# **Level 1 Contract Terms & Conditions**

### 1. Definitions

Unless otherwise stated, capitalised and italicised terms in this Contract have the following meaning:

Business Day means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday.

Completion means the date that Steel-Line completes the Works.

Contract means the Quotation and these terms and conditions.

Customer means the person or company identified as the 'Customer' in the Quotation.

Futile Trip Fee means a charge of \$75 (plus GST).

Installation Date means the 'estimated installation date' stated in the Quotation, or any rescheduled installation date.

Installation Period means the 'estimated installation period' stated in the Quotation, as adjusted under this Contract.

Price means the total price stated in the Quotation, as adjusted under this Contract.

Products means the products described in the Quotation.

Quotation means the quotation accepted by the Customer.

Relevant Criteria for materials means generally accepted practices or standards applied in the building industry for the materials or specifications, instructions or recommendations of manufacturers or suppliers of the materials.

Services means the services described in the Quotation.

Site means the 'site address' specified in the Quotation.

**Steel-Line** means Steel-Line Installations Australia Pty Ltd ACN 128 107 344.

Works means the supply of Products and/or Services.

# 2. Collection of Products

- (a) If Products are to be collected, the Customer must collect the Products within 3 Business Days of notice by Steel-Line that the Products are available for collection.
- (b) If the Customer fails to collect the Products within the timeframe specified in clause 2(a), Steel-Line may, at its discretion:
  - (i) arrange for the *Products* to be made available for collection at an alternative location notified to the *Customer*,
  - (ii) store uncollected Products and invoice the Customer for any associated transportation and storage costs;
  - (iii) dispose of the uncollected Products after giving the Customer at least 5 Business Days written notice of its intention to do so.

## 3. Delivery of Products

- (a) The Customer is deemed to have specified the Site.
- (b) Any delivery dates provided by Steel-Line are estimates only and are subject to the availability of the Products and the ability of Steel-Line to deliver on the nominated date.
- (c) A failure by Steel-Line to deliver Products on an estimated delivery date does not entitle the Customer to:
  - (i) withhold or delay payment for the Products; or
  - (ii) cancel supply of the *Products*.
- (d) Delivery is deemed to occur at the Site, regardless of whether the Customer or a representative of the Customer is present to accept delivery.

#### 4. Rejection of Products

- (a) The Customer must inspect the Products at the time of collection or delivery.
- (b) The Customer may not reject Products because of damage (including deterioration) unless a written claim is submitted to Steel-Line within 2 Business Days of the date of:
  - (i) collection or delivery; or
  - (ii) installation by Steel-Line,

whichever first occurs.

(c) The Customer's right to reject Products for damage is conditional upon the damage having not occurred after collection, delivery or installation due to any cause unrelated to the condition of the Products at the time they were supplied or installed.

## 5. Return of Products

- (a) Steel-Line is not obliged to accept the return of Products or to allow any credit for Products returned unless all the following conditions are met:
  - (i) the Customer submits a written claim to Steel-Line within 2 Business Days of the date of collection or installation by Steel-Line of the Products;
  - (ii) the returned *Products* are accompanied by *Steel-Line's* quote or order number;
  - (iii) the Products are returned in the same condition in which they were delivered or collected; and
  - (iv) Steel-Line, in its absolute discretion, agrees in writing to accept the return of the Products.
- (b) Nothing in this clause excludes, restricts or modifies any right or obligation relating to the return of the *Products* that cannot be excluded, restricted or modified by law, including under the Australian Consumer Law.

# 6. Steel-Line's Obligations

- (a) Steel-Line must:
  - (i) start the Works at the Site on the Installation Date;
  - (ii) carry out the Works in accordance with this Contract, and
  - (iii) bring the Works to completion within the Installation Period.

# 7. Access & Power

- (a) The Customer must, at its own cost:
  - (i) provide Steel-Line with all-weather and unrestricted access to the Site; and
  - (ii) supply Steel-Line with any power, water or other service reasonably required for the performance of the Works.
- (b) A Futile Trip Fee may be added to the Price if the Customer fails to comply with clause 7(a).
- c) The Customer must not obstruct, interfere with or hinder the carrying out of the Works including by failing to comply with clause 7(a).

## 8. Variations

- (a) Either party may request a variation to the Works at any time prior to Completion. Steel-Line may, at its absolute discretion refuse to carry out any variation requested by the Customer. The Customer must not unreasonably refuse a variation requested by Steel-Line.
- (b) Any agreement to vary the Works must be recorded in a written document signed by Steel-Line and the Customer which:
  - (i) describes the variation and states the date of the request for the variation;
  - ii) states the price of the variation or the method for calculating the price; and
  - (iii) states Steel-Line's estimate of any delay or change to Installation Period which may result from the variation.
- (c) The price of a variation is to be:
  - (i) calculated:
    - (A) using the rates (if any) stated in the Quotation; or

- (B) using reasonable market rates as determined by Steel-Line in its sole discretion;
- ii) added to the Price and paid to Steel-Line in accordance with the payment terms stated in the Quotation.
- (d) In the event that a variation is required due to the unavailability of *Products* or materials:
  - (i) Steel-Line will select a like-for-like alternative and provide details of that alternative product or material to the Customer for consideration;
  - (ii) the Customer must either accept the like-for-like alternative proposed by Steel-Line or propose a different product or material which must be readily available and fit for purpose within 5 Business Days; and
  - (iii) upon agreement regarding the alternative material to be used, the variation will be recorded in accordance with clause 8(b).
- (e) Steel-Line may, at its absolute discretion, suspend the Works if a variation requested by Steel-Line is unreasonably refused.

#### Delays

- (a) Steel-Line must give written notice to the Customer claiming a reasonable extension to the Installation Period within 10 Business Days of becoming aware of the cause and extent of the delay if the Installation Period is required to be extended:
  - (i) for a cause not reasonably foreseeable and beyond the reasonable control of Steel-Line;
  - (ii) because of delay caused by the Customer, or
  - (iii) because of a variation recorded in accordance with clause 8(b).
- (b) Within 2 Business Days of receipt of a claim under clause 9(a), the Customer must notify Steel-Line whether the Customer approves or rejects the claim.
- (c) If the extension of time claim is approved, the Installation Period shall be adjusted by the delay period approved.
- d) The Customer.
  - (i) has no entitlement to damages, liquidated or unliquidated, consequent upon delay beyond Steel-Line's reasonable control in completing the Works; and
  - (ii) agrees that any liability of Steel-Line consequent upon its failure to complete the Works within the Installation Period for a cause within the reasonable control of Steel-Line shall be limited to 2.5% of the Price.

## 10. Customer Acknowledgements

- (a) The Customer acknowledges and agrees that:
  - (i) Steel-Line may subcontract all or any part of Services.
  - ii) cancellation of an order for *Products* requiring fabrication will not relieve the *Customer* of the obligation to pay the full price of those *Products* once fabrication has commenced.
  - (iii) risk of loss of, or damage to, Products passes to the Customer on collection or delivery by Steel-Line to the Site.
  - (iv) title to Products remains with Steel-Line and does not pass to the Customer until Steel-Line has received full payment for the Products.
  - (v) unless listed inclusions, the *Products* and *Services* do not include:
    - (A) work or materials to create solid fixing points;
    - (B) supply or installation of steel fixing plates for mounting supplied brackets;
    - (C) angles, posts, flashings or trims or any nature to create or finish door openings;
    - (D) work outside of the hours of 7.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Business Days;
    - (E) structural steel work or bulkheads;
    - (F) flashings or weather seals except for a weather seal attached to the bottom closing surface of doors;
    - (G) provision of power points or any work required to be carried out by a licenced electrician;
    - (H) removal or relocation of obstructions including pipes, fittings and service conduits;
    - (I) the provision of lifting equipment (including forklifts and cranes) at the Site;
    - (J) the supply of skips or bins or removal of packing materials from the Site; or
    - (K) the provision of materials (including wrappings) to protect installed products.
    - (L) items supplied as garage door accessories.
  - vi) Steel-Line or its agents may touch up Products at the Site.
  - (vii) the colour, sheen or finish of replacement components including slats and panels may differ to existing components.

# 11. Site Security

(a) Steel-Line shall not be responsible for the security of the Site, including but not limited to the protection of buildings, equipment, materials, or personnel. The responsibility for securing the Site, including implementing and maintaining appropriate security measures, rests solely with the Customer. Steel-Line shall not be liable for any loss, damage, theft, or unauthorised access occurring on or in connection with the Site, whether during or after the performance of the Works.

## 12. Taxes

- (a) The Price is inclusive of goods and services tax ("GST").
- (b) If an event occurs in relation to a supply that results in the GST amount differing from the amount included in the *Price*, *Steel-Line* may recover from the *Customer* any shortfall and must refund any overpayment, as applicable.
- (c) If, due to a change in the imposition or calculation of GST, or due to the introduction, variation, or abolition of any other taxes (excluding income tax), Steel-Line's costs of making a supply (excluding GST) increase, Steel-Line may increase the Price proportionally to reflect the increase in costs.
- (d) Any rebates, discounts, allowances, or other price reductions to which the *Customer* is entitled, or which are granted by *Steel-Line*, will be calculated on the base price, exclusive of any GST payable by *Steel-Line* on the relevant supply.

# 13. Retention Amounts / Set-Off

- (a) No amount may be:
  - (i) withheld from payment of the Price as security for Steel-Line's performance of this Contract; or
  - (ii) set-off against the Price.

# 14. Payment

- (a) Subject to clause 14(d), the Customer must pay the Price in full in accordance with the payment terms stated in the Quotation notwithstanding:
  - (i) any delay in delivery of *Products* or performance of *Services*; or
  - (ii) title to Products remaining with Steel-Line in accordance with clause 15.
- (b) If the Customer fails to pay the Price to Steel-Line in accordance with clause 14(a):
  - (i) the Customer must pay:
    - (A) interest on the outstanding amount at the rate of 21% per annum, calculated daily;
    - (B) all debt collection costs, including legal fees on a solicitor and own client basis, incurred in recovering or attempting to recover the outstanding amount; and Steel-Line may enter on to the Site and remove Products without notice or obligation to repair or reinstate building elements, penetrations or painted surfaces.
- (c) The Customer acknowledges and agrees that the interest rate specified in clause 14(b)(i)(A) represents a genuine pre-estimate of loss incurred by Steel-Line in the event of late payment.
- (d) If a genuine dispute arises in relation to:
  - (i) non-delivery, quality, or quantity of *Products*;
  - (ii) non-completion or quality of Services; or
  - (iii) *Products* that are the subject of a claim made in accordance with clause 4(b),
  - then, subject to the Customer's continued compliance with clause 7(a), the Customer may withhold the disputed portion of the Price until Steel-Line (acting reasonably)

gives written notice that the grounds for the dispute no longer exist.

## 15. Retention of Title

- (a) Until the Customer has paid the Price in full:
  - (i) title to *Products* remains with *Steel-Line*;
  - (ii) the Customer holds the Products as a fiduciary and bailee for Steel-Line; and
  - (iii) the Customer must store the Products in a manner that clearly identifies them as the property of Steel-Line.
- (b) The Customer acknowledges that the installation of Products does not render them fixtures and the parties intend that the Products remain personal property capable of removal by Steel-Line until title passes to the Customer.

#### 16. Termination

- (a) Steel-Line may, at its discretion, terminate this Contract by giving written notice to the Customer if:
  - (i) any amount payable under this Contract is not paid by the due date for payment;
  - (ii) the Customer fails to comply with clause 7(a); or
  - iii) if a variation requested by Steel-Line under clause 8 is unreasonably refused.
- (b) The Customer agrees that if this Contract is terminated under clause 16(a), Steel-Line's liability is limited to refunding any amount paid in advance for unperformed Works, less all reasonable costs incurred by Steel-Line in attempting to perform the Works.
- (c) The parties agree that clauses 11, 13, 14, 15, 17 and 18 survive termination of this Contract.

### 17. Indemnity

(a) The Customer shall indemnify and hold harmless Steel-Line from and against all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, and expenses (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis) arising from or in connection with any personal injury, death, or loss or damage to property occurring at the Site, to the extent caused by any act or omission of the Customer, whether arising from negligence, breach of statutory duty, or otherwise.

#### 18. Limitation of Liability

- (a) Steel-Line, and Steel-Line's officers and employees, shall not be liable for any losses, costs or damages with respect to existing property on or about the Site, whether as a result of negligence, breach of statutory duty or otherwise, arising out of the performance of the Works by Steel-Line or any subcontractor.
- (b) Subject to any right or obligation that cannot be excluded, restricted or modified by law, including under the Australian Consumer Law, in addition to the limitations provided elsewhere in this Contract, Steel-Line's total liability to the Customer in connection with this Contract, including for breach of contract or negligence, is limited to:
  - (i) an amount not exceeding \$100.00, and excludes all indirect, special, incidental, or consequential losses or damages, including but not limited to loss of profit or revenue, loss of production, loss of opportunity, or loss of use of *Products*; or
  - (ii) an amount exceeding \$100.00 that Steel-Line, in its sole discretion:
    - (A) authorises the Customer in writing to incur; or
    - (B) accepts liability in writing for.

#### 19. Warranties

- (a) Steel-Line warrants that:
  - (i) all materials supplied will be of good quality and suitable for the purpose for which they are used having regard to the *Relevant Criteria*, and that all materials used will be new unless this *Contract* expressly provides otherwise;
  - (ii) the Works will be carried out:
    - (A) with reasonable diligence;
    - B) in an appropriate and skilful way and with reasonable care and skill; and
    - (C) in accordance with all relevant laws and legal requirements including, for example, the Building Act 1975.

## 20. Miscellaneous

- (a) To the extent permitted by law, Steel-Line provides no warranty for the Works until the Price is paid in full.
- (b) All payments must be made in Australian dollars.
- (c) This Contract contains the whole of the agreement between the parties for the Works.