VICTREX USA, Inc. - General Terms and Conditions of Sale (November 2019 Edition)

The following terms and conditions are incorporated by reference into the Contract (as defined below).

1. DEFINITIONS - In these Conditions:
   (a) “Buyer” refers to the individual firm or company to whom a quotation for the sale of Products is addressed or whose purchase order for the purchase of Products is accepted by VICTREX;
   (b) “Conditions” means these standard terms and conditions of sale;
   (c) “Contract” means the particular individual contract for the supply of Products by VICTREX to the Buyer created hereunder by VICTREX to the Buyer of the Sales Order Acknowledgement pursuant to condition 3(b) below;
   (d) “Group Company” means in relation to a party, that party, each and all of its subsidiary, affiliate or parent from time to time of a parent of that party;
   (e) “Incoterms” means Incoterms 2010 as published by International Chamber of Commerce for each and every edition in force at the date when the Contract is made;
   (f) “Products” means goods and/or materials as specified in a Sales Order Acknowledgement;
   (g) “Sales Order Acknowledgement” means the document entitled Sales Order Acknowledgement issued by VICTREX and sent by mail, courier, fax or e-mail to the Buyer;
   (h) “Services” means any services to be provided by VICTREX to the Buyer as ancillary services in respect of the supply of the Products by VICTREX;
   (i) “Special Conditions” means such additional terms agreed from time to time in writing between VICTREX and the Buyer;
   (j) “VICTREX” means VICTREX USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation with a place of business at 300 Conshohocken State Road, Suite 120, West Conshohocken, PA 19428.

The headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this document.

All references to prices, Products and Services contained in these Conditions shall be taken to mean the prices, Products and Services detailed in VICTREX’s Sales Order Acknowledgement.

2. APPLICATION
   (a) These Conditions shall govern and be incorporated in every Contract made by or on behalf of VICTREX with the Buyer and unless otherwise expressly agreed in writing between VICTREX and the Buyer shall prevail over any terms and conditions contained or referred to in any documentation submitted by the Buyer or in correspondence or elsewhere or implied by trade custom, practice or course of dealing.
   (b) VICTREX’s quotation is not to be taken as an offer and no Contract shall take effect unless and until a Solicitation has been issued by VICTREX to the Buyer.
   (c) VICTREX is prepared to receive the Buyer’s order by telephone, fax or by e-mail but will have no responsibility hereunder to check the Sales Order Acknowledgement and to notify VICTREX forthwith in the case of any changes to the information contained in the Solicitation.
   (d) VICTREX shall be entitled to rely in all respects and in all circumstances on the contents of the Sales Order Acknowledgement as stating the quantity and grade of the Products and any Services to be supplied. Accordingly it shall be the Buyer’s sole responsibility to check the Sales Order Acknowledgement and to notify VICTREX forthwith in the case of any changes to the information contained in the Solicitation.
   (e) The Contract shall be based solely on these Conditions and any Special Conditions.
   (f) The Buyer expressly agrees that these Conditions and any Special Conditions shall take precedence over any contractual provisions offered by the Buyer. VICTREX shall not be bound by and does accept no contractual provisions offered by the Buyer save to the extent, if any, to the extent VICTREX agrees in the same writing. The Buyer agrees that no actions taken by VICTREX shall be interpreted as VICTREX having accepted any contractual provisions offered by the Buyer.

3. ORDERS
   (a) Unless otherwise agreed in writing between the parties, the Buyer shall place orders for Products in bulk with a lead time of at least 14 days and each order shall be in full unit quantities.
   (b) VICTREX shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of an order, notify Buyer of whether it accepts such order and the anticipated delivery date for that order by issuing a Sales Order Acknowledgement. Each order that is so accepted shall constitute a separate binding Contract.

4. DELIVERY
   (a) Time for delivery of the Products and completion of the Services as stated by VICTREX in a Sales Order Acknowledgement is stated as accurately as reasonably possible but no guarantee or warranty is given. Except where otherwise agreed in the Sales Order Acknowledgement, VICTREX shall deliver to the Buyer’s premises as stated in the Buyer’s order(s).
   (b) The Buyer shall have no right to cancel the Contract for failure for VICTREX to meet delivery or completion time stated in the Sales Order Acknowledgement.
   (c) All Products delivered to Buyer shall be delivered by VICTREX to the Buyer’s nominated port of delivery (or other delivery point as may be specified in the Sales Order Acknowledgement).
   (d) Upon receipt of each delivery of Products sold hereunder, the Buyer shall examine such Products for any damage, defects or shortage. VICTREX will have no liability unless the Buyer notifies VICTREX in writing of any defect, non-conformance or shortage of Product and confirms by notification in writing within 7 days of receipt of the products, following which the provisions of Condition 10(b) shall apply. If the Buyer fails to give either such notice of rejection, the Buyer shall be deemed to have accepted the delivery in full.
   (e) Failure by the Buyer to take delivery of any one or more instalments of Products delivered in accordance with the Contract shall entitle VICTREX to terminate the Contract either in whole or part.
   (f) VICTREX shall be entitled to deliver the Products by instalments. Each instalment shall be treated as if it constituted a separate and distinct contract between VICTREX and the Buyer.

5. PRICE
   (a) Save as otherwise agreed in writing by VICTREX, or as indicated in the Sales Order Acknowledgement or any Special Conditions, the prices of the Products:
      (i) will be those prevailing at the time of delivery;
      (ii) are stated as a price per tonne, gallon, litre, yard, meter, squared yard, square meter or kilogram (as appropriate);
      (iii) shall exclude all costs associated with expedited delivery, including, but not limited to, costs relating to freight, transportation, insurance, duty and taxes, and
      (iv) are exclusive of any sales, excise or other taxes, which VICTREX shall add at the appropriate prevailing rate.

6. RETENTION OF TITLE
   (a) Risk of damage or loss of the Products shall pass to the Buyer at the time of delivery.
   (b) Notwithstanding delivery and passing of the risk of loss, the Buyer shall remain the property of VICTREX until VICTREX receives payment in full (in cash or cleared funds) for the Products and any other goods or Services supplied to the Buyer in respect of which payment has not become due, in which case title to the Products shall pass at the time of payment of all such sums.
   (c) From delivery until title to the Products passes to the Buyer, the Buyer shall not pledge, charge by way of security or otherwise encumber or otherwise agree to any contractual provisions offered by the Buyer save to the extent, if any, to the extent VICTREX agrees in the same writing. The Buyer agrees that no actions taken by VICTREX shall be interpreted as VICTREX having accepted any contractual provisions offered by the Buyer.
   (d) Until such time as the title to the Products passes to the Buyer, the Buyer shall hold the Products separate from those of the Buyer and third parties and properly stored, protected and insured and identified as VICTREX property, but shall be entitled to use (or where authorised by VICTREX in writing in advance, resell) the Products in the ordinary course of its business in which case all proceeds from such resale or use shall be held by the Buyer in trust for the benefit of VICTREX.
   (e) Until such time as the title to the Products passes to the Buyer (and provided the Products are still in separate, identifiable existence and have not been resold), VICTREX shall be entitled at any time to require the Buyer to deliver up the Products to VICTREX and, if the Buyer fails to do so forthwith, to enter upon any premises of the Buyer if the Products are stored and resold or otherwise appear to belong to the Products all to the fullest extent permitted by law, and where the Products are stored at the premises of a third party, the Buyer shall procure a right for VICTREX to enter such third party’s premises to repossession the Products.
   (f) The Buyer shall not be entitled to pledge, grant a security interest in, or charge by way of security for any indebtedness any of the Products which remain the property of VICTREX, and if the Buyer shall do so, all monies owing by the Buyer to VICTREX shall forthwith become due and payable, without prejudice to any other right or remedy of VICTREX.

7. SERVICES
   (a) The provisions of this Condition 7 shall only apply if VICTREX is providing Services to the Buyer.
   (b) In providing Services, VICTREX shall:
      (i) provide Services with reasonable care and skill;
      (ii) use reasonable efforts to meet any performance dates and conditions agreed by the parties; but any such dates shall be estimates only, and time shall not be of the essence for performance of the Services; and
      (iii) have the right to make any changes to the Services that are necessary to comply with any applicable law or safety requirement or that do not materially and adversely affect the nature or quality of the Services.

8. PAYMENT
   (a) VICTREX may, on or after the date it sends any instalment of the Products, invoice the Buyer for those Products.
   (b) Buyer shall pay each invoice in full within 30 days of the date of the invoice. Time shall be of the essence for the Buyer’s payment of invoices.
(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Conditions 8(a) and 8(b), VICTREX, retains the right (in VICTREX’s absolute discretion) to require payment in full for the Products on or before delivery or otherwise to change any credit terms given to the Buyer from time to time.

(d) Interest is payable on overdue amounts of invoices at the rate of 3% over Barclays Bank plc base rate from time to time, to run from the due date for payment until receipt by VICTREX of the full amount (including any accrued interest), whether before or after judgment.

(e) VICTREX may suspend the supply of Products to the Buyer where any payment is overdue from the Buyer to VICTREX under any Contract or any contract between VICTREX (or any Group Company of VICTREX) and a Group Company of the Buyer and where amounts are overdue from the Group Company of the Buyer.

(f) All sums payable in respect of an order shall be payable in full by the Buyer without deduction of any kind, whether by way of set-off, counterclaim or otherwise, whether before or after judgment.

(g) Buyer agrees that as a condition of VICTREX’s obligation to supply the Products, it shall sign on its own behalf and as principal, a written acknowledgement accepting the terms and conditions of this Contract made under these Conditions, that:

(i) the Products and any associated technology will not be used:

(a) for purposes associated with any chemical, biological, nuclear weapons or missiles capable of delivering such weapons, or in support of any terrorist activity;
(b) in breach of any applicable laws, trade sanctions or trade embargoes, including, without limitation, in violation of any applicable regulations of the Export Administration Regulations, of the United Nations or any similar regulations or laws of any other jurisdiction.

(ii) the Products and any associated technology will not be resold if it is known or suspected that:

(a) the Products will be re-exported, transferred or made available to any other party without the prior written consent of VICTREX, or
(b) the Products will be re-exported, transferred or made available, by anyone for any purpose other than the purpose intended by VICTREX when supplied.

(iii) VICTREX’s intellectual property in the Products and any associated technology will not be used:

(a) for purposes associated with any chemical, biological, nuclear weapons or missiles capable of delivering such weapons, or in support of any terrorist activity;
(b) in breach of any applicable laws, trade sanctions or trade embargoes, including, without limitation, in violation of any applicable regulations of the Export Administration Regulations, of the United Nations or any similar regulations or laws of any other jurisdiction.

(h) Buyer acknowledges that all information received by it relating to the Products or in connection with the Contract, whether in contract, in tort or otherwise, is the subject of the claim, together with the applicable transportation costs.

(i) VICTREX MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS AND GIVES NO WARRANTIES OR UNDERTAKINGS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IN FACT OR IN LAW:

(a) AS TO QUALITY, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR FOR THE SUITABILITY OR APPROPRIATENESS FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF PRODUCTS BY THE BUYER OR ANY APPROVED DISTRIBUTOR; OR
(b) AS TO THE OWNERSHIP, VALIDITY OR SUBSISTENCE OF ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THAT MAY SUBSIST IN THE PRODUCTS OR IN ANY APPLICATION OR USE THEREOF; OR
(c) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BUYER OR THE BUYER’S CUSTOMERS OR AGENTS:

AND OF ALL THE FOREGOING ARE EXCLUDED EXCEPT AS SET OUT IN THESE CONDITIONS.

(j) The entire liability of VICTREX under or in connection with the Contract, whether in contract, in tort (including negligence) or otherwise, is limited to an amount equal to two times the total of the charges payable by the Buyer under the Contract.

(k) EXCEPT AS SET OUT IN THESE CONDITIONS, IN ALL CASES, WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED BY:

(i) STATUTE;
(ii) COMMON LAW; OR
(iii) OTHERWISE, IN RELATION TO:

(1) THE PRODUCTS; OR
(2) ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THAT MAY SUBSIST IN THE PRODUCTS OR IN ANY USE OR APPLICATION THEREOF.

ARE EXCLUDED TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

(l) Nothing in these Conditions shall exclude or limit VICTREX’s liability for death or personal injury caused by its negligence, or for any other liability that cannot be excluded, restricted or limited in the context of these Conditions.

10. WARRANTY AND LIABILITY

(a) VICTREX warrants that the Products will, when delivered, comply with VICTREX’s standard specifications applicable at the time of manufacture.

(b) VICTREX is not liable for any defect in the Products unless the Buyer has given notice to VICTREX within the time periods provided in Condition 4(a) of the Contract, if the Buyer notifies VICTREX of a defect in the Products within the specified time periods, VICTREX’s only obligation is, at its option, to either

(i) replace or repair any quantity of the Products that are damaged or defective; or
(ii) refund to the Buyer the amount paid by the Buyer for those Products that are the subject of the claim, together with the applicable transportation costs.

11. TERMINATION

(a) Either party shall be entitled to terminate the Contract by giving written notice to the other if:

(i) the other party commits a material breach of any of the terms and conditions of the Contract and in the case of a material breach capable of cure, fails to cure within thirty (30) days of such notice being received specifying the material breach and requiring its cure; and/or
(ii) if any lienholder or other encumbrancer takes possession of a receiver, administrative receiver or similar officer is appointed over any of the assets of the other party or if the other party makes any assignment for the benefit of creditors or voluntary arrangement with its creditors or files a petition for bankruptcy or is the subject of an involuntary petition for bankruptcy or goes into liquidation (except for the purpose of reorganization not involving involuntary receivership where the resulting entity agrees to bind by or assumes the obligations imposed on the other party) or becomes bankrupt or is the subject of an involuntary receivership or anything analogous to any of these events under the law of any jurisdiction occurs in relation to the other party or if the other party ceases or threatens to cease to carry on business in the ordinary course of its affairs or if the other party deteriorates to such an extent that in the reasonable opinion of the performing party the capability of the other party adequately to fulfill its obligations under the Contract has been placed in jeopardy.

(b) The termination or expiration of the Contract, however arising, will be without prejudice to the rights and remedies of VICTREX under the Contract and in respect of the termination or expiration. The Conditions that expressly or impliedly have effect at the time of termination or expiration will continue to be enforceable notwithstanding termination or expiration of the Contract.

12. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

(a) All intellectual property rights (including, but not limited to, patents, trade marks, service marks, rights in designs, copyrights, database rights (whether or not any of these is registered and including applications for registration of any of the foregoing) and all rights and forms of protection of a similar nature or which have equivalent or similar effect to any of the foregoing which may subsist anywhere in the world) in or to the Products which VICTREX has or may acquire or create shall vest in VICTREX. The Buyer acknowledges that all rights, whether or not any of these is registered and including applications for registration of any of the foregoing which may subsist anywhere in the world) in or to the Products which VICTREX has or may acquire or create shall vest in VICTREX.

(b) The Buyer shall not cause or allow to be analysed and/or reverse engineered any Products or any samples provided by VICTREX, to determine the chemical composition, formulation or measure the properties of such Products or samples, unless with the prior written consent of VICTREX.

(c) The Buyer shall not cause or allow to be analysed and/or reverse engineered any Products, or any samples provided by VICTREX, to determine the chemical composition, formulation or measure the properties of such Products or samples, unless with the prior written consent of VICTREX.

13. CONFIDENTIALITY

(a) Each party agrees that all information received from the other party under or in connection with the Contract, including the nature of the Products, and/or Services to be provided by VICTREX and the existence of any Contract, shall be kept in confidence and not disclosed to others, except as such disclosure may be required by any applicable law, liability for it cannot be excluded, restricted or limited in the context of these Conditions.
obligations of confidentiality shall survive the termination or expiration of the Contract.

(b) Each party shall use commercially reasonable care to protect the confidentiality of information received from the other party but in all events no lesser care than that afforded to its own confidential information and shall limit disclosure of such information to those of its personnel and consultants and those of VICTREX’s Group Companies who have an actual need to know and have a written obligation to protect the confidentiality of such information.

14. ANTI-BRIBERY

(a) Each party shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes and regulations relating to anti-bribery and anti-corruption in any jurisdiction applicable to such party, and ensure the supply of the Products and/or Services (“Applicable Bribery Law”). No party shall place the other in breach of any Applicable Bribery Law.

(b) Each party shall maintain in place throughout the term of this Contract its own adequate policies and procedures to ensure compliance by it and its personnel with the Applicable Bribery Law, and will enforce those policies and procedures as necessary to avoid any breach by it or its personnel with the Applicable Bribery Law. Each party shall promptly answer reasonable enquiries from the other party relating to those policies and procedures.

(c) The Buyer shall promptly report to VICTREX any request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind received by the Buyer in connection with the performance of this Contract.

(d) Breach of this Condition 14 shall be deemed a material breach and not capable of cure.

15. FORCE MAJEURE

If VICTREX is prevented, hindered or delayed from or in the performance of or in connection with any of its obligations hereunder for any reason whatsoever beyond its control (including, without limitation, strikes, lockouts and other industrial disputes, accidents, acts of God, war, riot, civil commotion, malicious damage, compliance with a law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction, reductions in or unavailability of power at manufacturing plant, breakdown of plant or machinery, or shortage or unavailability of raw materials from normal sources or routes of supply or delay by the Buyer in the performance of any of its obligations under the Contract (each of the foregoing being a “Force Majeure Event”)) VICTREX may by written notice to the Buyer (a) delay further shipments of Products to the Buyer, in the event that any of the foregoing events continues (or continue); or (b) suspend further shipments of Products to the Buyer, in the event that any of the foregoing events suspends VICTREX’s ability to maintain an agent for service of process in the State of Delaware, each party that does not otherwise have a registered agent in the State of Delaware shall promptly appoint the Delaware Secretary of State as such agent.

16. REMEDIES AND WAIVERS

No delay or omission by either party in exercising any right, power or remedy provided by law or under these Conditions shall:

(a) affect that right, power or remedy; or

(b) operate as a waiver of it.

The single or partial exercise of any right, power or remedy provided by law or under these Conditions are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights, powers and remedies provided by law.

17. RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES

(a) The Buyer agrees that the controls, benefits, rights and licences granted to VICTREX under the Contract are also granted to each of VICTREX’s Group Companies and that any loss suffered by VICTREX or any of VICTREX’s Group Companies as a result of any action or omission under the Contract shall be deemed to be a loss of VICTREX and recoverable from the Buyer under the Contract (subject to the agreed exclusions and limits on liability).

(b) Other than as set out in Condition 17(a) above, a person who is not a party to the Contract will have no right under the Contract to enforce any of its terms.

18. NO PARTNERSHIP

Nothing in these Conditions and no action taken by the parties pursuant to these Conditions and any Contract made under these Conditions shall constitute a partnership, joint venture or other co-operative entity between the parties.

19. GOVERNING LAW

These Conditions and any Contract made under them are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to principles of conflict of laws. The parties declare that it is their intention that this Agreement shall be regarded as made under the laws of the State of Delaware. For purposes of interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement, the State of Delaware courts sitting in the State of Delaware, and (b) (1) to the extent such party is not otherwise subject to service of process in the State of Delaware, appoint and maintain an agent in the State of Delaware as such party’s agent for acceptance of process, and (2) that service of process may also be made on such party by prepaid certified mail with a proof of mailing receipt validated by the United States Postal Service constituting evidence of valid service, and that service made pursuant to (b) (1) or (2) above shall have the same legal force and effect as personal service on such party personally within the State of Delaware. For purposes of implementing this Agreement an Indemnified Party may appoint an agent for service of process in the State of Delaware, each party that does not otherwise have a registered agent in the State of Delaware shall promptly appoint the Delaware Secretary of State as such agent.

20. NO HUMAN IMPLANTATION

The Buyer will not, use, or cause to be used, any Products for any unintended use (i) human implantation, (ii) permanent oral and/or dental contact or (iii) blood or tissue contact for 24 hours or more. VICTREX may immediately terminate the Contract or suspend further shipments of Products to the Buyer, in the event that any of the foregoing occurs.

21. LIMITATION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

All arbitrations under the Contract shall be bilateral and conducted on an individual basis. Neither party shall attempt to enforce an arbitration as a class proceeding, and an arbitrator shall have no authority to award class-wide relief. The Buyer acknowledges and agrees that this Condition specifically prohibits the Buyer from commencing arbitration proceedings as a representative of others or joining in any arbitration proceedings brought by any other person.

22. INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

Each party shall be permitted to institute proceedings in a federal or state court of competent jurisdiction to seek temporary or preliminary injunctive relief (i) to enforce the other party’s confidentiality obligations under this Agreement as well as obligations relating to anti-bribery and export sales or (ii) to enforce Condition 21 in any disputes relating to this Agreement pending the resolution of that dispute through Arbitration.

23. INDEMNITY

The Buyer agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend VICTREX, its Group Company of VICTREX, and each of its or their respective officers, directors, agents, employees, representatives, successors, and assigns (collectively, “Indemnified Parties”) from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, fines, penalties, losses, liabilities, costs, and judgments (collectively, “Claims”) of every kind (including all expenses of litigation, court costs, and reasonable attorney’s fees), for damage to any property or injury to or death of any person (including, but not limited to, employees of the Buyer) resulting from, arising out of, or in any way connected with the acts or omissions to act, of the Buyer, its officers, agents, employees, representatives, and contractors (collectively, the “Buyer Parties”), to the extent any such Claims are based in part upon the joint or concurrent negligence or strict liability of Indemnified Parties, or whether any such Claims are by way of tort or contract or otherwise. The Buyer will not be required to indemnify Indemnified Parties for any Claims that result from, arising out of, or in any way connected with, any breach of the Agreement by any of the Buyer Parties, including breaches of agreements of partnership, joint venture or other co-operative entity between the parties.

24. NOTICES

All notices, requests, demands, claims and other communications hereunder shall be in writing (except as may otherwise be specifically provided herein to the contrary). Any such written communication shall be deemed to have been duly given (except as may otherwise be specifically provided herein to the contrary), and shall be deemed sufficient to preserve the rights of the sending party, if it is presented to the receiving party stated in the Contract (or to such other address as any party may designate for itself by notice to the other party) and with copy of the same being sent via overnight delivery to the above address, or by electronic mail (with evidence of receipt) to the email address (or to such other email address as any party may designate for itself by notice to the other party) and with copy of the same being sent via overnight delivery to the applicable address set forth in the Contract.

25. PARTIES BOUND

The Contract and all rights, duties, obligations, and undertakings shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective officers, directors, representatives, employees, affiliates, successors, and permitted assigns, personal and legal representatives and heirs, provided, however, that Buyer shall not assign or otherwise transfer any of such rights, duties, obligations or undertakings or any portion thereof to any third party without the prior written consent of VICTREX, which consent may be granted or withheld in VICTREX’s sole and absolute discretion.

26. AMENDMENT

No modifications, amendments or supplements to the Contract shall be effective for any purpose unless in writing and signed by the parties.

27. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any portion of the Contract shall, for any reason, be held invalid or unenforceable, it is agreed that the same other parts of the Contract, but that the remaining covenants and restrictions or portions thereof shall remain in full force and effect, and that if the invalidity or unenforceability is due to the unreasonable nature of the covenants and restrictions, the covenants and restrictions shall nevertheless be effective as may be determined to be reasonable by a court of competent jurisdiction.

28. WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL

TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE PARTIES AGREE TO WAIVE AND DO WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM BROUGHT BY EITHER OF THE PARTIES HERETO UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRACT.