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**ANNEX 1**

**MODEL CONTRACT**



**SERVICE CONTRACT**

between

**THE EUROPEAN JOINT UNDERTAKING FOR ITER AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUSION ENERGY**

and

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**(F4E-[.])**

CONTRACT NUMBER – F4E-[.]

The European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy (“**Fusion for Energy**”), represented for the purposes of the signature of this contract by [name in full, department],

of the one part,

and

[official name in full]

[official legal form]

[statutory registration number]

[official address in full]

[VAT registration number]

(the “**Contractor**”), represented for the purposes of the signature of this contract by [name in full and function],

of the other part,

HAVING REGARD to Council Decision 2007/198/EURATOM of 27 March 2007 establishing the European Joint Undertaking for ITER and the Development of Fusion Energy and conferring advantages upon it[[1]](#footnote-1) (the “**Fusion for Energy Council Decision**”),

HAVING REGARD to the Agreement on the Establishment of the ITER International Fusion Energy Organisation for the Joint Implementation of the ITER Project[[2]](#footnote-2) (the “**ITER Agreement**”),

HAVE AGREED

the Special Conditions and the General Conditions below and the following Annexes and Applicable Documents:

**Annexes**

Annex A – Management Specifications (IDM reference [\*])

Annex B – Technical Specifications (IDM reference [\*])

Annex C – Intellectual Property Provisions

Annex D – Declaration of the Contractor’s Background

*Annex E – [N/A] [Terms of Reference for the Use of the Designated* Carrier]

Annex F – Terms of Reference on Mediation

Annex G – Contractor’s Tender

Anex H – Power of Attorney

**Applicable Documents**

The following documents, not attached hereto but known to the parties, apply to the Contract to the extent specified therein:

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| **AD** | **Document title** | **Ref.** | **Version/Date** |
| AD01 | Supplier Quality Requirements | [xxx] | [xxx] |
| AD02 | Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the ITER International Fusion Energy Organization for the Joint Implementation of the ITER Project | INFCIRC/703 | 2006-11-21 |
| *AD03* | *Pre-Financing Guarantee Form* | *F4E\_D\_25RYM2 v1.0* | *[xxx]* |
| *AD04* | *Template of the Declaration Regarding Nuclear Liability of the ITER IO* | *[xxx]* | *[xxx]* |
| *AD05* | *Insurance Certificates* | *[xxx]* | *[xxx]* |
| AD06 | Form for declaration of Foreground Intellectual Property | [xxx] | [xxx] |
| AD07 | Model Transportation Contract | [xxx] | [xxx] |
| AD08 | Common Site Rules on Assembly and Installation | [xxx] | [xxx] |
| AD09 | […] | [xxx] | [xxx] |
| AD10 | […] | [xxx] | [xxx] |

1. **Special Conditions**
   1. **Definitions**
      1. The following capitalised terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

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| **Acceptance** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article II.2 (*Acceptance*). |
| **Acceptance Data Package (ADP)** | Shall have the meaning given to it in Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*). |
| **Amendment** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article II.24 (*Amendments*). |
| **[*Assembly and Installation*** | *Assembly is the putting together of manufactured parts to make a machine or other product or component to make an integrated and functional whole. Installation is the putting in place of components or sub-assemblies ready for use and their connection to interfaces.*] |
| **Background** | shall have the meaning set forth in Article 1.4 of Annex C (*Intellectual Property Provisions*). |
| **Calendar Year** | The one-year period that begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. |
| **Commencement Date** | Shall have the meaning set forthin Article I.4 (*Entry into Force and Duration*). |
| **Confidential Information** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article II.23.1 (*Confidentiality*). |
| **Conflict of Interest** | Shall mean a situation where the impartial and objective performance of the Contract by the Contractor is compromised for reasons involving family, emotional life, political or national affinity, economic interest, or any other shared interest with Fusion for Energy or any third party related to the subject matter of the Contract. |
| **Contract** | Shall mean this contract and its Annexes. |
| **Contract Price** | Shall have the meaning set forthin Article I.5.1 (*Contract Price*). |
| **Cost** | Shall mean all expenditure reasonably incurred (or to be incurred) by the Contractor, including overhead and similar charges, but does not include profit. |
| **Days** | Shall mean calendar days unless otherwise defined. |
| **Deliverable** | Shall mean the Items identified in the List of deliverables in Section [.] of Annex B (*Technical Specification*). |
| **Deviation Notice** | Shall have the meaning given to it in section II.2 of Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*). |
| **Deviation Order** | Shall have the meaning given to it in section II.2 of Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*). |
| **Deviation Request** | Shall have the meaning given to it in section II.2 of Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*). |
| **Dispute** | Shall mean any dispute, difference, or controversy of whatsoever nature arising under, out of, relating to or in connection with the Contract, a breach, termination, or validity thereof, during its implementation or after its completion (including without limitation during the Warranty Period) and whether before or after suspension or termination of the Contract. |
| **Dissemination** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1.6 of Annex C (*Intellectual Property Provisions*). |
| **Domestic Agency** | Shall mean a legal entity through which a Member of the ITER IO provides its contributions to the ITER IO as referred to in Article 8(4) of the ITER Agreement. |
| **Fair and Reasonable Conditions** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1.3 of Annex C (*Intellectual Property Provisions*). |
| **F4E Documentation Management System** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*). |
| **Final Acceptance** | Shall have the meaning set forth in section [•] of Annex B (*Technical Specifications*). |
| **Force Majeure** | Shall mean any unforeseeable and exceptional situation or event beyond the control of the Parties which prevents any of them from performing any of their obligations under the Contract and which (i) was not due to error or negligence on their part or on the part of a Subcontractor, and (ii) could not have been avoided or overcome by the exercise of due diligence. Defects in, or delays in availability of, equipment or material, labour disputes, strikes or financial problems cannot be invoked as Force Majeure, unless they stem directly from a relevant case of Force Majeure. |
| **Foreground** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1.5 of Annex C (*Intellectual Property Provisions*). |
| **Fraud** | Shall mean any intentional act or omission affecting the Union’s financial interests relating to the use or presentation of false, incorrect, or incomplete statements or documents or to non-disclosure of information in violation of a specific obligation |
| **Information** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1.2 of Annex C (*Intellectual Property Provisions*). |
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| **Intellectual Property** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1.1 of Annex C (*Intellectual Property Provisions*). |
| **Irregularity** | Shall mean any infringement of a provision of Union law resulting from an act or omission by an economic operator, which has, or would have, the effect of prejudicing the Union’s budget. |
| **ITER Agreement** | Shall have the meaning set forth in the Recitals. |
| **ITER Annex on Information and Intellectual Property** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article 2.3 of Annex C (*Intellectual Property Provisions*). |
| **Margin** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article II.3 (*General Provisions Concerning Payments*). |
| **Mission** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article II.4 *(Reimbursement of Expenses).* |
| **Notice of Referral** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article I.18 (*Applicable Law and Settlement of Dispute*)/ |
| **[*Options*** | *Shall have the meaning set forth in Article I.3 (Options).*] |
| **Party** | Shall mean either contracting party to the Contract. |
| **[*Performance Guarantee*** | *Shall have the meaning set forth in Article II.5 (Guarantees).*] |
| **Personal Data Officer** | The Fusion for Energy officer responsible for processing the personal data with respect to the Contract in accordance with Article II.11 (*Personal Data Protection*). |
| **[*Pre-financing Payment*** | *Shall have the meaning set forth in Article I.7 (Payment Arrangements).*] |
| **Professional Conflicting Interest** | Shall mean a situation in which the Contractor’s previous or ongoing professional activities affect its capacity to perform the contract to an appropriate quality standard. |
| **Project Manager** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article I.10 (*Representatives*). |
| **Reference Rate** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article II.3.7 (*General Provisions Concerning Payments*). |
| **Release Note** | Shall have the meaning given to it in section II.6 of Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*). |
| **Representatives of Fusion for Energy** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article II.8.2 (*Checks and Access Rights*). |
| **[*Safety Important Class (SIC) Components*** | *Shall mean a subclass (i.e. important for nuclear safety) of the Protection Important Components as set forth in the French Order of 7 February 2012 relating to the General technical regulations applicable to Basic Nuclear Installation.*] |
| **Senior Representative** | Shall mean a representative of either Party at a senior executive level appointed by that Party to attempt to resolve any Dispute in accordance with Article II.26 (*Settlement of Disputes*). |
| **Significant Organisational Change** | Shall mean any of the following events: (i) the sale of more than 50% (fifty percent) of the Contractor’s authorized or issued capital stock or any equivalent thereof, (ii) the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Contractor’s assets, (iii) the merger, consolidation, or reorganization of the Contractor with or into another entity, (iv) the change of a Subcontractor [*or Qualified Provider*]; (v) a change in the Contractor’s legal, financial, technical, or organisational situation which could adversely affect, alter, or impair the rights and/or interests of Fusion for Energy under or pursuant to the Contract, and (vi) where the Contractor is a consortium, any of the following: (a) a change in the lead entity representing the consortium, or (b) a change in the composition of the consortium.  Where the Contractor is a consortium, all events under (i) to (v) refer to any of its members. |
| **Staff** | Shall refer to individuals involved in the performance of this Contract. |
| **[*Stages*** | *Shall have the meaning set forth in Article I.2 (Subject Matter).*] |
| **Subcontractor** | Shall mean any economic operator, who is not Party to this Contract, and who enters into a legal commitment with the Contractor in order to perform a part of the Contract. |
| **Substantial Error** | Shall mean any infringement of a contract provision resulting from an act or omission, which causes or might cause a loss to the Union’s budget. |
| **[*Qualified Provider*** | *Shall mean any economic operator other than Subcontractor, who does not perform part of the Contract but who enters into a legal commitment with the Contractor to provide resources that will be used for the performance of the Contract [i.e. insert criteria(volume, amount, type of material or list of Qualified Provider)*]*.* |
| **Responsible** **Officer** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article I.10.1 (*Representatives*). |
| **Total Contract Price** | Shall have the meaning set forth in Article I.5.6 (*Prices*). |

* 1. **Subject Matter**
     1. The subject matter of this Contract is the provision of [.] as set out in detail in Annex B (*Technical Specifications*) (the “**Service**”).
     2. The Contractor shall provide the Service in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.
     3. *[The subject matter of this Contract is divided into [.] stages (the “****Stages****”):*
     4. *Stage 1: Activities forming part of the Service as described in section [.] of Annex B (Technical Specifications). Stage 1 shall start on [.][the Commencement Date] and the duration for performance shall be consistent with the schedule described in section [.] of Annex B (Technical Specifications); and*
     5. *Stage 2: Activities forming part of the Service as described in section [.] of Annex B (Technical* Specifications*). Stage 2 shall be released no later than [.] and the duration for performance shall be consistent with the schedule described in section [.] of Annex B (Technical Specifications)].*
     6. *[Pursuant to this Contract, the Contractor shall exclusively undertake the work concerning Stage 1, the only Stage coming into force on the Commencement Date.]*
  2. **Options**
     1. *[Fusion for Energy may request the Contractor to perform the following optional services and/or to supply the following optional items (the "****Option(s)****"):*
     2. *Option 1 – […] in accordance with section [.] of Annex B (Technical Specifications);*
     3. *[•].*
     4. *The exercise of each of the Options shall be subject to a written instruction by Fusion for Energy. Such written instruction shall:*
     5. *explicitly inform the Contractor that Fusion for Energy has decided to exercise 1 (one) or several of the Option(s);*
     6. *indicate the date on which exercise of the Option(s) shall enter into force;*
     7. *indicate the date [on which performance of the Option is to commence or to be agreed by the Parties]; and*
     8. *be sent by registered letter.*
     9. *Performance of the Options may under no circumstances start before the date indicated in the instruction. The Contractor shall perform the exercised Options in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.*
     10. *Fusion for Energy shall be entitled to exercise the Options within the time frame specified below [or as specified in Annex [🢝]:*
     11. *With respect to Option [🢝], within [🢝] months of [the Commencement Date or [🢝]];*
     12. *With respect to Option [🢝], within [🢝] months of [the Commencement Date or [🢝].]*
     13. *The duration of the Options [🢝]-[🢝] shall be [as follows/or as specified in Section [.] of Annex [🢝] (•)]:*
     14. *[Option [🢝]: [🢝] months [from the Commencement Date/from the date on which performance of the Option is to commence.];*
     15. *Option [🢝]: [🢝] months from the Commencement Date/from the date on which performance of the Option is to commence.]]*
     16. *The exercise of any of the Options is subject to Fusion for Energy’s sole discretion. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation, should Fusion for Energy decide not to exercise one or several of the Options.*
     17. *Should Fusion for Energy exercise any Option, requests for payments of such Option shall be admissible together with any of the payment periods referred to in Article I.7 (Payment Arrangements), after completion of the work under the Option and reception by Fusion for Energy of the Acceptance Data Package for that Option unless otherwise indicated in Article I.7 of the Contract or otherwise indicated by Fusion for Energy in the written instruction.*
  3. **entry into force and duration** 
     1. This Contract shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the last Party (the “**Commencement Date**”).
     2. Performance of this Contract may under no circumstances begin before the Commencement Date.
     3. Performance of the Contract shall last until completion of the mutual obligations of the Parties under the Contract, without prejudice to Article I.16 (*Survival of Obligations*). Performance of the Contract shall be consistent with the milestones set out in Section […] of Annex B (*Technical Specifications*).
     4. [*Performance of the Stages shall be as follows:*

1. *Stage 1: performance shall start on the Commencement Date and shall last for up to [•](🢝) months;*
2. *Stage 2: performance shall start no later than [•] months after [Commencement Date or [•]] and last for [•] (🢝) months.*]
   1. **Prices**
      1. The amount to be paid by Fusion for Energy to the Contractor shall be EUR [*amount in figures and in words*] covering the provision of the Service and execution of any related obligations in accordance with the conditions of this Contract, excluding Options (the “**Contract Price**”).
      2. [*The amount corresponding to each Stage, when released, is the following:*
      3. *Stage 1: EUR [amount in figures and words] covering the provision of the Service and execution of any related obligations relating to Stage 1 (Contract Price relating to Stage 1);*
      4. *Stage 2 [if instructed as per Article I.2.5]: EUR [amount in figures and words] covering the provision of the Service and execution of any related obligations relating to Stage 2* ***(Contract Price relating to Stage 2****)].*
      5. *[**The amount to be paid by Fusion for Energy for the Options, if exercised, shall be as follows:*
      6. *Option 1: EUR [amount in figures and words] [per month/week/Day];*
      7. *Option 2: EUR [amount in figures and words] [per month/week/Day]*].
      8. *The unit prices regarding the Service shall be as listed in the Contractor’s Tender (AD-07).*
      9. [*Travel and subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed in accordance with Article II.4 (Reimbursement of Expenses) [only for travels necessary to perform the tasks set out in section [.] of Annex B (Technical Specifications)/only for travels to [place and purpose*] *which are necessary for performance of the Service*], *up to a maximum of* [*amount in figures and words].] [Any such Mission shall be subject to Fusion for Energy’s prior written authorization [which may be given via e-mail]*]*.*
      10. The Total Contract Price shall be the sum of the Contract Price, plus the price of any exercised Options, plus any sum paid to the Contractor in reimbursement of the expenses as set out in Article I.5.5, if applicable (the “**Total Contract Price**”).
      11. Prices shall be expressed in EUR.
      12. All prices shall be fixed and firm, not subject to revision during the lifetime of this Contract, regardless of any variations in the price of materials, equipment or labour, except as otherwise stipulated in the Contract. Prices shall be deemed to include all costs and expenses related to the execution of this Contract.
      13. N/A
   2. **Indexation**
      1. [N/A] or [*From the second anniversary* of *the Commencement Date, indexation may be applied once a year at the request of one of the Parties. The request must be made in writing, with acknowledgment of receipt*, *and must be received by the other Party at the latest on 30 September of the year prior to the Calendar Year from which the application of indexation is requested.*
      2. *The indexation requested from the second anniversary date of the Commencement Date applies to the invoices for which the related ADP(s) are uploaded on F4E Documentation Management System from that date. Any subsequent indexation applies to the invoices for which the related ADPs are uploaded on F4E Documentation Management System during the Calendar Year following the request.*
      3. *The indexation coefficient is determined by application of the following formula using [indicate appropriate index as defined in Indexation Policy] published by [see Indexation Policy: e.g. the Office for Official Publications of the European Union in the EUROSTAT monthly bulletin at* [*http://www.ec.europa.eu/eurostat].*](http://www.ec.europa.eu/eurostat%5d.)

*where:*

*I = the indexation coefficient (rounded to 8 decimals).*

*A = [the fixed coefficient representing the non-adjustable portion of the Contract].*

*B, C, D = [the variable coefficients]*

*n1(r), n2(r), n3(r) = the current indexes. For each of them an average shall be calculated of the indexes published from 01 July until included 30 September prior to the Calendar Year in which the indexation coefficient applies.*

*n1(o), n2(o), n3(o) = the base indexes [indexes for the month corresponding to the tender submission deadline ];*

* + 1. *Where the Contractor fails to fulfil its obligations by the completion date of the Contract and the delay is not caused by Fusion for Energy or a Force Majeure, the Contractor shall not be entitled to request the application of a new indexation for the period following the completion date.*
  1. **Payment Arrangements**

***[Stage 1 – if applicable:***

* + 1. ***Pre-financing*** ***Payment:***

*[Pre-financing payment is not applicable to this Contract.]*

*[Fusion for Energy shall pay the Contractor a pre-financing payment of EUR [amount in figures and words] (corresponding to 10/20/30% (ten/twenty/thirty percent) of the amount referred in Article [I.5.1 (Contract Price)/I.5.2.(a) Contract Price relating to Stage 1] (the “****Pre-financing Payment****”) within 30 (thirty) days of receiving the request for a pre-financing payment accompanied by a corresponding invoice indicating the reference number of the Contract.*

*[Fusion for Energy will only pay, if it has received a duly constituted financial guarantee in the form provided in the Applicable Documents (AD-03 Pre-financing Guarantee Form) equal to the amount of the Pre-financing Payment].*

* + 1. ***Interim Payment(s):***

[*Interim payment is not applicable to this Contract*.]

[*Fusion for Energy shall pay the Contractor an interim payment of EUR [amount in figures and words] [corresponding to [🢝] % of the amount referred to in Article [I.5.1* (Contract Price)/I.5.2.(a) (Contract Price relating to Stage 1)] *[minus the Pre-financing Payment [if applicable]/minus a percentage of the Pre-financing Payment].*

*The Contractor must send a request for interim payment accompanied by the relevant invoice indicating:*

1. *the reference number of the Contract;*
2. *the Acceptance Data Package (ADP) related to milestone [] referred to in Section [] of Annex B (Technical Specifications);*
3. *the amount;*
4. *a breakdown of the payment amount(s) as foreseen in the Contract (before indexation) and the indexation amount, if applicable.*

*Fusion for Energy must approve any submitted Acceptance Data Package and pay within 60 (sixty) days from receipt of the request for payment.*

* + 1. **Payment of the balance:**

Fusion for Energy shall pay the Contractor the balance of EUR [*amount in figures and words*] corresponding to [.] % ([.] percent) of the amount referred to in article I.5.1/I.5.2 (a).

The Contractor must send a request for the payment of the balance accompanied by the relevant invoice indicating:

1. *the reference number of the Contract;*
2. *the Acceptance Data Package (ADP) related to milestone [] referred to in Section [] of Annex B (Technical Specifications);*
3. *the amount;*
4. *a breakdown of the payment amount(s) as foreseen in the Contract (before indexation) and the indexation amount, if applicable.*

Fusion for Energy must approve any submitted Acceptance Data Package and pay within 60 (sixty) days from receipt of the request for payment.

***Stage 2 (if applicable)***

* + 1. ***Pre-financing:***

*[Pre-financing payment is not applicable to this Contract.]*

*[Fusion for Energy shall pay the Contractor a pre-financing payment of EUR [amount in figures and words] (corresponding to 10/20/30% (ten/twenty/thirty percent) of the amount referred in article [I.5.1 (Contract Price)/5.2.(b) Contract Price relating to Stage 2] (the “Pre-financing payment”) within 30 (thirty) days of receiving the request for a pre-financing payment accompanied by a corresponding invoice indicating the reference number of the Contract.]*

*[Fusion for Energy will pay only if it has received a duly constituted financial guarantee in the form provided in the Applicable Documents (AD-03 Pre-financing Guarantee Form) equal to the amount of the Pre-financing Payment.]*

* + 1. ***Interim Payment(s):***

*[Interim payment is not applicable to this Contract.]*

*[Fusion for Energy shall pay the Contractor an interim payment of EUR [amount in figures and words] corresponding to [.] % ([.] percent) of the Initial Contract Price/Contract Price relating to Stage 2 minus [.]% ([.] percent) of the Pre-financing [for Stage 2]).*

*The Contractor must send a request for interim payment accompanied by the relevant invoice indicating:*

1. *the reference number of the Contract;*
2. *the Acceptance Data Package (ADP) related to milestone [] referred to in Section [] of Annex B (Technical Specifications);*
3. *the amount;*
4. *a breakdown of the payment amount(s) as foreseen in the Contract (before indexation) and the indexation amount, if applicable.*

*Fusion for Energy must approve any submitted Acceptance Data Package and pay within 60 (sixty) days from receipt of the request for payment.]*

* + 1. ***Payment of the balance:***

*Fusion for Energy shall pay the Contractor the balance of EUR [amount in figures and words] corresponding to [.]% ([.] percent) of the Contract Price relating to Stage 2.*

*The Contractor must send a request for payment of the balance accompanied by the relevant invoice indicating:*

1. *the reference number of the Contract;*
2. *the Acceptance Data Package (ADP) related to milestone [] referred to in Section [] of Annex B (Technical Specifications);*
3. *the amount;*
4. *a breakdown of the payment amount(s) as foreseen in the Contract (before indexation) and the indexation amount, if applicable.*

*Fusion for Energy must approve any submitted Acceptance Data Package and pay within 60 (sixty) days from receipt of the request for payment.*

* + 1. **Payment of the options**

[*In case specific payment modalities for Option are necessary, please indicate them here*.]

* 1. **Guarantees**

**[***Guarantees are not applicable***]**

* + 1. *[If the amount of the Pre-financing payment equals or exceeds EUR 300,000 (three hundred thousand Euro), the Contractor must provide a Pre-Financing guarantee for the amount of EUR [amount in figures and in words] in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article II.5.][By derogation to Article II.5.2, the Pre-financing Guarantee may be replaced by a joint and several guarantee by a third party, after prior acceptance by Fusion for Energy and subject to the conditions it determines].*
    2. *[A Performance Guarantee constituted in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article II.5 is requested for the amount of EUR [amount in figures and in words[[3]](#footnote-3)]. By derogation to Article II.5.2, the Performance Guarantee may be replaced by a joint and several guarantee by a third party, after prior acceptance by Fusion for Energy and subject to the conditions it determines].*
    3. *[A Retention money guarantee is requested for an amount of EUR [amount in figures and in words][[4]](#footnote-4) and constituted by a corresponding deduction from the final payment. At the request of the Contractor and subject to approval by Fusion for Energy, the deduction on payment may be replaced by a bank guarantee in accordance with the conditions laid down in Article II.5]**.*
  1. **Bank Account**
     1. Payments shall be made to the Contractor’s bank account denominated in EUR, identified as follows:

Name of bank: [complete]

Address of branch in full:[complete]

Exact designation of account holder: [complete]

Full account number including codes:[complete]

IBAN[[5]](#footnote-5) code:[complete]

* + 1. The same bank account and value added tax (VAT) registration number shall be indicated on each invoice.
    2. Any request for modification of the Contractor’s bank account shall be made by letter duly accompanied by all the supporting documents. Any modification of the Contractor’s bank account shall be approved by letter from Fusion for Energy’s Responsible Officer.
  1. **Representatives** 
     1. **Fusion for Energy’s Responsible Officer**

Fusion for Energy appoints the following Responsible Officer for the Contract.

Technical Responsible Officer (TRO) for technical matters: [name];

Contracts and Procurement Responsible Officer (CPO) for commercial matters: [name].

* + 1. **Contractor’s Project Manager**

The Contractor nominates [name] as Project Manager responsible for coordinating the performance of the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract. The Project Manager is deemed to be vested with sufficient power and authority to perform such tasks and represent the Contractor under the Contract.

[The Contractor nominates the following additional key persons:

Technical person responsible for [¬]: [name];

[*Commercial person responsible for [¬]: [name]*].

The Project Manager shall be the main contact point regarding any issue raised in connection with the performance of the Contractor’s obligations under the Contract.

* + 1. The Project Manager and the key persons listed above shall be dedicated full time to the execution of the Contract. The Parties shall give prior written notice of any modification of their representatives listed in this Article I.10. The minimum term for written notice of any modification shall be 15 (fifteen) days.
    2. [*Any modification of the Contractor’s Project Manager and/or additional key persons shall be subject to prior approval by Fusion for Energy*.]
  1. **Communication**
     1. All communications between the Contractor and Fusion for Energy shall be in accordance with the following arrangement:

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| Fusion for Energy | Contractor |
| For technical matters | |
| TRO: [*name*]  In copy to: [*name*]  [*and the CPO in case the technical matters have a commercial impact*] | Project Manager or its office: [*name*]  [*In copy to: additional key persons* [*name(s)*]] |
| For commercial matters | |
| CPO: [*name*]  In copy to: TRO: [*name*] | Project Manager or its office: [*name*]  [*In copy to: additional key persons* [*name(s)*]] |

This communication arrangement shall be preserved throughout the duration of the Contract.

* + 1. Any communication relating to the Contract shall be made in writing, in English and shall bear the Contract number. All communications shall be made by mail or electronic mail, as well as by any other means, provided always that in these cases there is evidence of due receipt by the addressee(s), save as otherwise provided in the Contract.
    2. Ordinary mail shall be deemed to have been received by Fusion for Energy on the date on which it is registered by the department responsible indicated below.
    3. Communications shall be sent to the following addresses:

For Fusion for Energy:

[name of the Responsible Officer]

*[In copy to:*

*[name]]*

Contract number [F4E-…]

The European Joint Undertaking for the Development of ITER and Fusion Energy (‘Fusion for Energy’)  
c/Josep Pla 2  
Torres Diagonal Litoral  
Building B3  
08019 Barcelona  
Spain

For the Contractor:

Mr/Mrs/Ms [name of the Project Manager]

[function]

[company name]

[official address in full]

* 1. **Liability**
     1. **Contractor’s Liability:**

The Contractor is liable to Fusion for Energy for any loss or damage arising directly as a result of the performance or breach of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract. The Contractor’s total liability under this Contract shall not exceed [*1 (one) time*] the Total Contract Price, subject to the sole exceptions set out in this Article I.12.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the Contractor shall remain liable without any limitation as to the amount, for the following:

* + 1. damage or loss caused by the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the Contractor, its Staff, or of any Subcontractor or its staff;
    2. personal injuries or death caused by the Contractor, its Staff, or of any Subcontractor or its Staff ;
    3. damage or loss directly resulting from non-compliance with any applicable mandatory law or from an infringement of intellectual property rights of a third party.
    4. **Third party actions:**

If a third party brings any action or claim against Fusion for Energy in connection with the performance of the Contract, the Contractor must assist Fusion for Energy in the legal proceedings, including by intervening in support of Fusion for Energy, upon request.

If Fusion for Energy’s liability towards the third party is established and such liability is caused by the Contractor during or as a consequence of the performance of the Contract, the Contractor shall be liable, without any limitation, as to the amount.

The indemnification shall not exceed the amount of damage and costs sustained by F4E as a result of the third party action within the meaning of this Article.

The ITER IO is not considered a third party for the purposes of this Article unless the damage or loss suffered by the ITER IO was caused by the Contractor’s wilful misconduct or gross negligence. The indemnification shall not exceed the limit indicated in Article I.12.1, subject to the exceptions mentioned therein..

* + 1. **Consortium**

If the Contractor is a group of economic operators or a consortium, the economic operators forming such group or consortium shall be jointly and severally liable to Fusion for Energy for any loss or damage as a result of the performance or breach of Contractor’s obligations by any of them, under the conditions established in Article I.12.1.

* + 1. **Fusion for Energy’s Liability**

Fusion for Energy is not liable for any loss or damage sustained by the Contractor during or as a consequence of performance of the Contract, unless the loss or damage was caused by wilful misconduct or gross negligence by Fusion for Energy.

* + 1. Fusion for Energy is not liable for any loss or damage caused by the Contractor, including any damage or loss to a third party during or as a consequence of performance of the Contract.
    2. **[*Nuclear Liability***

*The Parties hereby acknowledge that nuclear fusion installations are currently not covered by international nuclear liability conventions and that ITER IO assumes by virtue of the declaration in the Applicable Documents (AD-04 Declaration Regarding Nuclear Liability of ITER) the responsibility of a Nuclear Operator for indemnifying the Contractor in the event of claims, damage and losses caused by radiological damage arising from a nuclear incident as defined by the Paris Convention ‘Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy’ of 29th July 1960, as amended by the Additional Protocol of 28th January 1964 and by the Protocol of 16th November 1982*].

* 1. **Insurance**
     1. The Contractor shall effect and maintain suitable insurance from a reputable insurance company against risks and damages relating to performance of the Contract as required by the relevant applicable legislation and reasonably required by standard practice in the industry.
     2. *[N/A] [In any case, the Contractor shall effect and maintain the following insurance:*
     3. *Third party and public liability insurances to cover each and every liability which the Contractor may incur relating to the performance of the Contract with a limit of indemnity of not less than EUR [amount in figures and words] for any occurrence and in the yearly aggregate, notwithstanding any termination of the present Contract (i.e. with a validity period of at least 2 (two) years following any termination of the Contract).*
     4. *Professional indemnity insurance without unusual or onerous conditions or excesses to cover each and every liability which the Contractor may incur relating to the performance of the Contract including joint and several liability of its members and in particular for any act, error, or omission due to negligence in the performance of the obligations and commitments to be undertaken in accordance with the Contract, design of the works and faulty execution, with a limit of indemnity of not less than EUR [amount in figures and words] for any one occurrence and in the yearly aggregate, notwithstanding any termination of the present Contract (i.e. with a validity period of at least 2 (two) years following any termination of the Contract).]*
     5. The insurance policies listed above shall allow direct payment of the compensation for the insured damage sustained.
     6. Upon request, the Contractor shall provide evidence of effective insurance coverage to Fusion for Energy.
     7. **[*Contract implementation in the ITER site in Cadarache]***

*[N/A] or [Specific requirements apply in case of Contract implementation in the ITER Site in Cadarache, including where the Contract contains assembly and Installation activities on the site. Please add the relevant provision.*]

* 1. **Liquidated Damages**
     1. Where [*completion date is not met/any of the milestones dates for deliverable [.]/milestones [🢝] defined in section [­🢝] of Annex B (Technical Specifications), as extended if at all, are not met*] and the delay is not attributable to an act or omission of Fusion for Energy, Fusion for Energy may impose liquidated damages amounting to [.]% ([.] percent) of the Total Contract Price (at the date of the Formal Notification/Stage Price)/ *total price for the relevant Stage]* per [day/week/month] of delay, up to a maximum of [*10% (ten percent*)] of the Total Contract Price. Fusion for Energy may at its sole discretion apply a lower amount.
     2. Without prejudice to Fusion for Energy’s right to terminate the Contract in accordance with Article II.19 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Cause*), the liquidated damages payable under this Article constitute the sole remedy available to Fusion for Energy in respect of delay up to the maximum amount indicated in Article I.14.1. From the Day the maximum amount of payable liquidated damages is reached, Fusion for Energy shall be entitled to compensation for any loss or damage resulting from any additional delay attributable to the Contractor, under the conditions set out by Article I.12.1 (*Liability*).
     3. Fusion for Energy must formally notify the Contractor of its intention to apply liquidated damages and the corresponding calculated amount. The Contractor has [*20 (twenty)]* Days following the date of receipt to submit observations or any longer period communicated by Fusion for Energy. Failing that, the decision becomes enforceable the Day after the time limit for submitting observations has elapsed. If the Contractor submits observations, Fusion for Energy, taking into account the relevant observations, shall notify the Contractor: (a) of the withdrawal of its intention to apply liquidated damages; or (b) of its final decision to apply liquidated damages and the corresponding amount.
     4. The Parties expressly agree and acknowledge that any amounts payable under this Article I.14 are of the nature of liquidated damages and not penalties and represent a reasonable estimate of fair compensation for the damages and losses that may be reasonably anticipated by Fusion for Energy from any delay of the Contractor.
  2. **Intellectual Property**
     1. The provisions of Annex C (*Intellectual Property Provisions*) shall be applicable.
  3. **Survival of Obligations**
     1. Obligations under this Contract, which by their nature would continue beyond the termination or expiration hereof, including, by way of illustration only and not limitation, those in the Article I.12 (*Liability*), Article II.22 (*Checks and Audits*), Article II.23.1 (*Confidentiality)* and Annex C (*Intellectual Property Provisions*) shall survive the termination or expiration of this Contract.
  4. **Applicable Law**
     1. The Contract shall be governed by the Community and European Union Law, complemented by national substantive law of Spain other than its rules of private international law (conflict of law/renvoi rules).
  5. **Other Special Conditions**
     1. ***Items delivered to the Contractor***

**[.]**

* + 1. **[*Rules on access and presence of external Contractor Staff for the execution of services in Fusion for Energy’s premises***

1. *[The Contractor shall, within 3 (three) calendar days prior to the envisaged beginning of the work on Fusion for Energy premises, submit to Fusion for Energy the list of his employees he will entrust with the execution of the onsite Services, transmitting for each Person information on name, first name, date and place of birth, profession, and residence.*
2. *Persons may only have access to Fusion for Energy premises with a permit that has been delivered to them personally by Fusion for Energy. This permit shall be constantly visible in order for the person being capable of being identified. Fusion for Energy reserves the right not to accept unwelcome persons on its premises, at his discretion, by informing the Contractor. The Contractor shall make sure that the permit is returned to Fusion for Energy at the end of the services.*
3. *The working hours of the Contractor’s personnel must be included in Fusion for Energy’s opening time, which is as follows: Monday-Friday: 8.30 to 13.00 and from 14.15 to 17.30. The Contractor will receive the list of days regarded as bank holidays by Fusion for Energy, apart from Saturdays and Sundays. Dispensation to the above-mentioned timetable shall be possible only with the authorisation granted on a case by case basis by the representatives of Fusion for Energy.*
4. *Each of the Contractor’s employees accepted for services at Fusion for Energy premises shall remain a direct employee of the Contractor at all times during the period of such services. It is expressly agreed that such person shall not be considered an employee or agent of Fusion for Energy. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Fusion for Energy for any such claim by any such person. The relation of employment between the Contractor and his employee shall remain the same and shall not be altered by this Contract. At the end of the services at Fusion for Energy premises, the Contractor ensures that such employees leave the site.*
5. *Fusion for Energy shall not be responsible for any payment to the Contractor’s employees for any cost or expenses incurred by him and/or his employees under or in connection with this Contract, in particular, Fusion for Energy shall not pay any salary, remuneration, reimbursement of travel and living expenses or the like to the Contractor’s employees. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Fusion for Energy from any such claim by his employees.*
6. *Fusion for Energy may request the Contractor to recall a person from the Fusion for Energy’s premises when deemed appropriate and provide a justification. The Contractor shall immediately comply with such a request, and, if requested by Fusion for Energy, the Contractor shall substitute the recalled person by another employee.*
7. *Each of the Contractor’s employees and/or Subcontractors (personnel) working in the premises of Fusion for Energy shall conform to any internal security and information technology rules of Fusion for Energy, including the Information Systems Security Policy of Fusion for Energy that is made available to the Contractor before commencing any works in the premises of Fusion for Energy.*
8. *The Parties declare and acknowledge that the Contractor’s employees and/or Subcontractors (personnel) working in the premises of Fusion for Energy shall by no means be (re)qualified as staff member of Fusion for Energy. The Contractor undertakes in agreement with Fusion for Energy to work out, implement and maintain appropriate measures to prevent such requalification.*
9. *All property of the Contractor while at the Fusion for Energy premises shall be at risk of the Contractor and Fusion for Energy shall accept no liability for any loss or damage to that property or caused by that property except where any such loss or damage was caused or contributed to by any act, neglect or default of any employee of Fusion for Energy acting in the course of their employment. Fusion for Energy shall accept liability only to the extent to which such loss or damage is so caused or contributed to*.]
   * 1. ***[Qualified Providers***

*Article II.13 (Subcontracting) applies to Qualified Providers.]*

* + 1. ***[Warranty***

*Obligation for the Contractor to correct mistakes, ambiguities or inconsistencies discovered after Final Acceptance up to a period of [1 (one) year] [and to repeat the performance of part of the services concerned] without additional payment].*

1. **General Conditions**
   1. **Performance of the Contract**
      1. **General provisions on performance of this Contract:**
      2. The Contractor shall perform this Contract with due skill, care, and diligence, in accordance with the high professional standards of an experienced contractor in the field of this Contract.
      3. The Contractor must comply with the minimum requirements provided for in the tender specifications. This includes compliance with applicable obligations under environmental, social, and labour law established by Union law, national law, and collective agreements or by the international environmental, social, and labour law provisions listed in Annex X to Directive 2014/24/EU[[6]](#footnote-6).
      4. The Contractor shall have sole responsibility for taking the necessary steps to obtain any permit or licence required to perform this Contract under the laws and regulations in force at the place where this Contract is to be executed.
      5. The Contractor shall be obliged to follow the instructions of Fusion for Energy given in writing by the Responsible Officer for this Contract. If the Contractor receives instructions that jeopardize the economical, expeditious, and safe performance of this Contract, it shall immediately call the attention of Fusion for Energy in writing thereto. However, if the Responsible officer for this Contract repeats the instructions in writing, the Contractor shall execute them at the risk and expense of Fusion for Energy.
      6. The Contractor shall neither represent Fusion for Energy nor behave in any way that would give such an impression. The Contractor shall inform third parties that it and its employees do not belong to the European public service.
      7. The Contractor shall immediately notify Fusion for Energy of any circumstance that threatens to affect or affects the performance of its contractual obligations.
      8. **General Provisions Regarding the Contractor’s Staff**
      9. The Contractor must ensure that any Staff performing the Contract (including that of Subcontractors) has the professional qualifications and experience required for execution of the Contract.
      10. Upon request of Fusion for Energy, the Contractor shall justify the deployment of the human resources, regarding the number and the professional qualification of the personnel involved for the execution of the Contract.
      11. The Contractor shall have sole responsibility for complying with any legal obligations incumbent on him with respect to its Staff, notably those resulting from employment, tax, social security, and health and safety legislation. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Fusion for Energy from any claim in that respect including those claims related to salary, remuneration, tax, social security, and health and safety obligations of the Contractor. If requested by Fusion for Energy, the Contractor shall submit copies of forms evidencing compliance with the aforementioned obligations.
      12. The Contractor shall be responsible for the submission of any information required by the labour or tax authorities, or other authority, having jurisdiction over the work in respect of the employees working or from time to time employed or hired by the Contractor and its subcontractors to carry out any work under this Contract. The Contractor shall also be responsible to submit copies of that documentation to Fusion for Energy. The Contractor shall keep at all times in the site the legally required books and records containing information on its employees and those of its subcontractors working on the site. Fusion for Energy shall have access to the information contained in such registry book.
      13. The Contractor shall have sole responsibility for the Staff executing the tasks under the Contract. The Contractor has the duty to manage the team in charge of the execution of this Contract.
      14. The Contractor shall make provision for the following employment or service relationships with its Staff: (1) Staff executing the tasks assigned to the Contractor may not be given orders directly by Fusion for Energy; and (2) Fusion for Energy may not under any circumstances be considered to be the Staff's employer and the said Staff shall undertake not to invoke in respect of Fusion for Energy any right arising from the contractual relationship between Fusion for Energy and the Contractor.
      15. The Contractor shall use reasonable efforts to minimize the risk of labour-related delays or disruption of the progress of the work. The Contractor shall promptly take any and all reasonable steps that may be available in connection with the resolution of violations of collective bargaining agreements or labour jurisdictional disputes. The Contractor shall advise Fusion for Energy promptly in writing of any actual or threatened labour dispute of which the Contractor has knowledge that might materially affect the performance of this Contract by the Contractor or by any of its subcontractors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the settlement of strikes, walkouts, lockouts, or other labour disputes shall be at the discretion of the Party having the difficulty.
      16. In the event of disruption resulting from the action or omission of a member of the Contractor’s Staff or in the event of the expertise of a member of the Contractor’s Staff failing to correspond to the profile required by this Contract, the Contractor shall replace him without delay. Fusion for Energy shall have the right to request the replacement of any such member of Staff, stating its reasons for so doing. Replacement Staff must have the necessary qualifications and be capable of performing this Contract under the same contractual conditions. The Contractor shall ensure the continuity of the service and the transfer of knowledge from the replaced Staff to the replacement Staff. The Contractor shall be responsible for any delay in the execution of this Contract resulting from the replacement of Staff
      17. **Quality Management and Safety**
      18. The Contractor shall comply during the performance of this Contract with the quality and management requirements laid down in the Annexes of the Contract and in the Applicable Documents.
      19. The Contractor shall have the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the safety regulations and standards applicable in the places where the Contract is executed.
   2. **Acceptance**
      1. **Acceptance:**

In this Contract, “Acceptance” shall mean acknowledgement that the Service and the deliverables are in compliance with the contractual requirements.

Acceptance of the Service and the deliverables shall be evidenced by a written communication to this effect or, in the case of a deliverable linked to a payment, by the payment.

Conformity shall be declared only where the conditions laid down in this Contract are satisfied and the Service provided conform to Annex A (*Management Specification*) and Annex B (*Technical Specifications*).

Where, for reasons attributable to the Contractor, Fusion for Energy is unable to accept the Service and the deliverables, the Contractor shall be notified in writing at the latest by the deadline for approval of Acceptance Data Package.

Approval of any deliverable or document by any means other than those set out in this Article II.2 shall not constitute an Acceptance within the meaning of this Article II.2. No obligation and/or responsibility of the Contractor under this Contract shall be released until Final Acceptance.

Acceptance is without prejudice to the rules on Liability in Article I.12.

* + 1. **Approval of the Acceptance Data Packages linked to payments:**
    2. Where the Contractor must submit an Acceptance Data Package (ADP) linked to a payment, Fusion for Energy has 60 (sixty) Days from receipt of the relevant request for payment :

(1) to approve it and make the payment; or

(2) to reject it and require the Contractor to submit another ADP; or

(3) to make observations, suspend the time-limit for payment and require the Contractor to take corrective actions.

**(b)** Any rejection by Fusion for Energy must be based on objective reasons in accordance with the provisions of this Contract and be transmitted in writing to the Contractor.

If Fusion for Energy rejects the Acceptance Data Package, the Contractor shall submit a new Acceptance Data Package which shall likewise be subject to the above provisions.

## The deadline for submission of any other Acceptance Data Package and other deadlines set out in this Contract shall not be affected or deferred due to Fusion for Energy’s rejection of a given Acceptance Data Package.

* 1. **General provisions Concerning Payments**
     1. Payments shall be made only if the Contractor has properly fulfilled all its contractual obligations by the date on which the request for payment is submitted.
     2. Should the Contractor fail to perform his obligations under the Contract, Fusion for Energy may – without prejudice to its right to terminate this Contract or any other remedies it may have at law – suspend, reduce, or recover payments in proportion to the scale of the non-performance.
     3. Payments shall be deemed to have been made on the date on which Fusion for Energy’s account is debited.
     4. Fusion for Energy may suspend the payment periods referred to in Article I.7 (*Payment Arrangements*) at any time if it informs the Contractor that its payment request is not admissible. A payment request is not admissible for one of the following reasons:

1. the payment is not due in accordance with the Contract;
2. the Contractor has not produced the appropriate supporting documents or deliverables; or
3. Fusion for Energy has observations on the documents or deliverables submitted with the invoice.
   * 1. In case of doubt on the admissibility of the payment request, Fusion for Energy may suspend the time limit for payment for the purpose of further verification, including an on-the-spot check, in order to ascertain, prior to payment, that the request is admissible.
     2. Fusion for Energy shall notify the Contractor as soon as possible of the suspension and set out the reasons for it. Suspension takes effect on the date Fusion for Energy sends the notification. The remaining payment period resumes from the date on which the requested information or revised documents are received or the necessary verifications, including on-the-spot checks, is carried out. Where the suspension of payment exceeds 2 (two) months, the Contractor may request F4E’s decision on whether the suspension must be continued.
     3. In the event of late payment the Contractor shall be entitled to interest calculated at the rate applied by the European Central Bank to its most recent main refinancing operations (the "**Reference Rate**") plus 8 (eight) percentage points (the "**Margin**"). The Reference Rate in force on the first Day of the month in which the payment is due shall apply. Interest shall be payable for the period elapsing from the Day following expiry of the time limit for payment up to the Day of payment. Suspension of payment by Fusion for Energy does not constitute late payment. When the calculated interest is lower or equal to EUR 200 (two hundred euros), it must be paid only if the Contractor requests it within 2 (two) months of receiving late payment.
   1. **Reimbursement of Expenses**
      1. Where provided for by Article I.5.5, Fusion for Energy shall reimburse the travel and subsistence expenses that are directly connected with the tasks which must be performed by the Contractor (the “**Missions**”) in accordance with the Contract on production of original supporting documents, including receipts and/or printouts of booking and boarding documents.
      2. Travel and subsistence expenses shall be calculated on the basis of the shortest itinerary and the minimum number of nights necessary for overnight stay at the destination.
      3. Travel expenses shall be reimbursed up to a maximum amount calculated on the basis of the following assumptions:
      4. travel by air are made on economy class;
      5. travel by boat or rail are made on first class;
      6. travel by car shall be reimbursed at the rate of one first class rail ticket for the same journey;
      7. For journeys of 200 (two hundred) km and more (return trip), subsistence expenses shall be reimbursed on the basis of a daily allowance which covers all subsistence expenses, including accommodation, meals, local transport and transport to airport, insurance and sundries. The daily subsistence allowance indicated in the following index shall apply: <https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/funding/about-calls-tender/procedures-and-practical-guide-prag/diems_en>
      8. Conversion between the euro and another currency shall be made according to the daily euro exchange rate published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or, failing that, at the monthly accounting exchange rate established by the European Commission and published on its website, applicable on the day on which the payment order is issued by the contracting authority.
      9. In the request(s) for prior written authorization by Fusion for Energy the Contractor shall state the name and number of persons travelling, the duration of travel/mission (in Days), and the date and the place of the respective mission.
      10. Unless otherwise indicated in the Contract, reimbursement of expenses shall occur together with the interim payment or balance payment which follows the submission of the request for reimbursement of expenses. Requests for reimbursement of expenses shall be admissible, if accompanied with:
      11. the relevant request for reimbursement of expenses, indicating the reference number of the Specific Contract, and this Article II.4 (*Reimbursement of Expenses*); and
      12. the supporting documents as indicated in this Article II.4 (*Reimbursement of Expenses*).
   2. **Guarantees**
      1. If so required by Fusion for Energy, the Contractor shall provide a guarantee (the “**Guarantee**”) for the performance of his obligations under the Contract for the amount and exact format stipulated in the Contract.
      2. The guarantee(s) shall be issued in favour of Fusion for Energy by an authorised bank or any other financial institution (the “**Guarantor**”) established in the EU or Switzerland having a public credit rating of no less than “BBB” by Standard and Poors or equivalent credit rating from a reputable ratings agency accepted by Fusion for Energy credit. It shall be denominated in EURO.
      3. Notwithstanding any indication to the contrary, the Guarantor shall stand as first-call guarantor and shall not require Fusion for Energy to have recourse against the principal debtor, being the Contractor.
      4. The Contractor shall bear the costs of providing the Guarantee and any extension thereof.
      5. The pre-financing guarantee must remain in force until the pre-financing is cleared against (an) interim payment(s) or payment of the balance. Where the payment of the balance takes the form of a debit note, the pre-financing guarantee must remain in force for 3 (three) months after the debit note is sent to the Contractor. Fusion for Energy must release the guarantee within the following month.
      6. Performance guarantees cover compliance with contractual obligations from the execution of the balance payment. Fusion for Energy must release the performance guarantee fully 30 (thirty) Days after expiry of the Warranty Period.
      7. Retention money guarantees cover full delivery of the supplies in accordance with the Contract including during the Warranty Period. Fusion for Energy must release the Retention money guarantee at the latest after the expiry of the Warranty Period.
      8. Fusion for Energy may not request a retention money guarantee where it has requested a performance guarantee and not released it.
   3. **Recovery**
      1. If total payments made exceed the amount actually due under the Contract or if recovery is justified in accordance with the terms of this Contract, the Contractor shall reimburse the appropriate amount in EUR on receipt of the debit note, in the manner and within the time limits set by Fusion for Energy.
      2. In the event of failure to pay by the deadline specified in the request for reimbursement, the sum due shall bear interest at the rate indicated in Article II.3.7 (*General Provisions Concerning Payments*). Interest shall be payable from the Day following the due date up to the Day on which the debt is repaid in full.
      3. In the event of failure to pay by the deadline specified in the request for reimbursement, Fusion for Energy may, after informing the Contractor in writing, recover amounts established as certain, of a fixed amount and due by offsetting them against any amount owed to the Contractor by Fusion for Energy that is certain, of a fixed amount and due. Fusion for Energy may also claim against the Pre-financing Guarantee or the Performance guarantee depending on which payment is impacted by the debt to be recovered.
   4. **Taxation**
      1. The Contractor recognises that Fusion for Energy is, as a rule, exempt from all taxes and duties, including VAT, pursuant to the provisions of Articles 3 and 4 of the Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union[[7]](#footnote-7).
      2. The Contractor shall accordingly complete the necessary formalities with the relevant authorities to ensure that the Items and services required for performance of the Contract are exempt from taxes and duties, including VAT. The Contractor shall remain responsible for the proper application of the rules on VAT at the place where is taxable. Fusion for Energy reserves the right to communicate information on the Contract to the Member State in which the contractor is liable to VAT.
      3. Invoices presented by the Contractor shall indicate its place of taxation for VAT purposes and shall specify separately the amounts not including VAT and the amounts including VAT.
   5. **Checks and Access Rights**
      1. For the purposes of checking the performance of the Contract and subject to prior notification (which in any case shall be less than 5 (five) days), Fusion for Energy or any entity it designates shall have the right to carry out onsite checks in the premises of, and access to the facilities (including documentation) of the Contractor and its Subcontractors as set out in detail in Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*).
      2. Fusion for Energy shall notify in writing to the Contractor the names of the persons entitled or designated to execute the checks (the “**Representatives of Fusion for Energy**”). The Contractor shall grant access to its facilities for the above purposes and shall ensure that any contracts entered into with Subcontractors also provide such unlimited and unrestricted access.
      3. In carrying out the checks, the Representatives of Fusion for Energy shall comply with the internal rules of procedure, safety, and security of the Contractor and Subcontractors as well as with any restriction imposed by any applicable safety and security law.
      4. In addition to the rights of Fusion for Energy set out in Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*), Fusion for Energy shall be entitled to a reasonable number of copies (and unless otherwise indicated by Fusion for Energy, not less than 3 (three)) in paper and electronic form of the documents required in accordance with Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*) at any time at no cost for Fusion for Energy.
      5. The Contractor shall provide at no cost for Fusion for Energy (also in the case of permanent Representatives of Fusion for Energy), suitable office accommodation and facilities as may be required for the use of the Representative(s) of Fusion for Energy for the purpose mentioned in this Article II.8 and also all appliances, materials, and labour required for inspection or test purposes for the purpose mentioned in this Article II.8.
      6. Nothing under this Article II.7 (*Checks and Access Rights*) shall relieve the Contractor of any of its obligations and responsibilities under this Contract.
   6. **Reporting and Testing**
      1. The Contractor shall provide Fusion for Energy with reports providing details about the progress of the performance of this Contract, Acceptance Data Packages, and Final Report, all of which shall be in accordance with the requirements set out in Annex A (*Management Specification*) and Annex B (*Technical Specifications*).
      2. Should any unforeseen event, action or omission directly or indirectly negatively impact the execution of this Contract, either partially or totally, the Contractor shall immediately and at its own initiative record it and report it to Fusion for Energy. The report shall include a description of the problem and an indication of the date on which it started and of the remedial action taken by the Contractor to ensure full compliance with its obligations under this Contract. In such event the Contractor shall give priority to solving the problem rather than determining liability.
      3. The Contractor shall give Fusion for Energy at least 2 (two) weeks’ notice in writing of any tests that are to be carried out in accordance with the Contract in the presence of Representatives of Fusion for Energy, unless otherwise indicated in the Annex A (*Management Specification*) or Annex B (*Technical Specifications*).
      4. The expense of visits of Representatives of Fusion for Energy connected with such tests will be borne by Fusion for Energy. If 1 (one) or more of the tests has to be repeated for reasons attributable to the Contractor, the Contractor shall pay the additional costs attributable to extended participation or for any extra visit(s).
      5. If during the course of a test the Representatives of Fusion for Energy present at the test wish to make minor modifications to the test procedures or programmes which has no impact on the schedule, i.e. modifications involving little extra work or expense, the Contractor shall not unreasonably withhold its consent. Substantial modifications to test procedures or programmes shall be agreed in good faith by the Parties in advance.
      6. Each test procedure has to be approved by Fusion for Energy prior to the test. Each test report has to be approved by Fusion for Energy. One copy of the test report shall be delivered to Fusion for Energy within 10 (ten) days from the end date of each test.
      7. If the Parties disagree on the results of the tests, a final series of tests shall be carried out by or under the supervision of a third party especially designated for this purpose by Fusion for Energy. The resulting expenses and delays shall be borne by the Party shown to be wrong by the results of this new series of tests.
   7. **Conflict of Interests**
      1. The Contractor shall take all necessary measures in order to prevent any situation of Conflict of Interest or Professional Conflicting Interest. Any Conflict of Interest or Professional Conflicting Interest which could arise during performance of the Contract must be notified to Fusion for Energy in writing without delay. The Contractor shall immediately take all necessary steps to rectify it.
      2. Fusion for Energy reserves the right to verify that such measures are adequate and may require that additional measures be taken, if necessary, within a time limit which it shall set. The Contractor shall ensure that its Staff, board and directors are not placed in a situation which could give rise to conflict of interest. Without prejudice to Article II.1.2. (*General Provisions Regarding the Contractor’s Staff*) the Contractor shall replace, immediately and without compensation from Fusion for Energy, any member of its Staff exposed to such a situation.
      3. The Contractor shall abstain from any contact likely to compromise its independence.
      4. The Contractor declares:
      5. that it has not made, and will not make, any offer of any type whatsoever, from which an advantage can be derived under this Contract;
      6. that it has not granted and will not grant, has not sought and will not seek, has not attempted and will not attempt to obtain, and has not accepted and will not accept, any advantage, financial, or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, where such advantage constitutes an illegal practice or involves corruption, either directly or indirectly, in as much as it is an incentive or reward relating to the performance of this Contract.
   8. **Personal Data Protection**
      1. Any personal data of natural persons (the “**Data Subject**”) included in or relating to the Contract, including its execution shall be processed by Fusion for Energy pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the European Union institutions and bodies and on the free movements of such data. It shall be processed solely for the purposes of the performance, management and follow-up of the Contract and/or Specific Contract by Fusion for Energy, without prejudice to possible transmission to its internal audit services, to the European Court of Auditors, to the Financial Irregularities Panel and/or to the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) for the purposes of safeguarding the financial interests of the European Union.
      2. The Data Subject shall have the right of access to its personal data and the right to rectify any such data that is inaccurate or incomplete. Should the Data Subject have any queries concerning the processing of its personal data, it shall address them to the personal data protection officer of Fusion for Energy. The Data Subject shall have right of recourse at any time to the European Data Protection Supervisor.
      3. Fusion for Energy shall inform the Data Subject of the name of the personal data protection officer of Fusion for Energy upon request.
   9. **Rights on documentation and items provided by fusion for Energy** 
      1. Where for the purpose of this Contract Fusion for Energy provides to the Contractor access to drawings, files, technical data, computer programs, source codes, and any other item or property, the Contractor shall not become the owner of any items provided.
      2. These items may only be used by the Contractor for the purposes of the Contract. The distribution, reproduction, or use by a third party without prior written approval by Fusion for Energy is strictly forbidden.
   10. **Subcontracting**
       1. The Contractor shall not subcontract any part of the work to any Subcontractor without prior written authorisation from Fusion for Energy, nor cause or allow this Contract to be performed in fact by third parties. Fusion for Energy may waive its right for prior authorization by registered letter for specific part of the Contract and subject to the conditions it defines.
       2. The request for such authorization mentioned in this Article II.13.1 shall be made in writing to Fusion for Energy, accompanied by references of the proposed Subcontractor’s qualifications and experience, its place of establishment, the part of the service/supply to be subcontracted and the total amount estimated to be paid for such service/supply and whether the Subcontractor qualifies as small and medium-sized enterprise. Together with the invoice for payment of the balance, the Contractor shall declare the total amount paid or to be paid to each Subcontractor for the part of the service/supply which was subcontracted.
       3. Even where Fusion for Energy authorises the Contractor to subcontract to third parties, the Contractor shall nonetheless remain bound by its obligations to Fusion for Energy under this Contract and shall bear exclusive liability for proper performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall at all times be responsible towards Fusion for Energy for the acts and omissions of Subcontractors. Fusion for Energy does not undertake any obligation to pay or be responsible for the payment of any sums to any Subcontractor or their employees.
       4. If required by Fusion for Energy, the Contractor shall list all the legal commitments it enters into for the purpose of executing the Contract and the amounts paid to Subcontractors. The Contractor and/or the Subcontractor shall promptly (and in no event later than 30 (thirty) Days from the receipt of Fusion for Energy's request) submit copies of forms evidencing payment of salaries and social security contributions, as well as the labour benefits of its employees and the Subcontractor’s employees, as the case may be, and provide evidence that the Contractor and the Subcontractor comply with all their legal obligations (of any nature) in respect to their employees.
       5. The Contractor shall make sure that the legal commitment with the Subcontractor does not affect any rights to which Fusion for Energy is entitled to by virtue of this Contract.
       6. All contracts between the Contractor and Subcontractors shall be made in writing, shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this Contract (including imposing any relevant obligations under this Contract to the Subcontractor) and shall include any provisions which are necessary to guarantee the rights of Fusion for Energy under this Contract
   11. **Significant organisational change**
       1. The Contractor shall inform Fusion for Energy without delay of any contemplated Significant Organisational Change by Formal Notification. This notification shall clearly state (i) the reasons for the contemplated Significant Organisational Change, and (ii) the impact thereof on the performance of the Contract, including with respect to the technical requirements, the quality assurance requirements, the progress requirements and the delivery requirements of the Contract. In addition, the notice shall be accompanied by the following supporting information:
       2. legal entity form (if applicable);
       3. bank account form (if applicable);
       4. evidence that the Contractor and/or its Subcontractors, after the Significant Organizational Change has been effected, do or will not fall within any of the exclusion criteria according to Articles 106(1) or Article 106(2) of the Financial Regulation[[8]](#footnote-8); and
       5. evidence of professional and financial capacity.
       6. Fusion for Energy shall be entitled to object to the proposed Significant Organisational Change, if it adversely affects the performance of the Contract and/or the ITER Project as a whole and/or whether it would amount to a substantial modification of the Contract. Fusion for Energy shall notify the Contractor of its decision on the proposed Significant Organisational Change no later than 30 (thirty) Days of receipt of notice thereof.
       7. Failure to inform Fusion for Energy in accordance with article II.14.1or to comply with the decision mentioned in Article II.14.2 is a ground for termination under the conditions set out in Article II.19.1 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Cause*).
       8. Fusion for Energy may waive its rights under this article with respect to a change of Subcontractor by Formal Notification and subject to the conditions it defines.
   12. **change in legislation**
       1. If, as a result of a change in the applicable law or in the judicial or governmental interpretation of such applicable law (but not related to employment, tax, or social legislation) occurring after the Commencement Date and directly affecting the performance of the Contract, the Contractor will be forced to delay and/or incur additional costs in performing its obligations hereunder, the Contractor shall give written substantiated notice to Fusion for Energy of any such delay and/or additional costs within 30 (thirty) Days from the date of the change. Should Fusion for Energy decide not to terminate the Contract pursuant to Article II.20 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Convenience*) and to continue with its execution, the Contractor shall be entitled to:
       2. an extension of time for any such delay, if completion is or will be delayed; and
       3. payment from Fusion for Energy of any such duly documented direct Costs, which shall be added to the Total Contract Price.

Article II.24 (*Amendments*) shall apply for the remainder.

* + 1. The Contractor is not entitled to any compensation or extension in case of failure to timely provide the notice or in case the impact of the change on the Contract implementation is already covered by the application of another provision of the Contract.
  1. **Force Majeure**
     1. Without prejudice to the provisions of Article II.9 (*Reporting and Testing*), if a Party is faced with a Force Majeure, it shall immediately notify the other Party, but in any case within 14 (fourteen) Days after the Party becomes aware or should have become aware of the applicable Force Majeure. The notification shall state the nature, likely duration, and foreseeable effects of the Force Majeure, including the obligations whose performance is or will be prevented by the Force Majeure.
     2. No Party shall be liable for any delay or failure to perform its obligations under the Contract if that delay or failure is a result of a Force Majeure pursuant to this Article II.16 and for so long as the Force Majeure prevents this Party from performing its obligations. Where the Contractor is unable to perform its contractual obligations owing to Force Majeure, it shall have the right to remuneration only for tasks actually executed.
     3. The Parties shall promptly take all necessary measures to minimize any delay and to reduce damage due to a Force Majeure.
     4. The Party invoking Force Majeure shall give notice to the other Party when it ceases to be affected by the Force Majeure.
     5. In case of Force Majeure exceeding 6 (six) months, notified in accordance with this Article either Party may terminate the Contract with immediate effect, where performance thereof cannot be resumed before a period of minimum 6 (six) months. Article II.19 (Termination by Fusion for Energy for Cause) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the effects of such termination.
  2. **Assignment**
     1. The Contractor shall not assign the rights and obligations arising from the Contract, in whole or in part without prior written authorisation from Fusion for Energy.
     2. In the absence of such written authorisation, or in the event of failure to observe the terms thereof, assignment by the Contractor shall not be enforceable against, and shall have no effect on, Fusion for Energy.
     3. Fusion for Energy may assign the rights and obligations arising from the Contract, in whole or in part, without prior authorisation from the Contractor, to the ITER IO, any other entity which may have taken over all or a substantial part of the ITER IO’s/Fusion of Energy’s role in respect of the ITER project, or another Domestic Agency, or the European Commission.
  3. **Suspension of the Contract**
     1. Fusion for Energy may at any time and for duly justified reasons suspend performance of the Contract or any part thereof by sending a Formal Notification to the Contractor. The suspension shall take effect on the date of receipt of the Formal Notification, or at a later date indicated therein. Fusion for Energy shall provide the Contractor with available details of the expected duration of the suspension and may at any time following suspension give notice to the Contractor to resume performance of the Contract.
     2. Should Fusion for Energy decide to suspend this Contract for a period of over 12 (twelve) months, the Contractor shall be entitled to ask for this Contract to be terminated, by sending a Formal Notification within 1 (one) month of the receipt of the notification of the suspension. The same shall apply in the event of a series of suspensions totaling a period of over 18 (eighteen) months. The one-month deadline mentioned above for the request to terminate shall commence on the date of the reception of the decision resulting in the suspension of the Contract for over 12 (twelve) months or for 18 (eighteen) months respectively.
     3. In case of termination following the Contractor’s request in the conditions mentioned in this Article II.19, the provisions regarding termination for convenience established in Articles II.20 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Convenience*) shall apply.
     4. In case the Contract is suspended for more than 3 (three) months for the same cause, the Contractor is entitled to request, upon submission of relevant proof, an indemnity corresponding to any certain and direct damage it sustained as a result of the suspension from the 4th (fourth) month of suspension. The Contractor’s claim shall be deemed acceptable only if submitted to Fusion for Energy by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt after the end of the suspension and together with the proof of the precise nature and extent of the damage including a detailed breakdown of the Costs caused by the suspension. The Contractor shall take all necessary measures to prevent and minimize damage. The indemnity does not cover the first 3 (three) months of suspension.
     5. The indemnity under this Article II.18 shall be the Contractor’s exclusive remedy on this ground. The conditions of this Article II.18 shall also apply to the contracts with Subcontractors.
     6. It is agreed that within 15 (fifteen) Days from the date on which performance of the Contract is resumed by Fusion for Energy the Parties shall convene to re-negotiate in good faith an adequate updated schedule of performance of the Contract. Article II.24 (*Amendments*) shall apply.
  4. **Termination by Fusion for Energy for Cause**
     1. Fusion for Energy may terminate this Contract in the following circumstances:
     2. where the Contractor or any person that assumes unlimited liability for the debts of the Contractor is in one of the situations provided for in points (a) and (b) of Article 106(1) of the Financial Regulation[[9]](#footnote-9);
     3. where the Contractor or any related person is subject to any of the situations provided for in points (c) to (f) of Article 106(1) or to Article 106(2) of the Financial Regulation;
     4. where the procedure for awarding the contract or the performance of the contract prove to have been subject to substantial errors, irregularities, or fraud;
     5. where the Contractor does not comply with applicable obligations under environmental, social, and labour law established by Union law, national law, collective agreements or by the international environmental, social, and labour law provisions listed in Annex X to Directive 2014/24/EU;
     6. where the Contractor is in a situation that could constitute a Conflict of Interest or a Professional Conflicting interest as referred to in Article II.10 (*Conflict of Interest*);
     7. where for reasons due to the Contractor, the performance of this Contract has not actually commenced 15 (fifteen) Days after the date of entry into force of this Contract or any agreed date for the start of the execution of this Contract;
     8. where the Contractor is unable, through his own fault, to obtain any permit or licence required for performance of this Contract;
     9. where the total amount of liquidated damages due to Fusion for Energy in accordance with Article I.14 (*Liquidated Damages*) is equal or higher than the maximum amount established in Article I.14.1 (*Liquidated Damages*);
     10. where the Contractor does not perform the Contract in accordance with the tender specifications or is in breach of another of its substantial contractual obligations and has received Formal Notification from Fusion for Energy to comply, specifying the nature of the alleged failure, and after being given the opportunity to remedy the failure within a reasonable period indicated by Fusion for Energy, remains in breach of its contractual obligations. For the purpose of this Article, a failure to meet the progress and/or delivery requirements to such an extent as to jeopardize the performance of the Contract or the purpose of the delivery is a breach of a substantial contractual obligation;
     11. where the Contractor commits a material breach of his obligations under this Contract as set out in Article II.19.4 (*Covenants*). For the avoidance of doubt, under this Article II.19.4 (*Covenants*), Fusion for Energy is entitled to terminate this Contract, in the case of a group of companies or consortium, with effect to the group of companies or consortium;
     12. where a change to the contractor’s legal, financial, technical, organisational, or ownership situation is likely to substantially affect the performance of the Contract or substantially modify the conditions under which the contract was initially awarded or where the Contractor failed to notify the Significant Organisation Change in accordance with the Contract;
     13. where the Contractor is in breach of his obligations under Article II.25 (*Export Control Requirements*).
     14. **Procedure**
     15. Fusion for Energy must formally notify (“**Formal Notification**”) the Contractor of its intention to terminate the Contract and the grounds for termination. The Contractor will have the opportunity to submit its observations, including the measures it has taken to continue fulfilling its contractual obligations if any, no later than 10 (ten) days upon receipt of the letter of termination. Failing that, the decision to terminate is in force the day after the time limit for submitting observations has elapsed, unless otherwise indicated in the Formal Notification.
     16. If the Contractor submits observations, Fusion for Energy must formally notify it either of the withdrawal of its intention to terminate or of its final decision to terminate. Termination shall take effect on the date of receipt of this Formal Notification or any other date indicated in the Formal Notification.
     17. **Consequences of Termination**

## Upon termination of the Contract or any portion thereof in accordance with this Article, the following shall apply:

* + 1. The Contractor must take immediate steps to bring to an end its activities under this Contract. It must take all appropriate measures to minimise costs, prevent and minimise damage, and cancel or reduce its commitments.
    2. On Fusion for Energy’s request, it shall draw up the documents required by the Contract for the Items accepted, in accordance with the provisions of the Contract, up to the date on which termination takes effect, within a period not exceeding 60 (sixty) Days from that date. In addition, the Contractor shall, at Fusion for Energy’s request, deliver all documents, data, Foreground, Information, and/or goods produced pursuant to the Contract.
    3. The Contractor is not entitled to any compensation from Fusion for Energy for loss and damages resulting from the termination of the Contract, including loss of anticipated profits.
    4. Without prejudice to Fusion for Energy’s right to seek compensation, the Contractor is entitled to be paid for the Deliverables completed and accepted by Fusion for Energy on the date of receipt of the Formal Notification mentioned in Article II.19.2(a). The amount due to the Contractor will be based on the values in indicated in the Financial Forms of the Contractor’s Tender (Annex G). Material is only reimbursable if: (a) the material was purchased by the Contractor for the performance of the Contract before the date of receipt of the Formal Notification, and (b) the purchase of the material was a specific Deliverable accepted by F4E under the Contract and (c) the material was used to perform the work covered by the accepted Deliverable. No payment is due unless any work covered by this paragraph has been delivered and ownership transferred to Fusion for Energy, except if Fusion for Energy requests otherwise.
    5. The Contractor is entitled to be compensated for the Costs of other materials unfinished work or goods manufactured before receipt of the Formal Notification mentioned in article II.19.2(a), which are requested by Fusion for Energy. Costs must be necessarily incurred by the Contractor and in accordance with the Contractor’s Tender. Costs shall be fixed on the basis of evidence produced by the Contractor and accepted by Fusion for Energy. No payment will be made unless these goods have been delivered in accordance with the Contract.
    6. Subject to the limitations foreseen in Article I.12 (*Liability*), Fusion for Energy may claim from the Contractor compensation for any loss or damage sustained as a result of the termination and recover any sums paid under the Contract, unless the termination was caused by Force Majeure in accordance with Article II.16 (*Force Majeure*).
    7. (Fusion for Energy may engage one or several other contractor(s) of its choice to replace the Contractor. Subject to the limitations foreseen in Article I.12.1(*Liability*), Fusion for Energy is entitled to claim from the Contractor all additional costs incurred in making good and completing the performance of all or part of the Contract , except in the case of termination due to Force Majeure in accordance with Article II.16 (*Force Majeure*).
    8. In the case of joint tenders, the contracting authority may terminate the contract with each member of the group separately on the basis of points (a), (b) or (d) of Article II.19.1(*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Cause*).
    9. **Covenants:**

In addition and without prejudice to those covenants, undertakings, commitments and obligations made by or in respect of the Contractor herein and/or in the Contractor’s Tender (Annex G), the Contractor hereby covenants that, so long as this Contract shall be in force, it shall:

* + 1. not take or omit to take any action the taking or omission of which might result in the alteration or impairment of any rights of Fusion for Energy under this Contract or which might adversely affect the implementation of this Contract;
    2. immediately but not later than 4 (four) Days notify Fusion for Energy of any event or circumstance, which might adversely affect, alter or impair the rights and/or interests of Fusion for Energy under or pursuant to this Contract, including (without limitation) the filing of a petition for the bankruptcy or insolvency of the Contractor (in case of a group of companies or a consortium, of any member of the same), or the initiation of any similar proceedings, the termination of the Contractor’s commercial activities or the winding-up of the Contractor (in the case of a group of companies or a consortium, the termination of the commercial activities or the winding up of any member of the group or consortium);
    3. not pass any resolution, according to the applicable law to the Contractor (and in case of a group of companies or a consortium, of any member of the same), (i) to dissolve and/or liquidate the Contractor or to authorise an application for the bankruptcy or insolvency of the Contractor (in case of a group of companies or a consortium, of any member of the same), or (ii) to reduce the authorized or issued capital stock or any equivalent thereof of the Contractor, save for a decrease of such to be made in accordance with a mandatory statutory requirements set out in applicable law to the Contractor (in case of a group of companies or a consortium, of any member of the same);
    4. promptly provide Fusion for Energy, upon its request, with statements on such other matters and information relating to this Contract as Fusion for Energy may from time to time request.

The Parties agree that the breach of the covenants and/or the obligation of the Contractor made under Articles II.19.4 (b) and (c) (*Covenants*), and the obligation in relation to their due notification as stated above shall qualify as material breach of this Contract**.**

* 1. **Termination by Fusion for Energy for Convenience**
     1. Fusion for Energy may, at any time, at its discretion terminate this Contract or any portion thereof in accordance with this Article II.20 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Convenience*).
     2. Any such termination shall be effected by delivery to the Contractor of a Formal Notification which will specify the extent to which performance under this Contract is terminated and the effective date of termination.
     3. Upon receipt of a Formal Notification under this Article II.20.1 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Convenience*), the Contractor shall discontinue performance of this Contract in accordance with the notification and shall take any reasonable measures which are necessary or desirable to terminate performance in a safe and timely manner, minimize the costs associated with the termination, prevent and minimise damage, and cancel or reduce its commitments.
     4. Fusion for Energy shall reimburse the Contractor for those costs actually incurred and claimed in accordance with this Article II.20 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Convenience*) by the Contractor as a direct result of termination of this Contract or of any portion thereof as well as a cancellation fee corresponding to 3% (three percent)of the remaining payments of any released Stages. However, no cancellation fee shall be paid, if termination is made pursuant to Article II.15 (*Change in Legislation*).
     5. As promptly as possible and in no event later than 30 (thirty) Days after the effective date of termination, the Contractor shall submit to Fusion for Energy its claim for reimbursement in writing with acknowledgement of receipt. Such claim for reimbursement shall include a cost breakdown of unavoidable costs actually incurred as a result of termination which he is seeking to recover from Fusion for Energy with supporting evidence.
     6. The amount of reimbursement payable under this Article II.20.1 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Convenience*) shall be fixed on the basis of the evidence produced by the Contractor and accepted by Fusion for Energy. It shall take account of the proportion of this Contract completed and accepted by Fusion for Energy in accordance with Article II.1 (*Performance of this Contract*) and shall be consistent with this Article II.20 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Convenience).* The Contractor hereby expressly waives the right to claim any loss of profit in respect of the uncompleted or outstanding services which were to be performed after the termination date.
     7. Fusion for Energy shall in no circumstances be liable to pay any sum which, when added to the other sums paid, due or becoming due to the Contractor under this Contract, exceeds the Total Contract Price.
     8. The ownership of all materials, parts, and unfinished work paid for by Fusion for Energy under the provisions of this Contract shall be vested in or transferred to Fusion for Energy as soon as they have been paid for.
     9. The Contractor shall draw up the documents required by this Contract for the Service provided and accepted, in accordance with the provisions of this Contract, up to the date on which termination takes effect, within a period not exceeding 60 (sixty) Days. In addition, the Contractor shall, at Fusion for Energy’s request, deliver all documents, information (including but not limited to the Information, the Background and the Foreground) pursuant to this Contract.
  2. **Substantial Errors, Irregularities, and Fraud Attributable to the Contractor**
     1. Where, after the award of this Contract, the award procedure or the performance of this Contract prove to have been subject to substantial errors, irregularities, or fraud, and where such errors, irregularities, or fraud are attributable to the Contractor, Fusion for Energy may refuse to make payments, may recover amounts already paid or may terminate all the contracts concluded with the Contractor (in accordance with Article II.19 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Cause*), in proportion to the seriousness of the errors, irregularities, or fraud.

The consequences described in Article II.19 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Cause*) shall apply.

* 1. **Checks and Audits**
     1. In accordance with Article 5a of Fusion for Energy Council Decision, the Commission or its representatives and the European Court of Auditors shall have the power of audit, on the basis of documents and on-the-spot checks and inspections, over natural or legal persons receiving payments from the budget of Fusion for Energy from Commencement Date of the Contract up to 5 (five) years after payment of the balance.
     2. Fusion for Energy or an outside body of its choice shall have the same rights as the European Court of Auditors for the purpose of checks and audits on performance of the Contract from Commencement Date of the Contract up to 5 (five) years after payment of the balance.
     3. In accordance with Article 5a of Fusion for Energy Council Decision, the European Anti-Fraud Office may carry out investigations including on-the-spot checks and inspections in accordance with Parliament and Council Regulation (EURATOM, EU) No 883/2013 and Council Regulation (Euratom, EU) No 2185/1996 from Commencement Date of the Contract up to 5 (five) years after payment of the balance.
  2. **Confidentiality**
     1. The Contractor undertakes to treat in the strictest confidence and not make use of or divulge to third parties any information or documents which are linked to performance of the Contract (the "**Confidential Information**").
     2. Article II.23.1 does not apply where:
     3. the Confidential Information becomes publicly available by means other than a breach of confidentiality obligations; or
     4. the disclosing Party subsequently informs the recipient that the Confidential Information is no longer confidential; or
     5. the Confidential Information is subsequently communicated to the recipient without any obligation of confidence by a third party who is in lawful possession thereof and under no obligation of confidentiality; or
     6. the disclosure or communication of the Confidential Information is required by law or permitted under other provision of this Agreement, provided that the disclosing Party has given prior written notice of such disclosure to the other Party.
     7. The Contractor shall continue to be bound by this undertaking after execution of the Contract for a period of 10 (ten) years.
     8. The Contractor shall obtain from each member of its Staff, board, and directors which will need to know the Confidential Information, an undertaking that they will respect the confidentiality of any information which is linked, directly or indirectly, to execution of the tasks and that they will not divulge to third parties or use for their own benefit or that of any third party any document or information not available publicly even after execution of the Contract for a period of 10 (ten) years.
     9. According to Article 17 of Title II ‘Rights and Obligations of Officials’ of the ‘Staff Regulations of Officials read in conjunction with Articles 11 and 81 of the ‘Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union’ any Fusion for Energy staff member shall refrain from any unauthorized disclosure of information received in the line of duty, unless that information has already been made public or is accessible to the public. In addition any Fusion for Energy staff member shall continue to be bound by this obligation after leaving the service.
  3. **Amendments** 
     1. Any amendment to this Contract shall be the subject of a written agreement duly dated and signed by the Parties. An electronic signature provided in accordance with the rules defined in Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*) is valid for the purpose of this Article. An oral agreement shall not be binding on the contracting parties.
     2. Implementation of an amendment may under no circumstances begin before the date the entry into force of the amendment.
     3. Where an amendment to this Contract results from the approval of a Supplier Deviation Request or Deviation Order, the provisions of section II.2 of Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*) shall supplement this Article. No Deviation Request or Deviation Notice may be implemented before its written approval by Fusion for Energy in accordance with Annex A (*Management Specification*) and Applicable Document AD-01 (*Supplier Quality Requirements*).
     4. The impact assessment to be produced by the Contractor upon receipt of a Deviation Notice from Fusion for Energy shall include a detailed breakdown of the costs to be incurred in order to perform the additional work, if any. Unit prices and productivity rates indicated in Financial Forms of the Contractor’s Tender (Annex G) shall be applicable whenever possible. If not, unit prices and productivity rates shall be deducted (extrapolation, interpolation, or proportionality) from the Financial Forms of the Contractor’s Tender (Annex G). Fusion for Energy reserves the right to request the Contractor to submit duly documented evidence with respect to any of the proposed cost items.
     5. The Contractor shall submit the impact assessment within a reasonable time and in no event later than 15 (fifteen) working days after receipt of the Deviation Notice, unless agreed otherwise.
     6. After reviewing the cost breakdown contained in the impact assessment, Fusion for Energy may agree with the Contractor the final extent of the additional work to be performed, as well as any additional amount to be paid, schedule, payment schedule and modalities, relevant deliverables and issue a Deviation Order. Implementation of the Deviation Order may under no circumstances begin before the date of the entry into force of the amendment to this Contract and shall not be deemed to be binding on Fusion for Energy prior to the entry into force of the relevant amendment.
     7. Any Deviation Request issued by the Contractor shall include a detailed break-down of the costs foreseen including productivity rates to accomplish the work. Unit prices indicated in Contractor’s Tender (Annex G) shall be applicable whenever possible.
     8. After reviewing the cost breakdown contained in the Deviation Request, Fusion for Energy may agree in writing with the Contractor the final extent of the work to be performed, as well as any additional amount to be paid, schedule, payment schedule and modalities, relevant deliverables and approve the Deviation Request.
  4. **Export Control Requirements**
     1. In the implementation of the Contract, the Contractor shall be responsible, including for its Subcontractors, for ensuring compliance with relevant requirements imposed by applicable legislation regarding exportation, re-exportation and transfers (including intra-Community) of the dual-use products, components and technology or any parts thereof subject to the Contract (the "**Dual-Use Goods**") to the country of delivery or the ITER site in Cadarache, France.
     2. Unless otherwise indicated by Fusion for Energy the Contractor shall act as an Exporter of the Dual-Use Goods and shall provide any requested documentation and information, including evidence of compliance with the relevant exportation or transfer rules and transportation documentation. Should Fusion for Energy decide to act as an Exporter, the Contractor shall assist Fusion for Energy in obtaining any required export, re-export or transfer authorization (including customs) and to provide any necessary information or documentation.
     3. Where the Contractor is unable to obtain any required export, re-export, or transfer authorization (including customs) and to provide the requested information or documentation, Fusion for Energy shall be entitled to terminate the Contract in accordance with Article II.19 (*Termination by Fusion for Energy for Cause*) unless the Contractor proves that the failure is due to a Force Majeure.
     4. At a date to be defined by Fusion for Energy in accordance with Annex A (*Management Specification*), the Contractor shall produce a list of Dual-Use Goods with indication of their category based on applicable international export control lists. It shall also clearly identify any Dual-Use Goods to be subcontracted.
  5. **Settlement of Disputes**
     1. The Parties agree that all Disputes shall be resolved in good faith in accordance with the following provisions.
     2. Any Dispute shall in the first instance be referred for resolution by the Senior Representatives of the Parties by service of a notice of referral (the "**Notice of Referral**"). The Notice of Referral shall be duly accompanied by:

1. Full written particulars of the matters that are the subject of the Dispute;
2. Full details of the factual and legal basis of the referring Party’s claim;
3. Full details of the remedy sought by the referring Party together with full particulars in support of that remedy; and
4. Copies of all documents relied upon by the referring Party in support of his claim.

Following service of a Notice of Referral and the accompanying information specified above, the Senior Representatives shall meet in person and endeavour in good faith to reach agreement to resolve the Dispute.

Notwithstanding the reference of any Dispute to the Parties’ Senior Representatives, the Parties shall continue to perform their duties and obligations hereunder.

* + 1. If the Senior Representatives fail to reach agreement to resolve the Dispute within 30 (thirty) days of the date of the Notice of Referral (or such other period as may be agreed in writing by the Senior Representatives), the Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Article II.26.
    2. At any time, the Parties may submit the Dispute to Mediation in accordance with the rules set out in the Terms of Reference for Mediation (Annex F). The Mediation will take place at the location agreed by the Parties or, by default, at the location of the Mediation Centre. It shall be conducted in English. The commencement of Mediation will not prevent the Parties from commencing a court proceeding in accordance with Article II.26.5
    3. Dispute between the Parties which cannot be settled amicably or by way of an agreement of the Senior Representatives shall be exclusively decided by the CJEU in accordance with its own rules of procedure. The language of the proceedings shall be English. Neither Party shall be entitled to refer any Dispute for resolution before the CJEU pursuant to this Article II.26.5 unless the Dispute has been first referred to the Senior Representatives pursuant to Article II.26.3. Notwithstanding the reference of any Dispute to the CJEU, the Parties shall continue to perform their duties, obligations, and liabilities hereunder.
  1. **Miscellaneous**
     1. This Contract contains the whole agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract as at the date of this Contract to the exclusion of any terms implied by law which may be excluded by contract and supersedes any previous written or oral agreement between the Parties in relation to the matters dealt with in this Contract.
     2. The terms set out in the Special Conditions shall take precedence over those in the other parts of this Contract. The terms set out in the General Conditions shall take precedence over those in the Annexes except those of Annex C (*Intellectual Property Provisions*) which shall take precedence over the terms set out in the General Conditions. The terms set out in the Annexes shall take precedence over those in the Applicable Documents. The terms set out in the Supplier Quality Requirements (AD-01) shall take precedence over those in the other Applicable Documents.
     3. Subject to the above, the several instruments forming part of this Contract are to be taken as mutually explanatory. Ambiguities or discrepancies within or between such parts shall be explained or rectified by a written instruction issued by Fusion for Energy, subject to the rights of the Contractor under II.26 (*Settlement of Disputes*) in case of a Dispute.
     4. Wherever possible, each provision of this Contract shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law. If any provision of this Contract shall be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Contract, except to the extent that any greater burden is imposed upon any Party in consequence thereof. The Parties agree that they will negotiate in good faith to replace any provision hereof held invalid, illegal or unenforceable with a valid, legal and enforceable provision which is as similar as possible in substance to the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision.
     5. For the purposes of this Contract, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires:
     6. The terms defined in this Contract have the meanings assigned to them in this Contract and/or its Annexes and include the plural as well as the singular, and the use of any gender herein shall include the other gender.
     7. The captions used in this Contract are inserted for convenience only and are in no way intended to describe, interpret, define or limit the scope or content of this Contract or any provision hereof.
     8. The words “herein”, “hereof”, “hereunder” and other words of similar import refer to this Contract as a whole and not to any particular provision.
     9. The terms “include” or “including” shall mean, without limitation, by reason of enumeration and shall not be interpreted restrictively.
     10. Each reference to an “Annex” of this Contract shall include all sections of such Annex and each reference to an “Article” of this Contract or to a “section” of its Annex shall include all subsections/points of such Article or section.
     11. Any terms used in this Contract and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed thereto pursuant to any of its Annexes, in the Fusion for Energy Council Decision and/or the ITER Agreement.
     12. References to any element of the legislation, statute, act, law, regulation, or Fusion for Energy’s procedures/rules, or any provision thereof shall, where applicable, be deemed to be references to that element of the legislation, statute, act, law, regulation, or Fusion for Energy’s procedures/rules, as amended or re-enacted.
     13. Unless otherwise provided for herein, the Parties will bear their own expenses (including fees and disbursements of their respective counsel) in connection with this Contract and the Service provided under this Contract.This Contract may be executed in 1 (one) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which taken together shall constitute 1 (one) and the same instrument

**SIGNATURES**

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1. OJ L 90 of 30.3.2007, p. 58 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. OJ L 358 of 16.12.2006, p. 62 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. *Instructions*: *The performance guarantee shall be at least 5% but may not exceed 10 % of the Total Price of the Contract.* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. *Instructions: The retention money guarantee shall be at least 5% but may not exceed 10 % of the Total Price of the Contract.* [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. BIC code for countries with no IBAN code [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. OJ L 94 of 28.03.2014, p. 65 [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. OJ C 321 E of 29.12.2006 p. 0318-0324 [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Regulation (EU, EURATOM) No 966/2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, as amended (http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:32012R0966), to which article 85 of F4E Financial Regulation refer (http://fusionforenergy.europa.eu/downloads/procurements/F4E\_Financial\_Regulation.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
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