

**Thomas Group (Marble & Granite) Ltd**

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**Conditions of Sale**

**1 Interpretation**

1.1 In these conditions:-

"BUYER" means the person who accepts a quotation of the Seller for the sale of Goods or whose order for the Goods is accepted by the Seller.

"Goods" means the goods (including any instalment of the goods or any part of them) which the Seller is to supply in accordance with these conditions.

"SELLER" means The Thomas Group

"CONDITIONS" means the standard terms and conditions of sale set out in this document and (unless the context otherwise requires) includes any special terms and conditions agreed in writing between the Buyer and the Seller.

"CONTRACT" means the contract for the purchase and sale of Goods

"WRITING" includes telex, cable, facsimile transmission and comparable means of communication

1.2 Any reference in these Conditions to any provision of a status shall be construed as a reference to that provision as amended, re-enacted or extended at the relevant time.

1.3 The headings in the Conditions are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation

**2 Basis of the Sale**

2.1 The Seller shall and the Buyer shall purchase the Goods in accordance with any written order of the Buyer which is accepted by the Seller subject to any written quotation of the Seller and to these conditions which shall govern the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms and conditions subject to which any such order is made or purported to be made by the Buyer.

2.2 No variation to these Conditions shall be binding unless agreed in Writing between the authorised representatives of the Buyer and the Seller.

2.3 The Seller's employees or agents are not authorised to make any representations concerning the Goods unless confirmed by the Seller in Writing. In entering into the Contract the Buyer acknowledges that it does not rely on and waives any claim for breach of any such representations which are not so confirmed.

2.4 Any advice or recommendations given by the Seller or its employees or agents to the Buyer or its employees or agents as to the storage, application or use of the Goods which is not confirmed in Writing by the Seller is followed or acted upon entirely at the Buyer's own risk and accordingly the Seller shall not be liable for any such advice or recommendation which is not so confirmed.

2.5 Any typographical, clerical or other error or omission in sales literature, quotation, price list, acceptance of offer, invoice or other document of information issued by the Seller shall be subject to correction without liability on the part of the Seller.

**3 Orders and Specifications**

3.1 No order submitted by the Buyer shall be deemed to be accepted by the Seller unless and until confirmed in Writing by the Seller's authorised representative.

3.2 The Buyer shall be responsible to the Seller for ensuring the accuracy of the terms of any order (including any applicable specification) submitted by the Buyer, and for giving the Seller any necessary information relating to the Goods within a sufficient time to enable the Seller to perform the Contract in accordance with its terms.

3.3 The Seller reserves the right to supply to the Buyer in the same quantities as individual pre-made products are supplied by the Manufacturer and the same quantity so supplied shall be deemed to be the quantity ordered by the Buyer.

3.4 The Seller reserves the right to make any changes in the specifications of the Goods where the Goods are to be supplied to the Seller's specification, which do not materially affect their quality or performance.

3.5 No order which has been accepted by the Seller may be cancelled by the Buyer except with the agreement in Writing of the Seller and on terms that the Buyer shall indemnify the Seller in full against all loss (including loss of profit), costs (including the cost of all labour and materials used), damages, charges and expenses incurred by the Seller as a result of cancellation.

**4 Price of the Goods**

4.1 The price of the Goods shall be the Seller's quoted price or, where no price has been quoted (or a quoted price is no longer valid), the price listed in the Seller's published price list current at the date of acceptance of the order. Where the Goods are supplied for export from the United Kingdom, the Seller's published export price list shall apply. All prices quoted are valid for 90 days only or until earlier acceptance by the Buyer, after which time they may be altered by the Seller without giving notice to the Buyer.

4.2 The Seller reserves the right, by giving notice to the Buyer at any time before delivery to increase the price of Goods to reflect any increase in the cost to the seller which is due to any factor beyond the control of the Seller (such as, without limitation, any foreign exchange fluctuation, currency regulation, alteration of duties, significant increase in the cost of labour, materials or other costs of manufacture), any change in the delivery dates, quantities or specifications for the Goods which is requested by the Buyer, or any delay caused by any instructions of the Buyer to give the Seller adequate information or instructions.

4.3 Except as otherwise stated under the terms of any quotation or in any price list of the Seller, and unless otherwise agreed in Writing between the Buyer and the Seller, all prices are given by the Seller on an ex-works basis, and where the Seller agrees to deliver the Goods otherwise than at the Seller's premises, the Buyer shall be liable to pay the Seller's charges for transport, packaging and insurance.

4.4 The price is exclusive of any applicable value added tax, which the Buyer shall be additionally liable to pay the Seller.

4.5 The cost of any "A" Frames retained by the Buyer will be charge to the Buyer in addition to the price of the Goods but full credit will be given to the Buyer provided they are returned undamaged to the Seller before the due payment date.

**5 Terms of Payment**

5.1 Subject to any special terms agreed in Writing between the Buyer and the Seller, the Seller shall be entitled to invoice the Buyer for the price of the Goods on or at any time after delivery of the Goods, unless the Goods are to be collected by the Buyer or the Buyer wrongfully fails to take delivery of the Goods, in which event the Seller shall be entitled to invoice the Buyer for the price at any time after the Seller has notified the Buyer that the Goods are ready for collection or (as the case may be) the seller has tendered delivery of the goods.

5.2 The Buyer shall pay the price of the Goods **in accordance with the payment terms endorsed on the face of the Confirmation of Order Form** notwithstanding that delivery may not have taken place and the property in the Goods has not passed over to the Buyer. The time of payment of the price shall be of the essence of the Contract. Receipts for payment will be issued only upon request.

5.3 The Buyer may not withhold payment of any invoice or other amount due to the Seller by reason of any right of set-off or counterclaim which the Buyer may have or allege to have or for any reason whatever.

5.4 If the Buyer fails to make payment on the due date then, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller, the Seller shall be entitled to:-

5.4.1 cancel the contract or suspend any further deliveries to the Buyer

5.4.2 appropriate any payment made by the Buyer to such of the Goods (or the goods supplied under any other contract between the Buyer and the Seller) as the Seller may think fit (notwithstanding any purported appropriation by the Buyer)  
And

5.4.3 charge the Buyer interest (both before and after any judgment) on the amount unpaid, at the rate of 4% per annum above Royal Bank of Scotland plc base rate from time to time, until payment in full is made (a part of a month being treated as a full month for the purpose of calculating interest)

**6 Delivery**

6.1 Delivery of the Goods shall be made by the Buyer collecting the Good at the Seller's premises at any time after the seller has notified the Buyer that the Goods are ready for collection or, if some other place for delivery is agreed by the Seller, by the Seller delivering the Goods to that place.

6.2 Any dates quoted for delivery of the Goods are approximate only and the Seller shall not be liable for any delay in delivery of the Goods howsoever caused. Time for delivery shall not be of the essence unless previously agreed by the Seller in Writing. The Goods may be delivered by the Seller in advance of the quoted delivery date upon giving reasonable notice to the Buyer.

6.3 Where the Goods are to be delivered in instalments, each delivery shall constitute a separate contract and failure by the seller to deliver any one or more of the instalments in accordance with these Conditions or any claim by the Buyer in respect of any one or more instalments shall not entitle the Buyer to treat the Contract as a whole as repudiated.

- 6.4 If the Seller fails to deliver the Goods for any reason other than any cause beyond the Seller's reasonable control or the Buyer's fault, and the Seller is accordingly liable to the Buyer, the Seller's liability shall be limited to the excess (if any) of the cost to the Buyer (in the cheapest available market) of similar goods to replace those not delivered over the price of Goods.
- 6.5 If the Buyer fails to take delivery of the Goods or fails to give the Seller adequate delivery instructions at the time stated for delivery (otherwise than by reason of any cause beyond the Buyer's reasonable control or by reason of the Seller's fault) then, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller, the Seller may :
- 6.5.1 store the Goods until actual delivery and charge the Buyer for the reasonable costs (including insurance) of storage , or
- 6.5.2 sell the Goods at the best price readily obtainable and (after deducting all reasonable storage and selling expenses) account to the Buyer for the excess over the price under the Contract or charge the Buyer for any shortfall below the price under the Contract
- 6.6 In the case of Goods to be delivered otherwise than at the Seller's premises the Buyer shall be responsible for the Goods at such other place immediately following the off loading of Goods.

## 7 Risk and Property

- 7.1 Risk of damage to or loss of the Goods shall pass to the Buyer :
- 7.1.1 in the case of Goods to be delivered at the Seller's premises, at the same time when the Seller notifies the Buyer that the Goods are available for collection or
- 7.1.2 in the case of Goods to be delivered otherwise than at the Seller's premises, at the time of delivery or if the Buyer wrongfully fails to take delivery of the Goods, the time when the Seller has tendered delivery of the Goods.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding delivery and the passing of risk in the Goods, or any other provision of these Conditions, the property in the Goods shall not pass to the Buyer until the Seller has received in cash or cleared funds payment in full of the price of the Goods and all other goods agreed to be sold by the Seller to the Buyer for which payments is then due.
- 7.3 Until such time as the property in the Goods passes to the Buyer, the Buyer shall hold the Goods as the Seller's fiduciary agent and bailee, and shall keep the Goods separate from those of the Buyer and third parties and properly stored, protected and insured and identified as the Seller's property. Until that time the Buyer shall be entitled to resell or use the Goods in the ordinary course of its business, but shall account for the proceeds of the sale or otherwise of the Goods, whether tangible or intangible, including insurance proceeds, and shall keep all such proceeds separate from any monies or property of the buyer and third parties and, in the case of tangible proceeds, properly stored, protected and insured.
- 7.4 Until such time as the property in the Goods passes to the Buyer (and provided the Goods are still in existence and have not been resold), the Seller shall be entitled at any time to require the Buyer to deliver up the Goods to the Seller and, if the Buyer fails to do so forthwith, to enter upon any premises of the Buyer or any third party where the Goods are stored and repossess the Goods.
- 7.5 The Buyer shall not be entitled to pledge or in any way charge by way of security for any indebtedness any of the Goods which remain the property of the Seller, but if the Buyer does so all monies owing by the Buyer to the Seller shall (without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Seller) forthwith become due and payable.

## 8 Liability

- 8.1 The Buyer acknowledges that the Goods are of natural material and accordingly the Seller gives no warranty as to the quality or condition of the Goods. Further :
- 8.1.1 the Seller shall be under no liability in respect of any failure in the Goods to correspond to sample nor in respect of variations in colour or natural markings or veinings
- 8.1.2 where Goods are supplied cramped stopped or reinforced the Seller shall be under no liability in respect of any defect in the Goods arising there from
- 8.1.3 the Seller shall be under no liability in respect of variations not exceeding 15% in the thickness or other dimensions of the Goods from that quoted by the Seller specified in the Buyer's order or stated in the Seller's sales literature price list or other document or information issued by the Seller
- 8.1.4 the Seller shall be under no liability in respect of any defect in the Goods arising from any drawing, design or specification supplied by the Buyer and
- 8.1.5 the Seller shall be under no liability in respect of any defect in the Goods arising from natural cracks and vents, fair wear and tear, wilful damage, negligence, abnormal working conditions, failure to follow the Seller's instructions (whether oral or in writing), misuse or alteration or repair of the Goods without the Seller's approval
- 8.2 Subject as expressly provided in these Conditions, and except where the Goods are sold to a person dealing as a consumer (within the meaning of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977) all warranties, conditions or other terms implied by statute or common law are excluded to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 8.3 Where the Goods are sold under a consumer transaction (as defined by the Consumer Transactions (Restrictions on Statements) Order 1976 the statutory rights of the Buyer are not affected by these Conditions.
- 8.4 Any claim the Buyer which is based on any defect in the quality or condition of the Goods or their failure to correspond with specifications shall (whether or not delivery is refused by the Buyer) be notified to the Seller within three days from the date of delivery. If delivery is not refused, and the Buyer does not notify the Seller accordingly, the Buyer shall not be entitled to reject the Goods and the Seller shall have no liability for such defect or failure, and the buyer shall be bound to pay the price as if the Goods had been delivered in accordance with the Contract.
- 8.5 Where any valid claim in respect of any Goods which is based on any defect in the quality or condition of the Goods or their failure to meet specification is notified to the Seller in accordance with these Conditions, the Seller shall be entitled to replace the Goods (or the part in question) free of charge or, at the Seller's sole discretion, refund to the Buyer the price of the Goods (or a proportionate part of the price), but the Seller shall have no further liability to the Buyer.
- 8.6 Where the Seller agrees to exchange the Goods or accept the return of the Goods where there is no defect in the quality or condition of the Goods or any failure to correspond with specification then the Seller shall be entitled to raise a restocking charge up to 25% of the value of the Goods.
- 8.7 Except in respect of death or personal injury caused by the Seller's negligence, the Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer by reason of any representation, or any implied warranty, conditions or other term, or any duty at common law , or under the express terms of the Contract, for any consequential loss or damage (whether for loss of profit or otherwise), costs, expenses or other claims for consequential compensation whatsoever (and whether caused by the negligence of the Seller, its employees or agents or otherwise) which arise out of or in connection with the supply of the goods or their use or resale by the Buyer, except as expressly provided in these Conditions.
- 8.8 The Seller shall not be liable to the Buyer or be deemed to be in breach of the Contract by reason of any delay in performing, or any failure to perform, any of the Seller's obligations in relation to the Goods, if the delay or failure was due to any cause beyond the Seller's reasonable control. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the following shall be regarded as causes beyond the Seller's reasonable control
- 8.8.1 Act of God, explosion, flood, tempest, fire or accident
- 8.8.2 war or threat of war, sabotage, insurrection, civil disturbance or requisition
- 8.8.3 acts, restrictions, regulations, bye-laws, prohibitions or measures of any kind on the part of any government, parliamentary or local authority
- 8.8.4 import or export regulations or embargoes
- 8.8.5 strikes, lock outs or other industrial actions or trade disputes (whether involving employees of the Seller or of a third party)
- 8.8.6 difficulties in obtaining raw materials, labour, fuel, parts or machinery
- 8.8.7 power failure or breakdown in machinery

## 9 Insolvency of Buyer

- 9.1 This clause applies if
- 9.1.1 the Buyer makes a voluntary arrangement with its creditors or becomes subject to an administration order (or being an individual or firm) becomes bankrupt or (being a company) goes into liquidation (otherwise than for the purpose of amalgamation or reconstruction) or
- 9.1.2 an encumbrance takes possession, or a receiver is appointed, of any property or assets of the Buyer or
- 9.1.3 the Buyer ceases, or threatens to cease, to carry on business or
- 9.1.4 the Seller reasonably apprehends that any of the events mentioned above is about to occur in relation to the Buyer and notifies the Buyer accordingly
- 9.2 If this clause applies then, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Seller, the Seller shall be entitled to cancel the Contract or suspend any further deliveries under the Contract without liability to the Buyer, and if the Goods have been delivered but not paid for the price shall become immediately due and payable notwithstanding any previous agreement or arrangements to the contrary

## 10 General

- 10.1 Any notice required or permitted to be given by either party to the other under these Conditions shall be in Writing addressed to such party at its registered office or principal place of business or such address as at the relevant time have been notified pursuant to this provision to the party giving the notice.
- 10.2 No waiver by the Seller of any breach of the Contract by the Buyer shall be considered as a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.
- 10.3 If any provision of these Conditions is held by any competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part the validity of the provisions of these Conditions and the remainder of the provision in question shall not be affected thereby.
- 10.4 Any dispute arising under or in connection with these Conditions or the Sale of the Goods shall be referred to arbitration by a single arbitrator appointed by agreement or (in default) nominated on the application of either party by the President for the time being of National Federation of Terrazzo Marble and Mosaic Specialists
- 10.5 The Contract shall be governed by the laws of England