

Cockburn Electrical Company – Terms & Conditions of Trade

1. **Definitions**
 - 1.1 "CEC" means Cockburn Group Pty Ltd ATF Midland Unit Trust T/A Cockburn Electrical Company, its successors and assigns or any person acting on behalf of and with the authority of Cockburn Group Pty Ltd ATF Midland Unit Trust T/A Cockburn Electrical Company.
 - 1.2 "Customer" means the person/s buying the Goods as specified in any invoice, document or order, and if there is more than one Customer is a reference to each Customer jointly and severally.
 - 1.3 "Goods" means all Goods or Services supplied by CEC to the Customer at the Customer's request from time to time (where the context so permits the terms 'Goods' or 'Services' shall be interchangeable for the other).
 - 1.4 "Price" means the Price payable for the Goods as agreed between CEC and the Customer in accordance with clause 4 below.
2. **Acceptance**
 - 2.1 The Customer is taken to have exclusively accepted and is immediately bound, jointly and severally, by these terms and conditions if the Customer places an order for or accepts delivery of the Goods.
 - 2.2 These terms and conditions may only be amended with CEC's consent in writing and shall prevail to the extent of any inconsistency with any other document or agreement between the Customer and CEC.
 - 2.3 The Customer acknowledges that responsibility for the final position of all cabling switches and power points remains with CEC.
3. **Change in Control**
 - 3.1 The Customer shall give CEC not less than fourteen (14) days prior written notice of any proposed change of ownership of the Customer and/or any other change in the Customer's details (including but not limited to, changes in the Customer's name, address, contact phone or fax number/s, or business practice). The Customer shall be liable for any loss incurred by CEC as a result of the Customer's failure to comply with this clause.
4. **Price and Payment**
 - 4.1 At CEC's sole discretion the Price shall be either:
 - (a) as indicated on any invoice provided by CEC to the Customer; or
 - (b) CEC's quoted price (subject to clause 4.2) which will be valid for the period stated in the quotation or otherwise for a period of thirty (30) days.
 - 4.2 CEC reserves the right to change the Price if a variation to CEC's quotation is requested.
 - 4.3 At CEC's sole discretion a non-refundable deposit may be required.
 - 4.4 Time for payment for the Goods being of the essence, the Price will be payable by the Customer on the date/s determined by CEC, which may be:
 - (a) on delivery of the Goods;
 - (b) the date which is thirty (30) days following the date of any invoice given to the Customer by CEC;
 - (c) thirty (30) days following the end of the month in which a statement is posted to the Customer's address or address for notices;
 - (d) the date specified on any invoice or other form as being the date for payment; or
 - (e) failing any notice to the contrary, the date which is seven (7) days following the date of any invoice given to the Customer by CEC.
 - 4.5 Payment may be made by cash, cheque, bank cheque, credit card (plus a surcharge of up to two percent (2%) of the Price), or by any other method as agreed to between the Customer and CEC.
 - 4.6 Unless otherwise stated the Price does not include GST. In addition to the Price the Customer must pay to CEC an amount equal to any GST CEC must pay for any supply by CEC under this or any other agreement for the sale of the Goods. The Customer must pay GST, without deduction or set off of any other amounts, at the same time and on the same basis as the Customer pays the Price. In addition the Customer must pay any other taxes and duties that may be applicable in addition to the Price except where they are expressly included in the Price.
5. **Delivery of Goods**
 - 5.1 Delivery ("Delivery") of the Goods is taken to occur at the time that:
 - (a) the Customer or the Customer's nominated carrier takes possession of the Goods at CEC's address; or
 - (b) CEC (or CEC's nominated carrier) delivers the Goods to the Customer's nominated address even if the Customer is not present at the address.
 - 5.2 At CEC's sole discretion the cost of delivery is either included in the Price or is in addition to the Price.
 - 5.3 The Customer must take delivery by receipt or collection of the Goods whenever they are tendered for delivery. In the event that the Customer is unable to take delivery of the Goods as arranged then CEC shall be entitled to charge a reasonable fee for redelivery and/or storage.
 - 5.4 CEC may deliver the Goods in separate instalments. Each separate instalment shall be invoiced and paid in accordance with the provisions in these terms and conditions.
 - 5.5 Any time or date given by CEC to the Customer is an estimate only. The Customer must still accept delivery of the Goods even if late and CEC will not be liable for any loss or damage incurred by the Customer as a result of the delivery being late.
6. **Risk**
 - 6.1 Risk of damage to or loss of the Goods passes to the Customer on Delivery and the Customer must insure the Goods on or before Delivery.
 - 6.2 If any of the Goods are damaged or destroyed following delivery but prior to ownership passing to the Customer, CEC is entitled to receive all insurance proceeds payable for the Goods. The production of these terms and conditions by CEC is sufficient evidence of CEC's rights to receive the insurance proceeds without the need for any person dealing with CEC to make further enquiries.
 - 6.3 If the Customer requests CEC to leave Goods outside CEC's premises for collection or to deliver the Goods to an unattended location then such Goods shall be left at the Customer's sole risk.
 - 6.4 The Customer acknowledges that in the event **asbestos** or any other toxic substances are discovered at the Worksite that it is their responsibility to ensure the safe removal of the same. The Customer further agrees to indemnify CEC against any costs incurred by CEC as a consequence of such discovery. Under no circumstances will CEC handle removal of asbestos product.
 - 6.5 The Customer acknowledges that it is their responsibility to ensure that all Goods, plant or equipment which CEC is required to install (or to connect any of its Goods to) are of the correct type, size, rating, standard, quality, colour and finish, conform with all relevant Australian standards and local statutory requirements, and are as specified in the specifications, drawings and plans upon which CEC based the quotation on and therefore, the Customer agrees to indemnify CEC against any costs incurred by CEC in rectifying such errors if required.
 - 6.6 CEC is not responsible for the removal of rubbish from or clean-up of the building/construction site/s. This is the responsibility of the Customer or the Customer's agent.
7. **Access**
 - 7.1 The Customer shall ensure that CEC has clear and free access to the work site at all times to enable them to undertake the works. CEC shall not be liable for any loss or damage to the site (including, without limitation, damage to pathways, driveways and concrete or paved or grassed areas) unless due to the negligence of CEC.
8. **Underground Locations**
 - 8.1 Prior to CEC commencing any work the Customer must advise CEC of the precise location of all underground services on the site and clearly mark the same. The underground mains & services the Customer must identify include, but are not limited to, electrical services, gas services, sewer services, pumping services, sewer connections, sewer sludge mains, water mains, irrigation pipes, telephone cables, fibre optic cables, oil pumping mains, and any other services that may be on site.
 - 8.2 Whilst CEC will take all care to avoid damage to any underground services the Customer agrees to indemnify CEC in respect of all and any liability claims, loss, damage, costs and fines as a result of damage to services not precisely located and notified as per clause 8.1.
9. **Title**
 - 9.1 CEC and the Customer agree that ownership of the Goods shall not pass until:
 - (a) the Customer has paid CEC all amounts owing to CEC; and
 - (b) the Customer has met all of its other obligations to CEC.
 - 9.2 Receipt by CEC of any form of payment other than cash shall not be deemed to be payment until that form of payment has been honoured, cleared or recognised.
 - 9.3 It is further agreed that:
 - (a) until ownership of the Goods passes to the Customer in accordance with clause 9.1 that the Customer is only a bailee of the Goods and must return the Goods to CEC on request.
 - (b) the Customer holds the benefit of the Customer's insurance of the Goods on trust for CEC and must pay to CEC the proceeds of any insurance in the event of the Goods being lost, damaged or destroyed.
10. **Personal Property Securities Act 2009 ("PPSA")**
 - 10.1 In this clause financing statement, financing charge statement, security agreement, and security interest has the meaning given to it by the PPSA.
 - 10.2 Upon assenting to these terms and conditions in writing the Customer acknowledges and agrees that these terms and conditions constitute a security agreement for the purposes of the PPSA and creates a security interest in all Goods that have previously been supplied and that will be supplied in the future by CEC to the Customer.
 - 10.3 The Customer undertakes to:
 - (a) promptly sign any further documents and/or provide any further information (such information to be complete, accurate and up-to-date in all respects) which CEC may reasonably require to:
 - (i) register a financing statement or financing charge statement in relation to a security interest on the Personal Property Securities Register;
 - (ii) register any other document required to be registered by the PPSA; or
 - (iii) correct a defect in a statement referred to in clause 10.3(a)(i) or 10.3(a)(ii);
 - (b) indemnify, and upon demand reimburse, CEC for all expenses incurred in registering a financing statement or financing charge statement on the Personal Property Securities Register established by the PPSA or releasing any Goods charged thereby;
 - (c) not register a financing charge statement in respect of a security interest without the prior written consent of CEC;
 - (d) not register, or permit to be registered, a financing statement or a financing charge statement in relation to the Goods in favour of a third party without the prior written consent of CEC;
 - (e) immediately advise CEC of any material change in its business practices of selling the Goods which would result in a change in the nature of proceeds derived from such sales.
 - 10.4 CEC and the Customer agree that sections 96, 115 and 125 of the PPSA do not apply to the security agreement created by these terms and conditions.
 - 10.5 The Customer waives their rights to receive notices under sections 95, 118, 121(4), 130, 132(3)(d) and 132(4) of the PPSA.
 - 10.6 The Customer waives their rights as a grantor and/or a debtor under sections 142 and 143 of the PPSA.
 - 10.7 Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by CEC, the Customer waives their right to receive a verification statement in accordance with section 157 of the PPSA.
 - 10.8 The Customer must unconditionally ratify any actions taken by CEC under clauses 10.3 to 10.5.
 - 10.9 Subject to any express provisions to the contrary nothing in these terms and conditions is intended to have the effect of contracting out of any of the provisions of the PPSA.
11. **Security and Charge**
 - 11.1 In consideration of CEC agreeing to supply the Goods, the Customer charges all of its rights, title and interest (whether joint or several) in any land, realty or other assets capable of being charged, owned by the Customer either now or in the future, to secure the performance by the Customer of its obligations under these terms and conditions (including, but not limited to, the payment of any money).
 - 11.2 The Customer indemnifies CEC from and against all CEC's costs and disbursements including legal costs on a solicitor and own client basis incurred in exercising CEC's rights under this clause.
 - 11.3 The Customer irrevocably appoints CEC and each director of CEC as the Customer's true and lawful attorney/s to perform all necessary acts to give effect to the provisions of this clause 11 including, but not limited to, signing any document on the Customer's behalf.
12. **Defects, Warranties and Returns, Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA)**
 - 12.1 The Customer must inspect the Goods on delivery and must within seven (7) days of delivery notify CEC in writing of any evident defect/damage, shortage in quantity, or failure to comply with the description or quote. The Customer must notify any other alleged defect in the Goods as soon as reasonably possible after any such defect becomes evident. Upon such notification the Customer must allow CEC to inspect the Goods.
 - 12.2 Under applicable State, Territory and Commonwealth Law (including, without limitation the CCA), certain statutory implied guarantees and warranties (including, without limitation the statutory guarantees under the CCA) may be implied into these terms and conditions (**Non-Exclusion Guarantees**).
 - 12.3 CEC acknowledges that nothing in these terms and conditions purports to modify or exclude the Non-Excluded Guarantees.
 - 12.4 Except as expressly set out in these terms and conditions or in respect of the Non-Excluded Guarantees, CEC makes no warranties or other representations under these terms and conditions including but not limited to the quality or suitability of the Goods. CEC's liability in respect of these warranties is limited to the fullest extent permitted by law.
 - 12.5 If the Customer is a consumer within the meaning of the CCA, CEC's liability is limited to the extent permitted by section 64A of Schedule 2.
 - 12.6 If CEC is required to replace the Goods under this clause or the CCA, but is unable to do so, CEC may refund any money the Customer has paid for the Goods.
 - 12.7 If the Customer is not a consumer within the meaning of the CCA, CEC's liability for any defect or damage in the Goods is:
 - (a) limited to the value of any express warranty or warranty card provided to the Customer by CEC at CEC's sole discretion;
 - (b) limited to any warranty to which CEC is entitled, if CEC did not manufacture the Goods;
 - (c) otherwise negated absolutely.
 - 12.8 Subject to this clause 12, returns will only be accepted provided that:
 - (a) the Customer has complied with the provisions of clause 12.1; and
 - (b) CEC has agreed that the Goods are defective; and
 - (c) the Goods are returned within a reasonable time at the Customer's cost (if that cost is not significant); and
 - (d) the Goods are returned in as close a condition to that in which they were delivered as is possible.
 - 12.9 Notwithstanding clauses 12.1 to 12.8 but subject to the CCA, CEC shall not be liable for any defect or damage which may be caused or partly caused by or arise as a result of:
 - (a) the Customer failing to properly maintain or store any Goods;
 - (b) the Customer using the Goods for any purpose other than that for which they were designed;
 - (c) the Customer continuing the use of any Goods after any defect became apparent or should have become apparent to a reasonably prudent operator or user;
 - (d) the Customer failing to follow any instructions or guidelines provided by CEC;
 - (e) fair wear and tear, any accident, or act of God.
 - 12.10 Notwithstanding anything contained in this clause if CEC is required by a law to accept a return then CEC will only accept a return on the conditions imposed by that law.
13. **Default and Consequences of Default**
 - 13.1 Interest on overdue invoices shall accrue daily from the date when payment becomes due, until the date of payment, at a rate of two and a half percent (2.5%) per calendar month (and at CEC's sole discretion such interest shall compound monthly at such a rate) after as well as before any judgment.
 - 13.2 If the Customer owes CEC any money the Customer shall indemnify CEC from and against all costs and disbursements incurred by CEC in recovering the debt (including but not limited to internal administration fees, legal costs on a solicitor and own client basis, CEC's collection agency costs, and bank dishonour fees).
 - 13.3 Without prejudice to any other remedies CEC may have, if at any time the Customer is in breach of any obligation (including those relating to payment) under these terms and conditions CEC may suspend or terminate the supply of Goods to the Customer. CEC will not be liable to the Customer for any loss or damage the Customer suffers because CEC has exercised its rights under this clause.
 - 13.4 Without prejudice to CEC's other remedies at law CEC shall be entitled to cancel all or any part of any order of the Customer which remains unfulfilled and all amounts owing to CEC shall, whether or not due for payment, become immediately payable if:
 - (a) any money payable to CEC becomes overdue, or in CEC's opinion the Customer will be unable to make a payment when it falls due;
14. **Compliance with Laws**
 - 14.1 CEC assumes the existing installation complies with the relevant standards: AS/NZS 3000; The Electricity Act 1945; and Western Australia Electrical Requirements. It is the duty of CEC and our employees to report any work which is non-compliant with the aforementioned standards; it is also the duty of CEC and our employees to bring any circuits which we work upon up to the requirements of these standards.
 - 14.2 All work will be tested to ensure that it is electrically safe and is in accordance with the wiring rules and all other standards applying to the electrical installation under the Electrical Safety Regulations 2002. All of the cabling work will comply with the Australian and New Zealand Wiring standards.
15. **Dispute Resolution**
 - 15.1 If a dispute arises between the parties to this contract then either party shall send to the other party a notice of dispute in writing adequately identifying and providing details of the dispute. Within fourteen (14) days after service of a notice of dispute, the parties shall confer at least once, to attempt to resolve the dispute. At any such conference each party shall be represented by a person having authority to agree to a resolution of the dispute. In the event that the dispute cannot be so resolved either party may by further notice in writing delivered by hand or sent by certified mail to the other party refer such dispute to arbitration. Any arbitration shall be:
 - (a) referred to a single arbitrator to be nominated by the President of the Institute of Arbitrators Australia; and
 - (b) conducted in accordance with the Institute of Arbitrators Australia Rules for the Conduct of Commercial Arbitration.
16. **Cancellation**
 - 16.1 CEC may cancel any contract to which these terms and conditions apply or cancel delivery of Goods at any time before the Goods are delivered by giving written notice to the Customer. On giving such notice CEC shall repay to the Customer any money paid by the Customer for the Goods. CEC shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from such cancellation.
 - 16.2 In the event that the Customer cancels delivery of Goods the Customer shall be liable for any and all loss incurred (whether direct or indirect) by CEC as a direct result of the cancellation (including, but not limited to, any loss of profits).
 - 16.3 Cancellation of orders for Goods made to the Customer's specifications, or for non-stockist items, will definitely not be accepted once production has commenced, or an order has been placed.
17. **Privacy Act 1988**
 - 17.1 The Customer agrees for CEC to obtain from a credit reporting agency a credit report containing personal credit information about the Customer in relation to credit provided by CEC.
 - 17.2 The Customer agrees that CEC may exchange information about the Customer with those credit providers either named as trade referees by the Customer or named in a consumer credit report issued by a credit reporting agency for the following purposes:
 - (a) to assess an application by the Customer; and/or
 - (b) to notify other credit providers of a default by the Customer; and/or
 - (c) to exchange information with other credit providers as to the status of this credit account, where the Customer is in default with other credit providers; and/or
 - (d) to assess the creditworthiness of the Customer.The Customer understands that the information exchanged can include anything about the Customer's creditworthiness, credit standing, credit history or credit capacity that credit providers are allowed to exchange under the Privacy Act 1988.
 - 17.3 The Customer consents to CEC being given a consumer credit report to collect overdue payment on commercial credit (Section 18K(1)(j) Privacy Act 1988).
 - 17.4 The Customer agrees that personal credit information provided may be used and retained by CEC for the following purposes (and for other purposes as shall be agreed between the Customer and CEC or required by law from time to time):
 - (a) the provision of Goods; and/or
 - (b) the marketing of Goods by CEC, its agents or distributors; and/or
 - (c) analysing, verifying and/or checking the Customer's credit, payment and/or status in relation to the provision of Goods; and/or
 - (d) processing of any payment instructions, direct debit facilities and/or credit facilities requested by the Customer; and/or
 - (e) enabling the daily operation of Customer's account and/or the collection of amounts outstanding in the Customer's account in relation to the Goods.
 - 17.5 CEC may give information about the Customer to a credit reporting agency for the following purposes:
 - (a) to obtain a consumer credit report about the Customer;
 - (b) allow the credit reporting agency to create or maintain a credit information file containing information about the Customer.
 - 17.6 The information given to the credit reporting agency may include:
 - (a) personal particulars (the Customer's name, sex, address, previous addresses, date of birth, name of employer and driver's licence number);
 - (b) details concerning the Customer's application for credit or commercial credit and the amount requested;
 - (c) advice that CEC is a current credit provider to the Customer;
 - (d) advice of any overdue accounts, loan repayments, and/or any outstanding monies owing which are overdue by more than sixty (60) days, and for which debt collection action has been started;
 - (e) that the Customer's overdue accounts, loan repayments and/or any outstanding monies are no longer overdue in respect of any default that has been listed;
 - (f) information that, in the opinion of CEC, the Customer has committed a serious credit infringement (that is, fraudulently or shown an intention not to comply with the Customer's credit obligations);
 - (g) advice that cheques drawn by the Customer for one hundred dollars (\$100) or more, have been dishonoured more than once;
 - (h) that credit provided to the Customer by CEC has been paid or otherwise discharged.
18. **Construction Contracts Act 2004**
 - 18.1 At CEC's sole discretion, if there are any disputes or claims for unpaid Goods and/or Services then the provisions of the Construction Contracts Act 2004 may apply.
 - 18.2 Nothing in this agreement is intended to have the effect of contracting out of any provisions of the Construction Contracts Act 2004 of Western Australia, except to the extent permitted by the Act where applicable.
19. **General**
 - 19.1 The failure by CEC to enforce any provision of these terms and conditions shall not be treated as a waiver of that provision, nor shall it affect CEC's right to subsequently enforce that provision. If any provision of these terms and conditions shall be invalid, void, illegal or unenforceable the validity, enforceability, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not be affected, prejudiced or impaired.
 - 19.2 These terms and conditions and any contract to which they apply shall be governed by the laws of the state in which CEC has its principal place of business, and are subject to the jurisdiction of the courts in that state.
 - 19.3 Subject to clause 12 CEC shall be under no liability whatsoever to the Customer for any indirect and/or consequential loss and/or expense (including loss of profit) suffered by the Customer arising out of a breach by CEC of these terms and conditions (alternatively CEC's liability shall be limited to damages which under no circumstances shall exceed the Price of the Goods).
 - 19.4 The Customer shall not be entitled to set off against, or deduct from the Price, any sums owed or claimed to be owed to the Customer by CEC nor to withhold payment of any invoice because part of that invoice is in dispute.
 - 19.5 CEC may license or sub-contract all or any part of its rights and obligations without the Customer's consent.
 - 19.6 The Customer agrees that CEC may amend these terms and conditions at any time. If CEC makes a change to these terms and conditions, then that change will take effect from the date on which CEC notifies the Customer of such change. The Customer will be taken to have accepted such changes if the Customer makes a further request for CEC to provide Goods to the Customer.
 - 19.7 Neither party shall be liable for any default due to any act of God, war, terrorism, strike, lock-out, industrial action, fire, flood, storm or other event beyond the reasonable control of either party.
 - 19.8 The Customer warrants that it has the power to enter into this agreement and has obtained all necessary authorisations to allow it to do so, it is not insolvent and that this agreement creates binding and valid legal obligations on it.