company, go into liquidation (other than a voluntary liquidation for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction) or have a Receiver appointed, the contract with such Exhibitor shall terminate forthwith save that all rental paid shall be forfeited and the balance of the whole of the space rental payable under the Contract shall become due and payable forthwith and such termination shall be without prejudice to any claim of the Company against the Exhibitor in respect of any antecedent breach.

12 Termination of licence

a. If at any time for any reason whatsoever an Exhibitor terminates his licence to exhibit granted to him by the Organisers, the Exhibitor shall not be entitled to any refund of charges or monies paid for the stand.

b. In every case where, under these regulations, the Organisers terminate the licence of any Exhibitor.

i) The Organisers shall be entitled (1) at the Exhibitors risk and expense to break open any locks, doors, night sheets or other protective structure on the stand or any containers and to dismantle his stand and to remove and take possession of (and if they think fit to place in

store) any goods (including any stand fittings) on the stand or any goods belonging to the Exhibitor elsewhere in the Exhibition Hall; and (2) to grant a licence to some other person to occupy the stand.

ii) The Exhibitor shall refund to the Organisers any expenses (including storage charges) to which they have been put, the Organisers shall have a lien on all goods taken into their possession for all sums due to them by the Exhibitor; including any such expenses and the cost of any proceeding.

iii) The Exhibitor shall indemnify the Organisers against all claims that may be made against them by any person arising out the exercise by them of their powers under this regulation.

iv) The Organisers shall not incur any liability to the exhibitor by reason of terminating his licence or of the exercise by them of their powers under this regulation nor shall they be liable to him for any loss or damage to any goods including stand-fitting howsoever caused.

v) The Exhibitor shall not be entitled to any refund of charges or monies paid for stand throughout the period of the show.

13 Breach of regulations etc.

In the event of any Exhibitor committing a breach of any of these regulations or failing to observe any requirements of the Organisers within the time stipulated by the Organisers at their absolute discretion, or if no time is stipulated than forthwith, or if the Organisers being of the opinion that this conduct or proposed conduct is or may be undesirable in the interest of the Exhibition or that his business is being or may be conducted in such a manner that there is a risk of persons who may do business with him being dissatisfied or of discredit being brought upon the Exhibition, the Organisers shall be entitled by notice to the Exhibitor to terminate the Exhibitor's licence. Powers conferred on the Organisers

by any other regulation shall be in addition to and not in substitution for the powers conferred on them by this regulation.

14 Indemnity by exhibitors

The Exhibitor indemnifies the Organisers against all actions, expenses, costs, charges or claims for which the Organisers or any of their contractors may become liable in consequences of damage or injury to any person or property occasions by or arising out of the act, default or negligence of the Exhibitor, his representatives, servants or workmen, or any other person or persons under his direction or any independent contractor engaged by him.

15 Organisers' liability

The Organisers shall be excused performance of any obligation if they are prevented or materially hindered from carrying out that obligation by reason of any unavoidable cause whatsoever and in such cases the Organisers shall be under no liability.

The Organisers shall be entitled to exercise all or part of the rights, powers or discretions conferred upon them by these Regulations without assigning any reason and (unless otherwise provided) at their absolute discretion. In no circumstances shall the exercise by the Organisers of any of these rights, power or discretions give rise to any claim whatsoever against them.

In no circumstances will the Organisers accept, sign or otherwise assume responsibility for any goods or other material on behalf of an Exhibitor for any removal of any goods or materials.

16 Abandonment of show etc.

Should all or any part of the exhibition hall not be fully available for the exhibition or should fire, flood, war, strike or other labour trouble, terrorist act or threat of such, force majeure, or act of God or any other occurrence or circumstance whatsoever render it, in the opinion of the Organisers, advisable to postpone, interrupt or prematurely conclude it in whole or part, or to hold it on a reduced scale, the Organisers may terminate the contract at any time on giving the Exhibitor notice in writing to that effect, and in such a case the Organisers shall be under no liability to the Exhibitor nor shall the Exhibitor be entitled to any refund of charges of monies paid for the stand and shell scheme construction.

17 Risk and Insurance

a) Each Exhibitor exhibits entirely at his own risk. The Exhibitor is responsible for all claims arising from personal injury or damage to property arising in connection with the erection and dismantling of the Exhibitor's stand and anything permitted, omitted or done thereon or therefrom during the period of the Exhibition or the construction and dismantling periods caused directly or indirectly by the Exhibitor or any contractor, sub-contractor, servant, agent, licensee or invitee of his or the act, omission or neglect of any such person or by an exhibit, machinery or other article or thing of the Exhibitor or in the possession or use of the Exhibitor or any servant or agent of his. The Exhibitor will indemnify the Organisers

in respect of each and every such claim and all actions, proceedings, costs, claims and demands in respect thereof. The Exhibitor must take out adequate insurances in respect of all such claims.

b) The Organisers will take such precautions as they may consider advisable for the proper running of the Exhibition, but will not at any time be responsible for the loss of, or damage to, or safety of any exhibit, empty cases, tools or other property of an Exhibitor or any other person under any circumstances whatsoever.

c) All Exhibitors are expected to effect their own insurance against all relevant risks. In any event, the Exhibitor must also hold a Public Liability policy of insurance to cover negligence for an indemnity of at least £1,000,000.00 (one million pounds). **Public liability** insurance to be sent to colette@mcspr.co.uk by 30th November.

d) In the event of any person sustaining loss, injury or damage, implement or article belonging to an Exhibitor the said Exhibitor shall free and relieve the Organisers of all claims, actions or suits made to expenses incurred in connection therewith.

e) The Exhibitors hereby agree to free the Organisers of all responsibility for loss or damage arising directly or indirectly through any Act of God, War, Terrorist Acts or threats of such, Strikes, Lock-Outs, Trade Disputes, Fire, Flood, Drought or from Riots or similar commotions within or without the building, or any other cause beyond the Organisers control or owing to the inability to procure material or articles except at enhanced prices due to any of the foregoing causes.

f) The Organisers may arrange for Exhibitors to be offered an insurance policy. Such policy is not endorsed or otherwise recommended by the Organisers and its appropriateness must be assessed by the Exhibitor.

g) The Exhibitor shall do nothing to jeopardise the current insurance policies of the Exhibition Hall and shall in all cases comply with any requirements of the Fire Officer or other authorities concerned.

Conduct in the Exhibition Hall

18 Conduct of exhibitors

Every Exhibitor shall ensure that his stand is open to view and staffed by competent representatives during the Exhibition hours. In the event of the Exhibitor failing to open his stand or uncover his exhibits the Organisers may arrange for the stand and exhibits to be removed and the Exhibitor shall be liable for any charges that may thereby be incurred. The Organisers will not be liable for any losses, including consequential losses, sustained by the Exhibitor as a result of this action.

Every Exhibitor and all persons for whom he may be considered responsible in any way whatsoever, must conduct himself in such a manner as shall not be objectionable to any other Exhibitor, Exhibitor's employee, visitor or the Organisers, and shall not create any disturbance or obstruction. Any person who does not comply with these regulations shall be liable, at the discretion of the Organisers, to be removed from the Exhibition building and refused re-admission during the period of the Exhibition.

19 Right of entry

The Organisers are entitled to refuse admission or remove from the Exhibition Hall any person whatsoever without incurring any liability whatsoever in any way.

20 Complaints

All complaints shall be made to the Organisers in writing immediately upon receipt of stand, but no later than the last day of erection, so that the Organisers can eliminate any faults. Subsequent complaints cannot be considered and are not grounds for claims against the Organisers.

21 Canvassing

Canvassing in any form outside Exhibitors' stand area is forbidden. Any Exhibitor found canvassing in aisles or other common areas will be in breach of exhibition regulations and will be liable to expulsion from the exhibition.

22 Advertising / Handbills

No Exhibitor or Sponsor will be permitted to sell advertising space in any area relating to the Exhibition without the approval of the Organisers.

The distribution of handbills is forbidden outside the space allocated to each exhibitor. Self-adhesive advertising stickers are not permitted in the exhibition hall.

23 Competitions

No competitions or the like may be held without the written permission of the Organisers.

24 Safety

Exhibitors will be required to remove from stands any objects the Organisers may consider unsuitable.

25 Injury by machinery or exhibit to visitors or employees etc.

In case of injury or damage being caused or occasioned by any exhibit structure or fitting, to any person or persons whatsoever, or to any property or any part of the Exhibition, the Exhibitor by whom or for whom the exhibit, structure or fitting was brought into the show premises, indemnifies the Organisers against all actions, expenses costs or claims arising out of such injury or damage.

26 Photographs

Stands or articles may only be photographed, drawn, copied or reproduced with the permission of the Organisers and the relevant exhibitors.

27 Radio antennae, radio frequency equipment, microphone systems, lasers

- a) Radio antennae: Technical data can be obtained from the Organisers
- b) Background music - there will be a universal system throughout the hall so exhibitors shall not play their own music. When music is associated with a DVD/Video being shown, the volume will be kept at low volume that will not compete with the hall system.
- c) Use of lasers: Technical details can be obtained from the Organisers.

28 Video and cinematography displays and amplified sound

- a) Cinematographic and Photographic slides may not be used without the written consent of the Organisers. Where permission is granted by the Organisers, the following conditions will apply:
 - i. Only non-flammable film must be used.
 - ii. The Projector housing and covering must be non-flammable material in accordance with the requirements of the Authorities and the Landlords of the Exhibition Hall.
- b) Where sound film or video is used, adequate soundproofing must be carried out so that no annoyance is caused to Exhibitors and visitors on adjacent stands.
- c) Any seating must be in accordance with the Authorities Regulations.
- d) The placing of the equipment shall be arranged in such a way that obstruction of gangways is not caused by persons viewing the display.

Exhibiting

29 Stand occupation

If an Exhibitor has not occupied space allotted to him by 2200 hours on Monday 8 January 2024 all claims to such space will be forfeited together with any payments made or accrued due in respect thereof.

Exhibitors may not sub-lease or divide stands without permission from the Organisers. All sub-leases shall be bound by these rules and regulations and sublessees shall be equally responsible for their conduct. The stand must be staffed and all exhibits must remain on display during the hours the Exhibition is open to visitors. In particular, and in order that no discourtesy may be shown to last minute visitors to the Exhibition, no dismantling of any displays or exhibits may commence before 1600hrs, Thursday 11 January 2024.

30 Products displayed

The Exhibitor shall only display goods applicable to Slide. The organisers reserve the right to terminate, or curtail any practice which they consider detrimental to the exhibition.

31 Delivery of exhibits

Exhibits should not be sent to the site until the Exhibitor is on site and is ready to receive them. Exhibitors should arrange for a representative to be on the stand to receive goods, since the Organisers are unable to accept delivery on behalf of Exhibitors. All packages should be clearly labelled and include the Exhibitors name and stand number.

32 Storage of packing cases

There are no on-site facilities for the storage of crates, boxes or packing cases etc. so all such material must be removed before the end of the build-up period.

33 Maintenance and repair of exhibits/stands

No major maintenance or repair work to stands may be carried out while the Exhibition is open to visitors. An application may be made to the Organisers for permission to carry out repairs between 0800 and 0900 hours.

34 Demonstrations and working exhibits

Exhibitors wishing to operate machinery on the stand, or to carry out mechanical demonstrations, must ensure that these practices in no way constitute a fire or safety risk or interfere with the activities of visitors or other Exhibitors. All moving parts must be effectively guarded and controls sited beyond the reach of spectators. The Organisers reserve the right to terminate any practice which they consider to be detrimental.

35 Gangways

It is the responsibility of the Exhibitor to ensure that gangways in front of his stand are kept free from obstruction during the whole time the building is open for the purpose of the Exhibition.

36 Neon signs

Any Exhibitor requiring the use of Neon Signs must inform the Organisers in advance in order that appropriate permission can be obtained. The necessary installation must be ordered or provided by the Exhibitor.

37 Removal of exhibits

The removal of personal property and portable exhibits may commence at 1600 hours on Thursday 11 January. All exhibits, own fittings or those supplied by contractors must be removed by 2400 hours on Thursday 11 January 2024. Exhibitors who fail to remove exhibits and materials will be charged for their disposal.

38 Patents and Copyrights

Legislation has been enacted and is embodied in the Patents Act 1977. Exhibitors are strongly advised to protect inventions which they intend to show at Exhibitions by taking steps to obtain a UK Patent before the exhibition opens. This can be done initially by lodging an application at a modest cost. Further information is available from The Patent Office, Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, NP10 8QQ. Tel: 0845 950 0505.