

**1. DEFINITIONS**

In this Subcontract, except where the context otherwise requires:

“**Claim**” means any claim, action, proceeding, demand, liability, obligation, costs (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis), losses, damages and expenses including those arising out of the terms of any settlement, at law, in equity or under statute, brought or incurred by any person;

“**COD**” means cash on delivery;

“**Constructional Plant**” means plant, equipment, materials and other things used (or intended to be used) in the execution of the Work under the Subcontract;

“**EAE**” means Eagle Alliance Earthmoving Pty Ltd (A.C.N. 141 206 591) (A.B.N. 41 149 364 727) its successors and assigns;

“**Equipment**” means trucks, plant and/or machinery used in the performance of the Work under the Subcontract;

“**GST**” means Goods and Services Tax under the GST ACT;

“**GST ACT**” means the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cth)*;

“**Hirer**” means the individual and/or entity (customer) receiving the earthmoving services and/or earthmoving equipment and/or related services from the Subcontractor pursuant to arrangement by EAE;

“**Losses**” means liabilities, losses, damages, expenses and costs (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis) of any kind or nature including:

- (a) loss of profits, loss of revenue, loss of anticipated savings, loss of opportunity and pure economic loss;
- (b) any other special or indirect loss;

“**Secondary Subcontractor**” means the subcontractor(s) engaged by the Subcontractor;

“**Site**” means the place where the Subcontractor carries out the Work under this Subcontract;

“**Subcontract**” means the agreement between EAE and the Hirer;

“**Subcontractor**” means the earthmoving subcontractor and equipment owner operator;

“**Subcontract Works**” means the whole of the Work to be executed in accordance with the Subcontract;

“**WHS Act**” means the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Qld)*;

“**Work**” means the earthmoving services and/or earthmoving equipment and or related services supplied by the Subcontractor under this Subcontract;

“**Work Order**” means the request for earthmoving services and/or earthmoving equipment and/or related services received by EAE from the Hirer.

**2. INTERPRETATION**

Headings and subheadings do not form part of these Terms and Conditions of Hire and shall not be used in interpretation of the Subcontract.

Words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular, according to the requirements of the context.

Any reference to gender means all genders.

A reference to any legislation or to any section or provision of it includes any amendments to it or any statutory provision substituted for it and all regulations, ordinances, bylaws, rules or other statutory instruments issued under it.

**3. EAE AND THE HIRER**

**3.1 EAE:**

- (a) is an independent contractor that provides booking and invoicing services as an intermediary between the Hirer and Subcontractor and;
- (b) is not a principal, agent, related entity or body corporate, employee, partner or affiliate of the Hirer or Subcontractor.

**3.2 The Hirer:**

- (a) is a customer of EAE;
- (b) is provided earthmoving equipment and/or earthmoving services and/or related services by the Subcontractor by arrangement with EAE;
- (c) is independent to EAE and is not an agent, related entity, employee, partner or affiliate of EAE.

**4. JOINT AND SEVERAL**

If the Hirer comprises more than one person:

- (a) the obligations of those persons are joint and several;
- (b) EAE may proceed against any or all of those persons in respect of any failure by the Hirer to comply with its obligations under these Terms and Conditions of Hire or otherwise.

**5. HIRE PERIODS AND CHARGES**

**5.1 Hire Periods**

**5.1.1** The hire rate is based upon the Equipment being hired for a minimum period as specified in EAE’s current price list.

**5.1.2** The hire shall commence from the time and date the Equipment arrives at the Hirer’s site plus applicable travel and/or float charges as specified in clause 5.2 (c).

**5.1.3** The Hirer shall pay EAE a surcharge to allow for overtime costs (rates on application) should the hire period and/or Work performed by the Subcontractor include night work, weekends, statutory or gazetted public holidays.

**5.2 Hire Charges**

The Hirer shall pay EAE on completion of the Hire Period for the following:

- (a) the rate/s specified in EAE’s current price list or job docket for the full Hire Period that the Equipment is at the Hirer’s site plus applicable travel and/or

float charges;

- (b) all hiring charges and any other amounts payable in accordance with these Conditions of Hire within the time specified in the job docket, Tax Invoice, Credit Account Application and/or Work Authorisation;
- (c) all charges including and not limited to all freight and other charges incurred by the Subcontractor in transporting the Equipment or loading and unloading the Equipment at the Site. Travel and/or float charges are also applicable.
- (d) where the Hirer is responsible for the loss or damage to the Equipment the whole or part of the cost of replacement or repair of the Equipment which will be added to the invoice total;
- (e) the amount of levies, offences (traffic/parking) or like charges paid or payable by the Subcontractor to any Government body in respect of use of the Equipment; and
- (f) tolls, tipping fees and material supplies charged to EAE’s account(s).

**6. CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

Eagle Alliance will accept payments by MasterCard, Visa and Amex. MasterCard and Visa attract a 1% (one percent) surcharge; Amex attracts a 3% (three percent) surcharge.

**7. MATERIAL SUPPLY**

Supply of sand, soil or gravel will be at EAE’s current price at the time of the order and subject to availability.

**8. THE HIRER’S RESPONSIBILITIES**

**8.1** Prior to the use of the Equipment, the Hirer shall:

- (a) consult with EAE or the Subcontractor to determine the condition and suitability of the Equipment hired for the purpose required; and
- (b) obtain all necessary permits and/or plans and pay any fees payable to any local or government authority in relation to the hire.

**8.1.1** The Hirer will indemnify EAE for any additional cost, expenses or losses incurred by EAE arising from the Hirer’s failure to comply in full with Clause 8.1.

**8.2** During the Hire Period the Hirer shall:

- (a) at all times exercise due care that the Equipment is not driven or operated by any person not duly authorised under all relevant laws, by-laws and regulations to be driving or operating such Equipment for the purpose for which it is being used;
- (b) The Hirer shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent bodily injury or damage to property and to comply with all statutory obligations and by-laws and regulations imposed by any Public Authority for the safety of persons and property as though the Hirer was the Subcontractor;
- (c) clearly mark the exact location and identify all services above and below ground at the Site, including, but not limited to drains, pipes, sewers, mains and telephone and data cables, to enable the Subcontractor’s equipment operator to prevent damage to all such services. These plans can be requested from the DBYD (Dial Before You Dig) website at [www.1100.com.au](http://www.1100.com.au) or phone 1100. Should the Hirer fail to provide the Subcontractor with the appropriate plans for the Site as specified, and clearly mark the exact location of all services, the Hirer shall indemnify the Subcontractor and EAE from any claim for costs, expenses or losses;
- (d) be responsible for any loss or damage to the Equipment if such loss is caused by the negligence of the Hirer or any persons under his control;
- (e) accept full responsibility for, and indemnify the Subcontractor and EAE against all claims in respect of any injury to persons, or loss or damage to property, arising out of the delivery, servicing, storage, possession or use of the Equipment by the Hirer, or any persons under his control during the Period of Hire;
- (f) not alter, make any additions to, deface or erase any identifying mark, plate or number on or in the Equipment or in any other manner interfere with the Equipment;
- (g) be liable for any costs should the Equipment, as a result of instructions given by the Hirer, become bogged. Costs referred to being the agreed hire and the additional hire of whatever equipment is necessary to recover the machine or vehicle;
- (h) keep all persons, including the Hirer, away from the Equipment, whilst in operation; and
- (i) not repair or attempt to repair or cause any repair to be made to the Equipment without the prior consent of the Subcontractor.

**9. THE SUBCONTRACTOR**

If the Subcontractor determines that it would be dangerous or otherwise detrimental to the Equipment to operate the Equipment in the site conditions, the Subcontractor has the right to refuse to operate the Equipment in such conditions.

**10. BREAKDOWN**

- (a) If Equipment is hired without the Subcontractor’s driver/operator The Hirer will, as soon as practicable, notify EAE by email about any Equipment breakdown, malfunction or any unsatisfactory performance of any part of the Equipment;
- (b) Any claim by the Hirer for breakdown time will only be considered by EAE from the date and time of the email send by the Hirer pursuant to Clause 10(a); and

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- (c) The Hirer will indemnify the Subcontractor and EAE from any claim for costs, expenses or losses the Hirer incurs, as a result of any Equipment breakdown.

**11. DISPUTES**

The Hirer shall, within seven (7) days from the completion of the Work, notify EAE in writing of any alleged dispute. If the Hirer fails to comply with this provision, the Work shall be conclusively presumed to have been completed satisfactorily and free from any disputes.

**12. INSURANCE**

**12.1** Prior to the Subcontractor commencing Work at the Site or the Hirer obtaining the Equipment, the Hirer shall purchase and maintain insurance for the following:

- (a) General Public and Products Liability insurance covering the Hirer’s legal liability to pay for personal injury and property damage out of or in connection with the execution of the Work under the Subcontract with a limit of cover not less than AUD 20,000,000.00;
- (b) Where applicable, Motor Vehicle insurance covering the Hirer’s own motor vehicles or other mobile equipment, for any personal and property damage arising from the use of such motor vehicles or mobile equipment in or about the execution of the Work;
- (c) Where applicable, Workers Compensation insurance covering the Hirer’s liability for any loss or claim by any person employed or otherwise engaged by it in or about the execution of work at the Site;
- (d) Where applicable, personal accident insurance covering the Hirer for any personal injury sustained by them arising from or in connection with the work at the Site; and
- (e) Where applicable, Plant and Equipment insurance covering the Hirer’s own Constructional Plant and Equipment for its replacement value against loss or damage, including loss or damage in transit to the delivery place and its unloading.

**12.2** Without in any way limiting its other obligations under this Agreement, if the Hirer fails to effect and maintain the insurance referred to in Clause 12.1 above the Hirer shall indemnify EAE against any and all Claims and Losses arising out of or in connection with, or as a consequence of, the carrying out of the Work under the Subcontract by the Hirer, Subcontractor or its Secondary Subcontractors.

**13. INDEMNITY BY HIRER**

The Hirer shall indemnify EAE and each of its officers, agents and employees against any and all Losses and Claims arising from any breach, act, omission or default of the Hirer or its employees, servants and /or agents including:

- (a) loss of or damage to the property of any person and any existing property in or upon which the Work is being carried out;
- (b) claims by any person against EAE in respect of personal injury or death or loss of or damage to any property; and
- (c) all losses suffered by EAE (including legal costs on a full indemnity basis);

arising from or in connection with the execution of the Work by the Subcontractor and/or its Secondary Subcontractor(s) and/or use of the Equipment by the Hirer. The Hirer’s liability to indemnify EAE under Clause 13 will be reduced proportionally to the extent only that a negligent act or omission on the part of EAE has caused or contributed to its loss or damage.

This Clause 13 shall not apply to exclude any other right of EAE to be indemnified by the Hirer.

**14. NO CLAIM**

The Hirer shall not be entitled to make, and waives its right to, any Claim against EAE in relation to arising from or in connection with any Site conditions, any information concerning Site conditions or any failure to provide information concerning Site conditions to the Subcontractor.

**15. DAMAGES**

**15.1 Recoverable Costs**

The Hirer must pay to EAE any costs, expenses or losses incurred by EAE as a result of the Hirer’s failure to pay to EAE all sums outstanding as owed by the Hirer to EAE including without limiting the generality of the forgoing any debt collection and legal costs incurred in enforcing payment on a solicitor and own client basis.

**15.2 Interest**

EAE may charge interest at 2% (two percent) above the commercial lending rate of the Westpac Banking Corporation calculated on a daily basis on amounts not paid within the time specified in EAE’s invoice.

**16. RETENTION OF TITLE**

**16.1 Title**

The Equipment shall remain the property of the Subcontractor at all times. The Hirer is not entitled to sell, transfer, mortgage, charge or encumber in any way the Equipment nor part with possession of the Equipment or assign the benefit of the Hire Agreement.

**16.2 Repossession**

If the Hirer commits an act of bankruptcy, enters into any form of administration or liquidation, makes any composition or arrangement with its creditors, ceases to carry on business or breaches any fundamental clause of this Agreement, then the Subcontractor may repossess any Equipment and EAE may, without prejudice to any other remedies it may have, commence proceedings to recover the balance of any monies owing to EAE by the Hirer.

**17. PRIVACY**

**17.1** The Hirer hereby authorises EAE to collect, retain, record, use and disclose commercial and/or consumer information about the Hirer, in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988, the Privacy Amendment Act 2012 and subsequent amendments, to persons and/or legal entities who are a solicitor or any other professional consultant engaged by EAE, a debt collector, credit reporting agency and/or any other individual or organisation which maintains credit references and/or default listings.

**17.2** EAE may give information about the Hirer to a credit reporting agency for the purposes of obtaining consumer and commercial credit reports and/or lodging consumer and commercial defaults on the Hirer’s credit file. This information may be given before, during or after the provision of credit to the Hirer and will be in accordance with the Privacy Act 1988, the Privacy Amendment Act 2012 and subsequent amendments.

**18. LIABILITY**

**18.1 Non-excludable Rights**

The parties acknowledge that, under the Australian Consumer Law (Cth), certain conditions and warranties may be implied in these terms and conditions and there are rights and remedies conferred on the Hirer in relation to the provision of the Equipment or Work which cannot be excluded, restricted or modified by the Agreement (“Non-excludable Rights”).

**18.2 Disclaimer of Liability**

EAE disclaims all conditions and warranties expressed or implied, and all rights and remedies conferred on the Hirer, by statute, the common law, equity, trade, custom or usage or otherwise and all those conditions and warranties and all those rights and remedies are excluded other than any Non-excludable Rights. To the extent permitted by law, the liability of EAE for a breach of a Non-Excludable Right is limited, at EAE’s option, to the supplying of the Equipment and/or any Work again or payment of the cost of having the Equipment and/or Work supplied again.

**18.3 Indirect Losses**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these terms and conditions, EAE is in no circumstances (whatever the cause) liable in contract, tort including without limitation, negligence or breach of statutory duty or otherwise to compensate the Hirer for:

- (a) any increased costs or expenses;
- (b) any loss of profit, revenue, business, contracts or anticipated savings;
- (c) any loss or expense resulting from a claim by a third party; or
- (d) any special, indirect or consequential loss or damage of any nature whatsoever caused by the Subcontractor’s failure to complete or delay in completing the Work.

**18.4 Force Majeure**

EAE will have no liability to the Hirer in relation to any loss, damage or expense caused by the Subcontractor’s failure to complete the Work as a result of fire, flood, tempest, earthquake, riot, civil disturbance, theft, crime, strike, lockout, breakdown, war, the inability of the Subcontractor’s normal suppliers to supply necessary material or any other matter beyond the Subcontractor’s control.

**19. SECURITY AND CHARGE**

The Hirer hereby charges all property, both equitable and legal, present or future of the Hirer in respect of any monies that may be owing by the Hirer to EAE under the terms and conditions or otherwise and hereby authorises EAE or its solicitors to execute any consent form as its attorney for the purpose of registering a caveat over any real property owned by the Hirer at any time.

**20. SEVERABILITY**

Any provision in these terms and conditions which is invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction must be read down for the purposes of that jurisdiction, if possible, so as to be valid and enforceable. If that provision cannot be read down then it is capable of being severed to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability without affecting the remaining provisions of these terms and conditions or affecting the validity or enforceability of that provision in any other jurisdiction.

**21. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

**21.1** This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Queensland, and where applicable, the Commonwealth of Australia.

**21.2** Any proceeding commenced against EAE by the Hirer and/or Subcontractor must be commenced at the Brisbane Registry of whichever Court or Tribunal which has the appropriate jurisdiction to hear the matter.

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