



Terms & Conditions

Individual Project

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1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 In these Terms and Conditions, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

"Client" means the person, firm or company detailed in our Quotation, to which the Services are to be supplied. Where the person entering into the Contract is doing so on behalf of a business, that person confirms they have the authority to contractually bind and enter into the Contract on behalf of that business and the business shall be the Client in the context of this Contract;

"Company" means Zinc Digital Business Solutions Ltd, a company registered in England under number 05235293, of 22-24 Harborough Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 7AZ;

"Contract" means the legally binding agreement formed upon acceptance by the Client as detailed in clause 2 for our provision of the Services, which shall incorporate and be subject to these Terms and Conditions;

"Fee" means the project or hourly charge for the Services as set out in the Quotation;

"Intellectual Property Rights" means patents, rights to inventions, copyright and related rights, trade marks, rights in goodwill or to sue for passing off, unfair competition rights, rights in designs, rights in computer software, database rights (including without limitation know-how and trade secrets) and any other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including all applications for and renewals or extensions of such rights, and all similar or equivalent rights or forms of protection in any part of the world;

"Quotation" means our Quotation for the provision of the Services;

"Services" means the one-off services to be supplied by us as detailed in the Quotation.

1.2 Unless the context otherwise requires, each reference to:

1.2.1 "we", "us" and "our" is a reference to the Company;

1.2.2 "you" and "your" is a reference to the Client;

1.2.3 "writing" and "written" includes emails;

1.2.4 a statute or a provision of a statute is a reference to that statute or provision as amended or re-enacted at the relevant time;

1.2.5 "these Terms and Conditions" is a reference to these Terms and Conditions as amended or supplemented at the relevant time;

1.2.6 a clause is a reference to a clause of these Terms and Conditions;

1.2.7 a "Party" or the "Parties" refer to the parties to these Terms and Conditions.

1.3 The headings in these Terms and Conditions are for convenience only and do not affect their interpretation.

1.4 Any reference to a party includes its employees, agents and sub-contractors.

2. Quotation & Acceptance

2.1 We will provide a Quotation for all one-off Services. The acceptance of our Quotation, electronically or otherwise, or the placement of an order, creates a legally binding Contract between the Company and the Client and includes the acceptance of these Terms and Conditions, which shall apply between us.

2.2 These Terms and Conditions shall:

2.2.1 apply to and be incorporated in the Contract;

2.2.2 apply to all dealings relating to the Services being supplied by us;

2.2.3 and prevail over any terms or conditions contained in or referred to by the Client's purchase order, confirmation of order or specification, or implied by law, trade custom, practice or course of dealing, subject to clause 8 below.

2.3 No addition to, variation of, exclusion or attempted exclusion of any term of the Contract shall be binding on us unless in writing and signed by a duly authorised representative of ours.

2.4 The Client shall be responsible for the accuracy of any information submitted to us and for ensuring that our Quotation reflects the requirements of the Client. Our Quotation is based on the information provided to us at the time of its preparation. Should any errors or discrepancies become evident which affect our order value, we reserve the right to make adjustments to it.

2.5 Our Quotation shall constitute our entire scope of works but shall be subject to amendment as detailed below.

2.6 Our Quotation will be valid for a period of 14 days only unless otherwise stated, and we may withdraw it at any time by giving notice to the Client.

3. Supply of Services

3.1 All Services will be carried out during our normal business hours of 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday excluding bank holidays in England, unless otherwise stated in the Quotation. Any works required outside of our normal business hours shall incur additional costs. We will, however, endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum.

3.2 We warrant to the Client that all Services supplied under this Contract will be carried out with reasonable care and skill by personnel whose qualifications and experience will be appropriate for the tasks to which they are allocated.

3.3 Unless otherwise agreed, we will design one concept and will work on this with the Client's feedback until it is approved. If this initial concept is not acceptable, we will provide a further two concept designs without charge. Should the Client require more than 3 redesigns, any additional changes may be chargeable at our discretion.

3.4 We will provide the Client with design proofs throughout the course of the Services, which must be signed off by the Client in writing. Proofs should be approved promptly in writing, and in any event, within 7 days of receipt, to avoid delays.

3.5 Any changes to the agreed brief, any further changes required to proofs after the Client has approved any of the various stages, or any additional meetings required above the allowance included for in our Quotation, will be chargeable at our standard rate applicable at the time.

3.6 We will use our reasonable endeavours to carry out the Services in accordance with any timescales requested by the Client. However, time will not be of the essence in the performance of these obligations.

3.7 We cannot accept responsibility for any changes to the website once it has been launched including, but not limited to, additions, modifications or deletions caused by the Client or any third party.

3.8 Any website copy will be uploaded by us exactly as we receive it. It is the Client's responsibility to check for mistakes, including spelling mistakes, and we accept no responsibility for the same.

3.9 Any additional Services must be authorised in advance by the Company and the Client in writing and will be chargeable at our standard rates applicable at the time.

3.10 We will contact the Client to advise when the Services have been completed. We may, at our sole discretion, agree to make minor adjustments after this time up to a maximum of 30 days from

completion without charge, however, any further work required after this time will be chargeable.

3.11 Upon completion of the Services, all websites we produce will automatically be enrolled on to our hosting platform and will be subject to separate terms and conditions for ongoing hosting services, copies of which are available on request.

4. Client's Obligations

4.1 The Client will:

4.1.1 provide us with such reasonable information and assistance as we may request, any in any event within 7 days of our request;

4.1.2 appoint a primary contact to liaise with us in connection with the Services. Should for any reason this primary contact become unavailable either temporarily or permanently, the Client will appoint another primary contact and any part of the Services completed at the instruction of the original primary contact or agreed by the original primary contract shall not be open to material alteration unless the Client wishes to pay for the additional works;

4.1.3 provide us with suitable and sufficient material and images to enable us to perform the Services;

4.1.4 ensure any staff are trained in the proper use and operation of any system provided by us;

4.1.5 act in accordance with any and all reasonable instructions issued by us in relation to the Services. We shall not be liable for any failure to provide the Services or any part thereof which arises out of the Client's failure to follow any such instructions;

4.1.6 virus-check all data and material supplied to us;

4.1.7 keep strong passwords and ensure they are regularly updated and secure from third parties; and

4.1.8 obtain and maintain all necessary licences, permissions and consents in connection with the Services.

5. Fees & Payment

5.1 Unless otherwise stated in our Quotation, our standard payment terms are as follows:

30% of the Fee is due upon acceptance of our Quotation. We will not schedule or commence the works until this deposit is paid in full. This deposit is non-refundable.

40% of the Fee will be due when the test link for the website is sent.

30% of the Fee is due upon the launch of the website, or within 3 months of sending the test link, if the completion is delayed for any reason through no fault of our own.

5.2 For larger projects, or otherwise at our discretion, we reserve the right to charge additional interim payments at various milestones as the works progress. Where possible, we will notify you of the expected milestones in our Quotation.

5.3 All invoices are payable within 30 days of the date of invoice, in pounds sterling, without set-off, withholding or deduction. All prices are exclusive of VAT.

5.4 In addition, the Client shall reimburse us for any and all actual, reasonable travel expenses, any incidental expenses for materials used and for third party goods and services supplied in connection with the provision of the Services.

5.5 If we either provide any services not included within the Services originally quoted for or provide the Services outside of our normal business hours at the request of the Client, we shall charge for the same at our then current hourly rate.

5.6 Time for payment shall be of the essence of the Contract. If the Client fails to make payment in full on the due date, or fails to comply with the Client's obligations as listed in clause 4, the whole of the balance of the Quotation then outstanding shall become immediately due and payable and, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to us, we shall be entitled to:

5.6.1 appropriate any payment made by the Client to any outstanding sum;

5.6.2 charge interest on the amount outstanding from the due date to the date of receipt by us (whether before or after judgment), at the annual rate of 8% above the then current Bank of England base lending rate, accruing daily and compounded quarterly;

5.6.3 suspend all further provision of Services until the Client remedies the default;

5.6.4 shut the website down and/or reuse the domain name at our sole discretion, should any payments remain outstanding for a period of 3 months or more;

5.6.5 not be held liable for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by the Client arising directly or indirectly from our failure or delay in performing any of our obligations as a result; and

5.6.6 be entitled to claim for any costs or losses sustained or incurred by us arising directly or indirectly from the Client's default.

6. Variation

6.1 If the Client wishes to vary the Services to be provided, they must notify us as soon as possible. We shall respond to the Client as to whether we agree to the variation and, if so, details of the cost of the variation and any effect on any other aspect of the Contract, including any change in timescales. The Client may accept such proposal within such time as we may specify or, if none, within 14 days, failing which it shall be deemed rejected. Pending acceptance or rejection, we will continue to perform our obligations under the Contract without reference to the request.

6.2 If, due to circumstances beyond our control, we have to make any change in the arrangements relating to the provision of the Services, we shall notify the Client immediately. We shall endeavour to keep such changes to a minimum and shall seek to offer the Client arrangements as close to the original as is reasonably possible in the circumstances.

6.3 Any agreed variation or amendment will be carried out in accordance with these Terms and Conditions and any price increase necessitated as a result of an agreed variation or amendment shall be payable in accordance with the terms for payment herein.

7. Cancellation & Termination

7.1 Upon acceptance of the Quotation, the Client shall no longer be entitled to cancel the Services to be provided, except with our agreement in writing and provided that the Client indemnifies us in full against all loss (including loss of profit), costs, damages, charges and expenses incurred by us as a result of the cancellation. Where the Client is an agency, the Client shall remain subject to these cancellation provisions, regardless of whether the Client's customer has cancelled their contract with the Client.

7.2 Subject to clause 7.1, either party may terminate this Contract:

7.2.1 forthwith on giving notice in writing to the other if one party commits any serious breach of any term of this Contract and (in the case of a breach capable of being remedied) shall have failed, within 7 days after the receipt of the request in writing from the other to do so, to remedy the breach;

7.2.2 if the other party goes into bankruptcy, liquidation or administration either voluntary or compulsory (save for the purposes of bona fide corporate reconstruction or amalgamation), if a receiver is appointed in

respect of the whole or any part of its assets, or if the other party ceases, or threatens to cease, to carry on business.

7.3 We may terminate this Contract forthwith:

7.3.1 if the Client fails to pay any sum due under the terms of this Contract and such sum remains unpaid for 14 days after we give written notice that such sum has not been paid; or

7.3.2 If we give the Client 14 days' written notice whereby there will be no continuing liability by either Party.

7.4 Upon termination of this Contract for any reason, we will invoice the Client for the complete Services as quoted for and such sum shall become immediately due and payable.

7.5 Termination of the Contract, howsoever arising, shall not affect or prejudice the accrued rights of the parties as at termination or the continuation of any provision expressly stated to survive or implicitly surviving termination.

8. Limitation of Liability

8.1 The following provisions set out our entire liability (including any liability for the acts or omissions of our employees) to the Client in respect of any breach of the Contract and any representation, statement or tortious act or omission (including negligence) arising out of or in connection with the Contract.

8.2 All warranties, conditions and other terms implied by statute or common law are excluded from the Contract to the fullest extent permitted by law.

8.3 Nothing in these terms and conditions excludes, limits or seeks to exclude or limit our liability for death or personal injury caused by our negligence or fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

8.4 Subject to clause 8.3:

8.4.1 we shall not be liable for any loss of profits, loss of business, depletion of goodwill or similar losses or for any special, indirect or consequential loss, costs, damages, charges or expenses howsoever arising even if the loss is reasonably foreseeable or the Company has been advised of the possibility of the Client incurring it; and

8.4.2 our total liability in contract, tort (including negligence or breach of statutory duty), misrepresentation, restitution or otherwise, arising in connection with the performance or contemplated performance of the Contract shall be limited to the fees paid by the Client for the one off Services;

8.4.3 we accept no responsibility whatsoever for third party services, including, but not limited to, the website not functioning properly on certain browsers or plug-ins not responding; and

8.4.4 we accept no responsibility whatsoever where our Services have been provided on a free basis.

8.5 We will provide the Client with such information and advice in connection with the Services as the Client may, from time to time, reasonably require. However, we accept no responsibility for any actions taken or not taken as a result of such advice or recommendations, nor shall we be liable for any consequences should any professional advice not be taken.

9. Intellectual Property

9.1 The Client warrants that any document, logo or instruction furnished or given by them shall not cause us to infringe any letter patent, registered design or trade mark in the execution of these Services. The Client shall indemnify and keep us indemnified against all losses, damages, costs, claims and expenses incurred by us in connection with any claim for infringement of any third party Intellectual Property Rights which results from our use of any document, logo or instruction given to

us by the Client.

9.2 The Client shall not be entitled to use any design created during the provision of the Services until they have been handed over by us. Upon completion and handover of the Services, and provided payment is made in accordance with the terms of payment herein, we will extend to the Client any Intellectual Property Rights belonging to us which may subsist in the design created by us. However, we retain all Intellectual Property Rights which may subsist in the software provided by us.

9.3 Any Intellectual Property Rights we may grant shall be automatically revoked if the Client breaches any of these Terms and Conditions or the Software Licence Agreement (copies of which are available on request), or if this Contract is cancelled or terminated in accordance with clause 7 above.

9.4 We reserve the right to take such actions as may be appropriate to restrain or prevent infringement of any Intellectual Property Rights. The Client shall immediately bring to the attention of the Company any infringement or suspected infringement of any of the Intellectual Property Rights licensed hereunder of which it is aware and shall at the request and expense of the Company take such action or assist the Company in taking such action as the Company may deem appropriate to protect the Intellectual Property Rights.

9.5 We reserve the right to use any designs created by us, together with the Client's company name, in any advertising or promotional material, publications, print, or for any other purpose required by us.

10. Confidentiality

10.1 Each party shall keep in strict confidence all technical or commercial know-how, specifications, inventions, processes or initiatives which are of a confidential nature and have been disclosed by one party to the other. Each party shall restrict disclosure of such confidential material to such of its employees as need to know the same for the purpose of discharging its obligations under the Contract and shall ensure that such employees are subject to corresponding obligations of confidentiality.

10.2 All materials, drawings, specifications or data supplied by us to the Client shall at all times be and remain our exclusive property, but shall be held by the Client in safe custody at its own risk until returned to us, and shall not be disposed of or used other than in accordance with our written instructions or authorisation.

10.3 This clause 10 shall survive termination of the Contract, however caused.

11. No Employment

11.1 Nothing in this Contract shall render or be deemed to render us an employee or agent of yours or you an employee or agent of ours.

11.2 Nothing in this Contract shall constitute or be deemed to constitute a partnership, joint venture, agency or other fiduciary relationship between the Parties other than the contractual relationship expressly provided for in this Contract. Neither Party shall have the authority to act in the name of or on behalf of, or otherwise to bind, the other in any way (including, but not limited to, the making of any representation or warranty, the assumption of any obligation or liability and the exercise of any right or power).

12. Non-Solicitation

12.1 Neither party shall, during the continuance of the Contract, or within 6 months of its termination or expiry, whether on behalf of itself or any third party, solicit or seek to entice away any employee of the other. In the event of breach of this clause, the party in default shall pay the other a sum equal to six months gross pay of the employee concerned, being a pre-estimate of the cost of recruitment and training a replacement.

13. Data Protection

13.1 If any Personal Data (as defined by the Data Protection Act 1998) is passed to us under this Contract then the parties agree that the Client is the Data Controller and that we are the Data Processor.

13.2 We shall:

13.2.1 process the Personal Data only to the extent, and in such manner, as is necessary for the provision of the Services or as is required by law or any regulatory body;

13.2.2 implement appropriate measures to protect the Personal Data against unauthorised or unlawful processing or loss, destruction, damage, alteration or disclosure; and

13.2.3 take reasonable steps to ensure the reliability and confidentiality of any of our personnel who have access to the Personal Data.

13.3 We may transfer and store Personal Data outside of the European Economic Area ("EEA"). If this is to occur, we will advise the Client in advance. The Client is entitled to request that Personal Data is not transferred or stored outside of the EEA, however, this would be an additional cost.

14. Force Majeure

14.1 We shall not be liable to the Client for any breach of our obligations under this Contract if such breach is due to an act, event, omission or accident beyond our reasonable control ("Force Majeure Event"). Such causes include, but are not limited to: power failure, internet service provider failure, industrial action, civil unrest, fire, flood, storms, earthquakes, acts of terrorism, acts of war, governmental action or any other event that is beyond our reasonable control.

14.2 If a Force Majeure Event occurs, we shall inform the Client as soon as possible and take all reasonable steps to mitigate the effects of the event and resume performance of our obligations as soon as possible.

15. Waiver

15.1 No failure or delay by either Party in exercising any of its rights under this Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of that right, and no waiver by either Party of a breach of any provision of this Contract shall be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.

16. Entire Agreement

16.1 This Contract constitutes the whole agreement between the parties and supersedes all previous agreements between the parties relating to its subject matter. This Contract may only be amended by an express agreement between the parties signed by both Parties.

16.2 None of our employees are authorised to make any contractually binding representations concerning the Services. In entering into the Contract, the Client acknowledges that it does not rely on, and waives any claim for breach of, any such statement, representation, assurance or warranty (whether made negligently or innocently) which has not been confirmed in writing by an authorised officer of ours.

17. Assignment

17.1 The Client shall not, without our prior written consent, assign, transfer, charge, sub-contract or deal in any other manner with all or any of its rights or obligations under the Contract.

17.2 We may at any time assign, transfer, charge, sub-contract or deal in any other manner with all or any of our rights or obligations under the Contract, without the consent of the Client.

18. Third Party Rights

18.1 The Contract is made for the benefit of the parties to it and (where applicable) their successors and permitted assigns, and is not intended to benefit, or be enforceable by, anyone else.

19. Notices

19.1 Any notice required to be given pursuant to this Contract shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or sent by pre-paid first-class post or recorded delivery post or by e-mail to the address of the party as set out in these terms and conditions, or such other address as may be notified by one party to the other.

19.2 A notice delivered by hand is deemed to have been received when delivered (or, if delivery is not in business hours, 9.00am on the first business day following delivery). A correctly addressed notice sent by pre-paid first-class post or recorded delivery post shall be deemed to have been received at the time at which it would have been delivered in the normal course of post. An e-mail shall be deemed to have been delivered within 24 hours from the time of being sent, provided that no "non-deliverable" notice is received by the sender.

20. Severance

20.1 In the event that one or more of the provisions of this Contract is found to be unlawful, invalid or otherwise unenforceable, that/ those provision(s) shall be deemed severed from the remainder of this Contract. The remainder of this Contract shall be valid and enforceable.

21. Dispute Resolution Procedure

21.1 Any complaint or issue regarding the Services or any invoice must be made in writing within 30 days from the date of the issue or from the date of invoice.

21.2 In the event of a dispute, the directors or other senior representatives of the parties with authority to settle the dispute will, within 7 days of a written request from one party to the other, meet promptly in good faith to resolve the dispute.

21.3 If the dispute is not resolved in accordance with clause 21.2, the dispute shall be referred to mediation and the mediator shall be appointed by the Centre for Dispute Resolution.

21.4 If no mediation takes place within 28 days of the request under clause 21.3, then the matter shall be referred to an expert, to be appointed, in default of agreement, on the request of either party to the President of the Law Society. He or she shall act as an independent expert and not as an arbitrator and his or her decision (including as to costs) shall, except in the case of manifest error, be final and binding upon us and the Client.

22. Governing Law & Jurisdiction

22.1 The Contract and these Terms and Conditions (including any non-contractual matters and obligations arising therefrom or associated therewith) shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England and Wales.

22.2 Subject to the provisions of clause 21, any dispute, controversy, proceedings or claim between the Parties relating to these Terms and Conditions or the Contract (including any non-contractual matters and obligations arising therefrom or associated therewith) shall fall within the jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.