1 GENERAL

1.1 These General Sales Terms and Conditions shall apply to products and services (the “Products”) manufactured and/or provided by GEMALTO Inc, a company organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas (“GEMALTO”) to a customer (the “Buyer” - GEMALTO and Buyer hereafter individually referred as “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”). Any proposal of whatsoever form (the “Proposal”) made by GEMALTO to the Buyer for its Products shall be governed by these General Sales Terms and Conditions which, unless expressly otherwise agreed in writing, shall prevail in the event of a discrepancy with any other written or oral agreement between GEMALTO and the Buyer.

1.2 The Proposal, including, without limitation, commercial, technical and financial documents sent to the Buyer together with these General Sales Terms and Conditions, shall be valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of its issuance, unless extended by GEMALTO by written notice to the Buyer.

1.3 The Buyer’s written acceptance of the Proposal and/or the placement of an order in writing by the Buyer (the “Order”) shall be deemed the Buyer’s unconditional and irrevocable agreement to these General Sales Terms and Conditions and the waiver of the Buyer’s own purchase terms and conditions or any other similar document.

1.4 The Proposal may be subject to alteration and withdrawal by written notice of GEMALTO to the Buyer at any time until a contract arising there from (the “Contract”) has been executed in writing by the Buyer’s and GEMALTO’s duly empowered representatives.

1.5 If the Buyer accepts the Proposal with additions, modifications, qualifications or assumptions, such acceptance shall be considered a new offer by the Buyer. Any such new offer shall only be binding upon GEMALTO if and to the extent it is accepted in writing by GEMALTO. Whether the Order was preceded or not by a Proposal, the Contract shall not be deemed binding unless the Buyer has received written acceptance of the Order from GEMALTO, both concerning the Order, and where applicable, the additions, modifications, qualifications or assumptions thereto (the “Order Acceptance”). In the event of a discrepancy between the Order and the Order Acceptance, the Order Acceptance shall prevail and determine the terms of the Contract. No Order may be canceled or modified after the date of issuance of the Order Acceptance, except with the prior written approval of GEMALTO and provided that all costs resulting there from shall be borne by the Buyer.

1.6 The Contract shall consist of:
- an agreement signed by both Parties and/or the Order and its Order Acceptance agreed upon by both Parties, including, as the case may be, any complementary specific and/or special conditions of sale;
- these General Sales Terms and Conditions, which form an integral part of the Contract.

1.7 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to its subject matter and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether oral, in writing or any other form) between the Parties.

2. DOCUMENTATION

2.1 The weight, dimensions, size, performance and other documentation relating to the Products provided for in the technical or commercial documentation (the “Documentation”) of GEMALTO are of an indicative nature only and are not contractually binding unless expressly indicated so by GEMALTO in the Order Acceptance and/or provided in the Contract.

2.2 The Documentation provided to the Buyer remains the exclusive property of GEMALTO and may not be communicated, copied or reproduced by the Buyer without the prior written authorization of GEMALTO.

2.3 Subject to the terms of the Contract, the Buyer is granted a non-exclusive, non-transferable and non-assignable right to use the Documentation. The Buyer agrees to limit access to the Documentation to those employees who require such access in order to use the Products. The Buyer will not make available or disclose any information concerning the Documentation to any other person without the prior written consent of GEMALTO. The obligations expressed in this provision shall remain binding upon the Buyer even after completion or termination of the Contract. The Buyer shall take all the same precautions to maintain the confidentiality of the Documentation as those employed to protect its own proprietary information.

3. TERMS OF SALE

3.1 The minimum quantity of any Order or Contract shall be of 200 Products (1’000 in case of cards) and the minimum price for a batch of any given Product to be delivered under any Order or Contract shall be two thousand Euros (EUR 2’000).

3.2 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, all sales of the Products between the Parties are deemed concluded “FCA” as further specified in the Order Acceptance and/or the Contract.

3.3 The term “FCA” or any other term used to define the terms of sale provided for in the Contract shall be interpreted in accordance with the INCOTERMS® 2010 published by the International Chamber of Commerce.

3.4 The carrying out of operations at the request of the Buyer by GEMALTO other than those required by the terms of sale established by the Contract shall in no way modify either the type of sale nor the content of the Contract: the request of the Buyer to carry out such operations necessarily implies that GEMALTO will act in the name of and on behalf of the Buyer. Such operations and the resulting costs will be invoiced separately to the Buyer who agrees to pay GEMALTO upon receipt of the relevant invoice. In any case, the carrying out of such operations by GEMALTO shall have a direct link with the Contract.

4. DELIVERY

4.1 Except in the event of provisions to the contrary included in the Order Acceptance and/or the Contract or otherwise agreed in writing, the delivery schedule shall be calculated from the last of the following dates:
- Receipt by GEMALTO of all the information and data necessary for the fulfillment of the Order;
- In accordance with Section 7.1 below, implementation of the financing, upon:
  - Receipt by GEMALTO of a down payment for the Order, and, as the case may be,
  - Notification to GEMALTO of the opening of the Documentary Credit and acceptance of its terms by GEMALTO,
  - Obtaining of any license or other official authorization necessary for the import or export of the Products.

4.2 Prior to delivery, the Products will be preserved, packaged or crated in accordance with GEMALTO’s usual standards.

4.3 The Products delivered in accordance with an Order are definitively transferred and may not be either returned or exchanged except in the event of a provision to the contrary.

4.4 GEMALTO reserves the right to make partial and/or anticipated deliveries with partial invoicing for the relevant amount. In particular, GEMALTO reserves the right, for any given Order or Contract, to deliver quantities that may differ from the quantity ordered by the Buyer by up to eight percent (8%), more or less and the Buyer undertakes to pay the price corresponding to the quantity of Products effectively delivered by GEMALTO within that tolerance.

4.5 For each Order of cards products, primary colors will be created by GEMALTO and printed on the cards products on the basis of the proof (i.e. the initial reproduction of the artwork of the concerned cards sent by GEMALTO to the Buyer in electronic or paper...
format) signed by the Buyer. All other colors will be created and printed on the basis of the pantone colors chart available in each GEMALTO production site. The difference between on the one hand, for the primary colors the proof and for the other colors the pantone colors chart, and on the other hand the colors printed on the card products shall be measured with a spectrophotometer and will not exceed +/- 3.5 in the CIE 94 colorimetric space (2.1.1) D65/10 or D50/2 depending on the card product type.

4.6 Should the delivery of the Products or any part thereof be postponed either at Buyer’s request or for any reason not attributable to GEMALTO, GEMALTO shall be entitled to store the Products or any part thereof at Buyer’s risks and expenses and to issue the corresponding invoice. The date of storage shall be deemed to be the date of delivery. In such a case, GEMALTO shall issue and sign a warehouse certificate discharging GEMALTO of all liabilities incurred in connection with such storage.

5. TRANSFER OF RISKS AND TITLE

5.1 Risks in the Products shall pass to the Buyer at the time of delivery as per the applicable INCOTERM.

5.2 Title to the Products shall vest in the Buyer at the time of delivery as per the applicable INCOTERM.

6. PRICE

6.1 Unless stated otherwise in the Order Acceptance, the prices for the Products as per the Proposal and Order Acceptance of GEMALTO are fixed and firm for the Contract performance according to the terms and conditions herein contained.

6.2 The prices set forth hereunder are quoted in Euro, which shall be the invoicing and payment currency.

6.3 All prices of Products and/or parts thereof to be delivered by GEMALTO under the Contract are to be understood “FCA”, as further specified in the Order Acceptance and/or the Contract according to the INCOTERMS® 2010.

6.4 Without prejudice to the above-mentioned INCOTERMS, all prices hereunder are exclusive of all taxes, customs duties, levies and other charges whatsoever which shall be at the exclusive charge of the Buyer.

6.5 Except in the event of provisions to the contrary included in the Order Acceptance, all prices are valid for thirty (30) days starting with their date of issuance, unless extended by GEMALTO by written notice to the Buyer.

7. INVOICING AND PAYMENT

7.1 Unless stated otherwise in the Order Acceptance, the price of the Contract shall be payable in Euros in accordance with the following terms:

7.1.1 Within the limit of a total open credit of 30'000 Euros:

- Down payment: Buyer shall pay GEMALTO an amount equal to thirty percent (30%) of the Contract price against presentation by GEMALTO of a proforma invoice for the amount mentioned here above; said down payment shall constitute a condition precedent to the coming into force of the Contract and shall be paid by direct bank transfer.
- Balance of the price: all payments shall be made through direct bank transfer within thirty (30) days from the date of issuance by GEMALTO of the relevant invoice.

7.1.2 For any open credit above 30'000 Euros:

- Down payment: Buyer shall pay GEMALTO an amount equal to thirty percent (30%) of the Contract price against presentation by GEMALTO of a proforma invoice for the amount mentioned here above; said down payment shall constitute a condition precedent to the coming into force of the Contract and shall be paid by direct bank transfer.
- Balance of the price: depending on the credit risk check, payments shall be made, at GEMALTO’s option, either through:
  - direct bank transfer before the date of shipment, or
  - direct bank transfer within thirty (30) days from the date of issuance by GEMALTO of the relevant invoice, subject to the Buyer providing GEMALTO with a bank guarantee issued by a first class bank to guarantee the payment of the open credit, or
  - an irrevocable and confirmed Documentary Credit governed by the UCP 600 of the International Chamber of Commerce, allowing partial shipments, payable at thirty (30) days from the date of the Air Way Bill. The said Documentary Credit shall be opened at the Buyer’s expense by a first class bank according to the terms of a draft prepared by GEMALTO.

7.2 Early payment shall not result in the granting of any reduction in the price by GEMALTO.

7.3 In the event Buyer fails to make any payment on the due date then, without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to GEMALTO, GEMALTO may, at its option either, (i) postpone the fulfillment of its own obligations until full payment of the sums due for the principal; (ii) charge Buyer interest on the amount unpaid, by applying per half year, for the first semester of the relevant year, the bid interest rate of the European Central Bank in force as of the 1st of January of the said year and the one in force as of the 1st of July for the second semester of the said year, increased by ten (10) percentage points, until payment is made in full (a part of a month being treated as a full month) plus a lump sum fee of forty (40) Euros for collection costs; (iii) terminate the Contract upon expiry of a seven calendar (7) day written notice of GEMALTO to the Buyer which has remained without effect.

7.4 In the event of a payment delay by the Buyer, GEMALTO may also require for any new delivery (regardless of the conditions that may have been agreed), payment prior to shipment or suspend or cancel the Contract or any pending Order without incurring any liabilities whatsoever.

7.5 GEMALTO reserves the right to establish, at any time, a limit for outstanding credit in favor of the Buyer, and adapt the applicable payment periods accordingly.

7.6 No discount will be accepted for down payments except in case of prior written consent between the Parties.

7.7 Payments made hereunder are non-refundable.

8. ACCEPTANCE TESTING

8.1 If an acceptance testing procedure is provided for in the Contract, an acceptance testing shall be carried out, after completion of manufacture and before delivery of the Products, at the premises of GEMALTO, within a maximum period of fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of issuance of the written notice for acceptance testing sent by GEMALTO. Any acceptance testing will be at the expense of the Buyer and performed in accordance with the GEMALTO standard testing procedures then in force.

8.2 The Buyer shall have the right to attend the acceptance testing subject to written notification to GEMALTO of the names and biodata of its representatives at least three (3) calendar days prior to the above-mentioned anticipated date. Failure of the Buyer to attend shall not delay or prevent the performance of such acceptance testing. GEMALTO may subsequently carry out the acceptance testing, in accordance with Section 8.1, the terms of which will thereafter be deemed completed.

8.3 Upon completion of the acceptance testing, GEMALTO shall issue, sign and submit to the Buyer’s signature a report, which shall be signed by the Buyer no later than five (5) calendar days from its submission. Should the Buyer refuse to sign the said report, the Buyer shall so notify GEMALTO in writing by substantiating the non-conformities within the same five (5) day period of time. Should the Buyer fail to sign the report without notifying GEMALTO as per above, the report signed by GEMALTO shall then have the same value and effect as if both Parties had signed it.
9. WARRANTY

9.1 GEMALTO hereby warrants the Products to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal use and service according to all hardware and/or software specifications related to the Product, authored and provided by Gemalto, for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of delivery. The Buyer shall notify GEMALTO of the defects in writing within seven (7) calendar days after the defects are discovered, and the notice shall thoroughly describe the conditions under which the defect has arisen in order to facilitate the diagnostic of the defect. If the Products are defective, the defects of the Products returned by the Buyer will be made good at GEMALTO's expense by repair or replacement at GEMALTO's option. The property of the defective Products shall pass to GEMALTO upon delivery of the replacement. Transportation and insurance costs for defective parts returned to GEMALTO shall be at the Buyer's charge and transportation and insurance costs for parts replaced or repaired by GEMALTO shall be at GEMALTO's charge. For the Products which have been replaced or repaired by GEMALTO hereunder, GEMALTO shall have the same liability as set out in this Section 9.1. The Products are provided "as is" and GEMALTO's warranty hereunder is strictly limited to the repair or replacement of defective parts. The above warranty shall apply in as much as the Products have been used and maintained in compliance with GEMALTO's instructions for use. This warranty shall not apply to consumable and extendible items (such as batteries, fuses...) and to defects arising from or connected with Buyer's failure to operate or maintain the Products in accordance with GEMALTO's specifications and documentation and generally with standard practices of product operations and shall not be applicable to defects arising from or connected with (i) any combination of the Products with equipment, material, products or systems not furnished, not approved or not specifically recommended by GEMALTO (ii) any modification of the Products performed by others but GEMALTO (iii) any accident, vandalism, negligence or handling errors causing damage to the Products (iv) or normal wear and tear (v) or defective installation, maintenance or storage (vi) technical maintenance or interventions on the Products other than those deemed necessary by GEMALTO. For Products resold as is and components that GEMALTO purchases from suppliers, GEMALTO's warranty is strictly limited to the terms granted to GEMALTO by its suppliers.

9.2 GEMALTO does not and shall not warrant that the Products will be resistant to all possible attacks and shall not incur, and disclaims, any liability in this respect. Even if each Product is compliant with current security standards in force on the date of their design, GEMALTO does not represent nor warrant that the Products conform to the state of the art in electronic security mechanisms at the time they were made and the Buyer acknowledges that the resistance of the security mechanisms necessarily evolves according to the state of the art in security and notably under the emergence of new attacks. Under no circumstances, shall GEMALTO be held liable for any third party actions or claims and, in particular, in case of any successful attack against systems or equipments incorporating the Products. Buyer is deemed to have provided and is responsible for all designs, plans, data (e.g., personalization data), electronic security mechanisms and architecture, and specifications with respect to Products (collectively, "Designs"). If, at Buyer's request or otherwise, GEMALTO makes suggestions with respect to the Designs, Buyer will be responsible for analyzing the same and determining whether or not to incorporate them into the Designs. Buyer represents and warrants that by placing an order for the Products (a) it relies on its own knowledge and judgment in the selection and use of the Products as well as the electronic security mechanism and/or architecture installed in the Products, and (b) it has read, understood and accepted the electronic security mechanisms and/or architecture offered by the Products. GEMALTO shall not be liable in any manner whatsoever with respect to failure of, or attack on the electronic security mechanisms and/or architecture of the Products.

9.3 The warranty in this clause and the rights and remedies of the Buyer hereunder are exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties, rights or remedies whether statutory, express or implied arising by law or otherwise with respect to any defects in or failures of the Products. In particular, GEMALTO does not warrant that the Products will be resistant to any and all possible efforts to defeat or disable its functions, including its security mechanisms, and GEMALTO shall not incur, and disclaims, any liability in this respect.

10. LIABILITY

10.1 To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law and with respect to any damages, losses or costs arising out of or related to the Contract, GEMALTO or its suppliers, agents or distributors shall not be, in any case whatsoever, liable to the Buyer, its officers, agents, employees, successors and/or assigns for any indirect, special, consequential or incidental damages of whatsoever kind or nature, nor for any loss, cost, damage, loss of revenue, loss of profit, income, revenue, loss of use, production or anticipated savings, loss of business, contracts or commercial opportunities, loss or damage to goodwill or reputation, or any loss or corruption of any data, database or software incurred or suffered by the Buyer and/or any third party resulting from a defect, infringement or alleged infringement, an incident, the failure of the Products or any failure to perform according to the Contract even if GEMALTO has been advised of the possibility of such damages; losses or costs. The Buyer shall defend, indemnify, and hold GEMALTO harmless from and against any claim based on any such damages, losses or costs. Under no circumstances shall GEMALTO be liable to the Buyer for any damages, losses or costs resulting from or arising out of any illegal and/or fraudulent use of the Products by the Buyer, any third party or the end-user.

10.2 The aggregate liability of GEMALTO or its suppliers, agents or distributors in connection therewith shall not exceed either (i) the price of the Order giving rise to the claim or (ii) the total price actually paid to GEMALTO under the Contract during the six (6) months preceding the event leading to the claim for damages by the Buyer, whichever is smaller. This limitation of liability shall apply regardless of the form of action, whether in contract or in tort (including negligence) or based on a warranty.

10.3 Buyer acknowledges that using or selling Products in devices or systems where malfunction may result in personal injury, death, damage to property or the environment is at its own risk and agrees to indemnify and hold GEMALTO harmless from all loss, expense and damages (including reasonable attorney's fees) which may be incurred by GEMALTO as a result of any claims or actions resulting from damages caused by the use of the Product in such devices or systems by Buyer or any party to whom the Buyer has directly or indirectly supplied the Product.

11. FORCE MAJEURE

11.1 GEMALTO shall not be in default if the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract is partly or wholly delayed or prevented by reason of Force Majeure.

11.2 "Force Majeure" shall mean any event beyond the reasonable control of GEMALTO such as, without limitation: governmental decision, embargo, war, hostilities, act of the public enemy, terrorist attacks anywhere in the world, civil commotion, sabotage,
fire, flood, explosion, epidemics, quarantine restriction, disturbances in supplies from normally reliable sources (including without limitation electricity, water, fuel and the like), strike (either at GEMALTO or at its suppliers or subcontractors), lock-out and labour disturbances, delay from a supplier or subcontractor facing a case of force majeure as defined herein.

11.3 In case of Force Majeure, GEMALTO shall give notice of the event to the Buyer and the time schedule for the performance of the Contract shall be automatically extended by the period of time as reasonably necessary for GEMALTO to overcome the consequences of such event.

11.4 If the performance in whole or part of any obligation is delayed or prevented by reason of Force Majeure for a period exceeding three (3) months, GEMALTO may at any time, without further liability to the Buyer, terminate the Contract or any part thereof. The Parties will then try to establish by mutual agreement a liquidation settlement, failing which the provisions of Section 16 shall apply. Force Majeure shall not prevent or delay the payment of any sum due or to be due by either Party.

12. EXPORT CONTROL
12.1 Should the Products be subject to export restrictions, the Buyer hereby undertakes to fully comply with all relevant export administration and control laws and regulations so as to ensure that the Products are not, directly or indirectly, exported in violation of the French law or imported in violation of the applicable foreign law. Buyer shall therefore not sell, lend or deliver to any third party, under any conditions whatsoever, with or without compensation, temporarily or permanently, the Products (including supplies and spares delivered in connection with the after sales support), documentation, operating manuals and information in any way whatsoever related to the Products, without the prior written consent of GEMALTO and/or the relevant competent authorities.

12.2 The Parties acknowledge that the subject matter of the Contract may fall within the scope of the provisions set forth by the Wassenaar Arrangements or any successor, substitute or additional body regulating sensitive technologies. Should performance of the Contract legally be prevented by the regulators of the Wassenaar Arrangements or any such other body, such prevention shall be considered as a case of Force Majeure. GEMALTO shall not be liable to Buyer for any damages resulting from the non-performance of the Contract as a result of the application of any such provisions.

13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, CONFIDENTIALITY AND INFRINGEMENT
13.1 The information and data (the "Information") contained in any document or support of information supplied by GEMALTO under the Proposal or the Contract shall remain GEMALTO's exclusive property along with all intellectual property rights (including but not limited to patent rights, copyrights, trademarks, designs) attached thereto. Therefore, no right, title or interest is transferred to the Buyer by the Contract in the names, trademarks, trade secrets, patents, pending patents, expertise, copyright and other intellectual property rights relating to the Products. In particular, to the extent that software is embedded in a Product, the sale of such Product shall not constitute the transfer of ownership rights or title in such software to Buyer, but, subject to the provisions set forth herein, shall only imply a non-exclusive and non-transferable licence to Buyer under GEMALTO's intellectual property rights incorporated in the Products (i) to use such software in conjunction with and as embedded in the Products as supplied by GEMALTO, and (ii) to use such Product in or in conjunction with products of Buyer. Except if explicitly otherwise provided in this Article 13, Buyer shall not be granted any license, either directly or indirectly, by implication, estoppel, or otherwise, to any patent, trade secret, copyright and/or any other intellectual property right of GEMALTO. The Buyer shall not make any use of the information other than for the purpose of the Contract or, as the case may be, installing, operating and/or maintaining the Products. GEMALTO retains and shall retain full ownership of all inventions, designs and processes made prior to or during the course of performance of any Contract resulting therefrom.

13.2 The Buyer shall keep the Information in strict confidence and shall not disclose any of the Information to any other person than the Buyer's employees who need to know such Information for the purposes stated in Section 13.1. Any other disclosure shall be subject to GEMALTO's prior written approval.

13.3 Subject to Section 10, GEMALTO shall indemnify the Buyer against any and all claims, costs, expenses or liability directly arising out of the alleged infringement or infringement of patent, copyright, trade secret rights in the Buyers’ country as a consequence of the use by the Buyer of the Products in accordance with their technical specifications, provided that the Buyer shall promptly notify GEMALTO in writing of any claim, that no claim may be made after a period of three (3) years from the date of delivery of the Product giving rise to the claim, that the Buyer shall provide all information and assistance required by GEMALTO concerning the claim or action, that the Buyer shall give GEMALTO the opportunity to defend and settle under the responsibility of GEMALTO any lawsuit in this respect and that the Buyer shall refrain from making any admission, declaration or arrangement with the third party raising such claims.

The foregoing obligations to indemnify the Buyer shall not apply to GEMALTO for Products for which GEMALTO has not obtained a similar warranty from its supplier(s) and shall not apply either to GEMALTO for any alleged infringement or infringement that is due to or based upon (a) the association or combination of the Products with any other article, software, hardware, apparatus or device, and/or (b) any alteration or modification of the Products which is not made by GEMALTO or which is based upon a design supplied by the Buyer.

13.4 Should a court or an arbitrator finally establish that there has been a patent infringement or should GEMALTO consider that the Products could be the subject of a claim or suit for infringement, GEMALTO may choose, at its option, either:
- to obtain the right for the Buyer to continue using the Products, and/or
- to substitute equivalent products for the infringing Products, and/or
- to modify infringing Products so as to eliminate the infringement.

13.5 The foregoing states the entire liability and warranty of GEMALTO with respect to the infringement of any patent, copyright, trademark or trade secret or of any intellectual property right by the Products or any part thereof.

13.6 The Buyer on its part warrants that any design and/or instructions furnished or given by it shall not be such as will cause GEMALTO to infringe any intellectual property rights in the performance of the Contract. The Buyer shall, in this respect, hold harmless and protect GEMALTO in the same way as provided under Sections 13.3 and 13.4.

14. DATA PROTECTION (as may be applicable)
Pursuant to the Gemalto Personal Data Protection Program, from the date of delivery of the Files (input and output files) to Buyer via Gemalto Allynis Connect highly secure data exchange solution Gemalto retains the input files for a period of four (4) months and the output file for a period of seven (7) months (collectively referred as the ‘Gemalto Retention Period’). The retention of the Files is subject to the Retention Terms and Principle available on Gemalto web site: https://www.gemalto.com/companyinfo/privacy-policy (The ‘Retention Terms’). The Retention Terms are incorporated by reference into these General Sales Terms and Conditions and above URL link provides specific, direct instructions on how to access the Retention Terms on the website www.gemalto.com. The Retention Terms are subject to change, and the Retention
15 WASTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

15.1 Pursuant to the Directive 2002/96/CE on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), to the Directive 2002/95/CE on restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS) and to the applicable national transposition legislation and/or regulations, the financing of the management of WEEE may be transferred from the manufacturer to the users.

15.2 Unless otherwise agreed in writing between the Parties, the Buyer hereby accepts such charge and shall therefore:
- Be responsible for financing the collection, treatment, recovery, recycling and environmentally sound disposal of (i) all WEEE arising or deriving from the Products and (ii) all WEEE arising or deriving from products already on the market as of August 13, 2005 where such products are to be replaced by the Products and such products are of an equivalent type or are fulfilling the same function as that of the Products;
- Comply with all additional obligations placed upon the users by the WEEE regulations by virtue of the Buyer accepting the responsibility set out in this Section 15.2.

15.3 The above-mentioned obligations shall be passed on by successive professional buyers to the final user of the EEE, always under the Buyer’s responsibility. Non compliance by the Buyer with the above-mentioned obligations may lead to the application of criminal sanctions, as laid down in the applicable national transposition legislation and/or regulations.

16 APPLICABLE LAW AND SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES


16.2 The Commercial Court of Huston, Texas, shall have exclusive jurisdiction to resolve any and all disputes between the Parties arising out of or in connection with the existence, validity, construction, performance and/or termination of the Proposal and/or the Contract, which the Parties are unable to settle amicably.

17 ASSIGNMENT

Neither GEMALTO nor Buyer shall, without the express prior written consent of the other Party (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) assign to any third party the Contract or any part thereof, except that GEMALTO shall be entitled, without Buyer’s consent, to assign the Contract or any part thereof to (i) any affiliated company or to (ii) any third party in connection with a merger, the sale of substantially all of GEMALTO’S assets or a change of control.

18 TERMINATION

18.1 GEMALTO may terminate the Contract and/or its obligations hereunder at any time upon:
- Default by Buyer in the payment of any amount due to GEMALTO hereunder;
- Buyer’s failure to pay any debt to GEMALTO;
- Buyer’s bankruptcy, insolvency or receivership;
- Any material default by the Buyer under the Contract not cured within fifteen (15) days of the date GEMALTO notifies Buyer of such default.

18.2 The licenses granted under this Contract shall terminate immediately upon the termination of this Contract.

18.3 The Contract shall be firm and binding and may not be cancelled by Buyer except with and upon GEMALTO’s prior written consent.