General Conditions of Sale and Delivery ("Conditions of Sale")

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- 1. Scope of Application: Our delivery of goods and services are subject to these Conditions of Sale and additionally the applicable statutory law only. that vary therefrom, including any general conditions of purchaser, shall only be considered binding if they have been confirmed by us in written form. Our delivery of goods, performance of services or acceptance of payments does not constitute acceptance on our part of terms that vary from these Conditions of Sale and the applicable statutory law. Insofar as these Conditions of Sales contain provisions in respect of our goods, these shall apply accordingly to our services.

 2. Offers, Contracts, Communication:
 2.1 Our offers are made subject to confirmation. A contract is only formed
- when we give order confirmation in writing or when orders are fulfilled by us
- 2.2 In the context of any communication with us, purchaser must check that his contact person is a legitimate representative of our company (exclusion of a compromise of the selected system). Any conspicuous incidents must be immediately reported to us in writing.
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 3.1 For the purposes of these Conditions of Sale, (a) "in writing" means in text form (including email, facsimile, computer-generated letters and telegrams), and (b) "written form" means a hand-signed document. Any amendment or supplement to these Conditions of Sale including this Section 3.1, and any termination or mutually agreed cancellation of a contract shall be made in written form.
- 3.2 Other statements and notices shall be made in writing.

 4. Prices: Unless otherwise agreed in writing, our prices are quoted ex works and do not include the packaging costs. Value added tax shall be payable additionally by purchaser at the statutory rate in effect on the invoice date 5. Payment, Set-off, Change of Bank Account Details:
- **5.1** Unless agreed otherwise in writing, payment to us by purchaser shall be effected latest five (5) days after the delivery or the performance of services.
- 5.2 Set-off by purchaser is permitted only for claims that are undisputed or have been upheld by final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 5.3 We will notify purchaser in writing of any intended changes to our bank account details with at least two weeks' notice.
- 5.4 Any inspection or security measures taken by purchaser to verify our bank account details must be carried out in good time. The agreed payment terms remain unaffected.
 - 6. Place of Performance, Shipment, Risk:
- 6.1 Unless otherwise agreed in written form, the place of delivery or performance shall be our place of production or storage. Except the provision under Section 6.2, the risk of the goods shall be transferred from us to purchaser upon
- delivery.

 6.2 If shipment has been agreed to be included, we shall ship the goods at purchaser's risk unless otherwise agreed in written form. Furthermore, we shall determine the manner of shipment, shipment route and carrier.
- 7. Partial Delivery and Performance: Partial delivery and performance by us shall to a reasonable extent be permitted.
 - 8. Delivery Schedules, Delay:
- 8.1 If we fail to comply with the agreed schedules of delivery or performance or other contractual obligations on time, purchaser shall grant us in writing an additional delivery or performance period of reasonable length, such period to be at least three (3) weeks.
- 8.2 If delivery or performance does not take place by the end of the additional delivery or performance period, purchaser shall be entitled to rescind the contract or request us to continue the delivery/performance. Purchaser shall, upon our request, notify us in writing within a reasonable time period, whether purchaser intends, as a result of the delay, to rescind the contract and/or insist on the delivery/performance by us. If Purchaser insists on delivery/performance, purchaser shall grant us in writing a further reasonable period for delivery /performance.

 9. Transport Insurance: Unless otherwise agreed in written form, we are au-
- thorized to obtain appropriate transport insurance on behalf and at the expense of purchaser in an amount at least equal to the invoiced value of the goods.

third party.

- 10. Retention of Title:

 10.1 The goods sold shall remain our property until all our claims against purchaser arising from our business relationship with purchaser have been satisfied.

 10.2 If the goods have been processed by purchaser, our retention of title
- shall extend to the new products.

 11. Force Majeure: "Force Majeure" means events or circumstances that we 11. Force Majeure: "Force Majeure" means events or circumstances that we could not prevent although having applied the usual degree of care applied by companies in cases of comparable nature, and that diminish or impede our ability to supply goods or perform services, including (without limitation) and given the above prerequisites, disruptions in production, shipping, reception or transport facilities, or transport means, shortages of energy or raw materials, explosion, fire, floods, strikes, lockouts, or orders of the authorities. Force Majeure releases us from our contractual obligations regarding delivery or performance for the duration. from our contractual obligations regarding delivery or performance for the duration and to the extent of the event or circumstance. We shall notify purchaser of a

Force Majeure event, reporting its extent and projected duration. If and to the extent one of our suppliers or affiliates is affected by an event of Force Majeure, such event shall be regarded as an event of Force Majeure for us. The term "affiliate" here shall mean any entity, wherever incorporated, which is, directly or indirectly controlled by, controls or is under common control with us; the term "control" here means being the ability to exercise more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting stock of an entity, or to appoint a majority of the board of directors of an entity, or to direct or cause the direction of the management or policy of an entity.

12. Product Information: Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the contractual

characteristics of our goods shall be exclusively based on our product specifica-tions in their current version. We do not make any representation or warranty of fitness of the goods for a particular purpose or use. Any information about proper-ties, durability and other data shall be deemed to be guarantees only if they are agreed and indicated by us as such in written form. Written and verbal information agreed and inicidated by us as such in written form. Written and verbal minimation about goods, equipment, plant, applications, processes and process instructions is based on research and experience in the field of applied engineering. We provide such information, which is accurate to the best of our knowledge, subject to our right to modify and further develop it and such information shall not be binding. The aforesaid shall not release purchaser of its obligation to verify the suitability of our goods for the use intended by purchaser. Unless otherwise agreed in written form or mandatorily required by statutory law, we do not warrant to purchaser that our goods will not infringe the intellectual property rights of any to purchaser that our goods will not infringe the intellectual property rights of any

Unless otherwise expressly agreed, purchaser, after using our goods, is responsible for recycling, cleaning and disposing of the package container in accordance to the Waste Disposal Act. Package container of our goods is only for its intended use. In the event that any person (no matter natural person or entity) uses the package container for other usage, it shall be obliged to remove all the Evonik's labelling and Evonik hereby disclaims any liability for any damages resulted from the above mentioned activities of such person.

13. Complaints: All claims, particularly those relating to defects and delivery shortfalls, must be submitted to us in writing without delay, but not later than ten

(10) days from the delivery of goods or, in the case of latent defects, within five (5 of days from the delivery of goods of, in the case of laterit defects, within live (s) days from the date such defect(s) is discovered or should have been discovered through reasonable investigation. If purchaser does not notify us of claims within such time period or in the agreed form, our goods or services referred to in such non-compliant notice shall be deemed to be delivered or performed in accordance with the contract. If purchaser, knowing of defects, accepts our goods or services, purchaser shall only be entitled to raise a claim for such defects if purchaser has reserved such rights in writing at the time of delivery.

14. Rights of Purchaser in Case of Defects:

14.1 Purchaser shall have no right to remedies for a defect in our goods or services if the contractually agreed characteristics of the goods and services are services if the contractually agreed characteristics of the goods and services are only unsubstantially impaired. In the event of justified and rightfully raised defect claims of the delivered goods or services, we reserve the right, solely at our discretion, to either replace or repair the goods or services. We shall always be granted reasonable time to provide such replacement or repair. If our repair or replacement fails to remedy the defects, purchaser shall be entitled to either adjust the purchase price respectively or rescind.

14.2 Furthermore, purchaser may claim pursuant to statutory law damages and refund of its actual out-of-pocket expenses necessary for the purpose of repair or replacement. Refund shall be precluded should such expenses be increased because the goods were later transported to a place other than the delivery place originally agreed. For the avoidance of doubt, Section 15 shall apply to claims for damages and refund under this Section 14.2.

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14.3 Claims by purchaser against us pursuant to statutory law can only be made to the extent purchaser has not agreed with its customers on provisions

exceeding the statutory rights in cases of defects.

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 15.1 We, our legal representatives, employees, and persons employed to perform our obligations shall only be liable for damages and claims for expenses of purchaser, irrespective of the legal basis therefor, whether based on breach of obligations deriving from the contract and/or tort, (i) in the event of intentional obligations deriving from the contract and/or tort, (i) in the event of intentional misconduct or gross negligence on our part, the part of our legal representatives, employees or persons employed to perform our obligations, or (ii) if the breach of our contractual obligations violates the essence of the contract and purchaser relies, and is entitled to rely, on the fulfillment of such obligations (essential obligations). In the event of slight negligence in breach of essential obligations, our liability for damages shall be limited to the foreseeable damage typical for a contract of this nature up to €100,000 or equivalent value in other currency or twice the invested value of the goode are sentices in question if this value areaste. twice the invoiced value of the goods or services in question if this value exceeds €100,000 or equivalent value in other currency.
 - 15.2 The aforementioned exclusion or limitation of liability shall not apply in
- cases of damage to life, body or health or in other cases of mandatory liability.

 16. Time Limits: The time limits to raise claims regarding defects, guarantees, damages or expenses compensation and other disputes between the parties shall exclusively refer to the mandatory stipulations of the law and regulations of

- 17. Compliance with Global Trade Regulations:
 17.1 The purchaser will and will cause its employees and its affiliates to fully comply with all Trade Control Laws. "Trade Control Laws" shall mean all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements related to export controls, economic sanctions, trade embargoes and boycotts. No goods including tangible and intangible items (in particular technologies and software), technical support or other services (as described in the order confirmation according to Section 2.1) will be directly or indirectly shipped, transferred or performed, exported or re-exported to any country, entity or individual without the approvals required under Trade Control Laws by the designated national authority. Purchaser shall not use for delivery/cargo a carrier/vessel owned, leased, chartered or operated by a sanctioned party or a party affiliated with or operating on behalf of a sanctioned party under Trade Control Laws. Prior to any transaction, including any export of goods, technical support or services, that is made under or in any way related to our business relationship, purchaser shall check and hereby represents and warrants that (a) there will be no infringement of any Trade Control Laws by such transaction also considering the prohibitions of by-passing those Trade Control Laws and (b) the purchaser is not included in any of the restricted party lists maintained by the EU. UN. UK or US.
- 17.2 Purchaser shall not use, sell, ship, transfer or perform goods for: the development or production of any kind of or in connection with biological, chemical or nuclear weapons, or missiles capable of delivering such weapons; cybersurveillance that are or may be intended, for use in connection with the commission of serious human rights violations and international humanitarian law; any kind of a military end-use, or missile delivery systems; any kind of nuclear (explosives) activities; and the unlawful manufacture of drugs.
- 17.3 Without prejudice to any other rights or remedies that may be available to us, we shall be entitled to terminate our business relationship or any transaction that is made or in any way related to our business relationship for good cause with im-mediate effect if purchaser fails to comply with the obligations set forth in

Section 17.1 above.

We shall also be entitled to rescind from the corresponding transaction and business relationship in the event where a statutory or regulatory approval requirement applies to the export of our goods at the time of shipment, transfer or performance and such approval is not granted upon request; a trade prohibition applies at the time of shipment, transfer or performance; or a product registration obligation applies and registration at the time of shipment, transfer or performance has not been granted. Delays in obtaining any necessary approvals from responsible authorities will not give rise to any claim for damages.

sible authorities will not give rise to any claim for damages. In addition, purchaser shall indemnify us against, and hold us harmless from, any claims, damages, costs, expenses, liabilities, loss, claims or proceedings whatsoever arising out of, or in connection with, any breach by purchaser of its obligations set forth in Section 17.1 above.

17.4 If the purchased goods are subject to customs preferences due to their preferential origin, we shall try (without obligation) to provide valid Certificate of Origin according to applicable laws and regulations.

- 18. Place of Jurisdiction: Any disputes arising out of or in connection with these Conditions of Sales shall be exclusively under the jurisdiction of the Court where our registered address is located. If we institute legal proceedings against purchaser, we shall also have the option to institute legal proceedings at the jurisdiction of the Court where the registered address of purchaser or ours is located.
- 19. Applicable Law: The contract shall be governed by the substantive laws of the Republic of China and the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods shall not apply.
- 20. Trade Terms: If any trade terms have been agreed pursuant to the International Commercial Terms (INCOTERMS), they shall be interpreted and apply in accordance with INCOTERMS 2020.
- 21. Severability: Should any of these Conditions of Sale be deemed wholly or partly invalid, this shall have no effect on the validity of the remaining terms.