

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Definitions. The word "Buyer," whenever used herein, shall mean ThyssenKrupp Steel NA, Inc., or its subsidiary or affiliate. The party with which this Purchase Order is placed is referred to herein as "Seller." The goods and/or labor or services covered by this Purchase Order are referred to herein as the "Products," which term includes both goods and services unless the context clearly requires otherwise, and, as to goods, includes all parts, portions, items, attachments, repairs, replacements and substitutions thereof. The terms "Purchase Order," "herein" and "hereto" refer to and include the face of this document, these General Terms and Conditions, releases against blanket Purchase Orders that incorporate the terms of a Purchase Order by reference, and all other documents specifically made a part of this Purchase Order by Buyer whether in printed or electronic form. "Buyer's Plant" means the plant of Buyer the address of which appears on the face hereof. "Interest" means interest on the principal amount owed accruing from demand through the date of repayment at the prime rate of Citibank Delaware, as adjusted from time to time, plus one percent (1%) per annum. "Party" means any natural person, corporation, partnership, governmental authority or other legal entity. "Third Party" means any Party, including Buyer's customer, other than Buyer or Seller. "Seller Document" means any bill of lading, quotation, acknowledgment, invoice or other document, whether in electronic or printed form, issued by Seller.

2. Entire Agreement. This is the entire agreement between the parties respecting the Products and no modification of this Purchase Order shall be effective unless in writing and signed by Buyer's authorized representative. Any agreements, negotiations or understandings of the parties prior to the date of this Purchase Order, whether written or oral, are merged herein and superseded hereby. Reference in this Purchase Order to any Seller Document does not imply acceptance of any terms and conditions therein, which, if in addition to or inconsistent with the terms and conditions contained herein, shall not be part of the agreement between the parties.

3. Offer; Acceptance; No Modification. A Purchase Order is an offer to Seller by Buyer to enter into the Purchase Order it describes. Seller's commencement of work under a Purchase Order will constitute unconditional acceptance of the offer with or without written acceptance from Buyer. Any Seller Document, to the extent containing terms in addition to or inconsistent with the terms of this Purchase Order, or a rejection of any term of this Purchase Order, shall be deemed to be a counter offer to Buyer and shall not be binding upon Buyer unless specifically accepted in writing by Buyer. This clause shall constitute a continuing objection to any such terms or rejections not specifically so accepted by Buyer. However, commencement of performance by Seller, in the absence of written acceptance of such counter offer by Buyer, shall be deemed to be performance in accordance with the terms of this Purchase Order and an acceptance hereof, notwithstanding prior dealings or usage of trade.

4. Product Fabrication; Shipping Schedules. Seller shall not fabricate any of the Products or procure any of the materials required in their fabrication, and Buyer shall have no obligation as to the same, except to the extent expressly authorized in this Purchase Order or in written instructions forwarded to the Seller by Buyer. Deliveries are to be made in quantities and at the times specified on the face hereof or in written instructions forwarded to the Seller by Buyer, but Buyer may from time to time change such quantities and times, or direct temporary suspension of the scheduled deliveries, without any liability whatsoever.

5. Delay in Delivery. Time is of the essence to Buyer. If the Seller does not comply with Buyer's delivery or performance schedule or any Buyer deadline, Buyer, at its option, may either (a) accept a revised delivery or performance schedule; (b) require shipment of any of the Products by a more expeditious method of transportation; or (c) terminate this Purchase Order, either in whole or in part, without liability to Buyer. The Seller must advise Buyer immediately if the Seller anticipates that it may be unable to comply with Buyer's delivery or performance schedule or deadlines.

6. Title and Risk of Loss. Title to and risk of loss of all Products subject to this Purchase Order shall remain with Seller until delivery and acceptance of the Products at Buyer's Plant.

7. Payment Not Acceptance. Payment for Products shall not constitute acceptance, and all Products shall be subject to Buyer's inspection and rejection at Buyer's Plant. Neither payment nor acceptance shall constitute acknowledgment of the absence of breach of warranty or limit any of Buyer's rights hereunder. Buyer at its option may reject and, upon reasonable notice, return at Seller's risk and expense, or retain and correct, Products that fail to conform to the requirements of this Purchase Order even if the nonconformity does not become apparent until the manufacturing, processing, or assembly stage. If Buyer elects to correct the Products, it will consult with Seller on the method of correction. Seller will reimburse Buyer for all reasonable expenses resulting from rejection or correction, including, but not limited to, a prompt refund or credit for all moneys paid by Buyer for Products that failed to conform to the requirements of this Purchase Order. Buyer shall not be required to accept any replacement, adjustment, correction, repair or remediation without Buyer's prior written consent.

8. Price; Payment Terms. The price(s) set forth in this Purchase Order are firm, and may not be changes without Buyer's prior written consent. The Seller, in accepting this Purchase Order, agrees to allow the Buyer to make payment of invoices rendered by Seller, for the products covered by such Purchase Order, as follows:

(a) Discount Invoices  
(i) Dates 1st through the 15th - payable on the 25th of the current month.  
(ii) Dated 16th through the final day of the month - payable on the 10th of the following month.

(b) Net Invoices. To the extent not superseded by the face of this Purchase Order, invoices dated 1<sup>st</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> are payable on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

The payment period shall be calculated from the invoice date. Payment shall be made in U.S. dollars unless otherwise advised.

9. Set Off. Buyer shall be entitled at any time to set off any sums owing by Seller to Buyer or to any of Buyer's affiliated companies, against sums payable by Buyer in connection with any of Seller's accounts regardless of the purchase orders or contracts from which such debits or credits arise.

10. Taxes. Except as may be otherwise provided on the face of this Purchase Order, the Seller shall pay, out of the purchase price, all federal, state, provincial, and local taxes and any duties applicable to provision of the Products.

11. Infringement; Use of Products Licensed.

(a) Seller warrants that the Products and the sale and/or use thereof (before or after incorporation into products during manufacture) do not and will not infringe any patents or other intellectual property rights, United States or foreign.

(b) Seller will furnish to Buyer, without restrictions on use or disclosure, all information and data Seller acquires or develops in the course of Seller's activities under a Purchase Order. At Buyer's request, Seller also will discuss with Buyer or another party designated by Buyer, without restrictions on use or disclosure, any

potential design, quality or manufacturing problems with Products Seller worked on or produced pursuant to a Purchase Order.

- (c) Seller grants to Buyer and to any affiliated company of Buyer a nonexclusive license under reasonable terms and conditions to make, have made, use, have used and sell under any other patents now or hereafter owned or controlled by Seller which cover any application of the technology embodied in the information or data Seller acquires or develops in the course of Seller's activities under a Purchase Order. At Buyer's request, Seller will furnish to Buyer all other information and data of Seller which Buyer deems necessary to understand the operation and to maintain the Products delivered under a Purchase Order, and to understand and apply the information and data of this Paragraph 11 (c) hereof, with no restrictions on use other than Seller's patent rights.
- (d) Seller warrants that it is aware of the uses to which the Products are to be put, and grants to Buyer, and each party or entity to which the Products are provided, a free, unrestricted, irrevocable and perpetual license, with a right to sublicense to others, to use, repair and reconstruct the Products in any manner, and warrants that Seller has full right to grant said license.

12. Warranties; Remedies.

- (a) In addition to any other express and implied warranties provided by law or otherwise, Seller warrants that each Product (whether goods or services) shall: (i) be new and conform to this Purchase Order in all respects; (ii) conform to all specifications, drawings, samples and other descriptions furnished by Buyer; (iii) be merchantable and fit for the purpose for which intended; and (iv) be free from all defects in design, workmanship and materials and be of highest quality and workmanship. Seller also expressly warrants that title to all of the Products shall be vested in Buyer free and clear of any and all liens and encumbrances of whatsoever nature and kind. All warranties of Seller, express and implied, and remedies of Buyer, in this Section or elsewhere, shall survive indefinitely any delivery, inspection, tests, acceptance and payment. If Seller is not the manufacturer of the Products, Seller agrees that Buyer is entitled to the benefit of any warranties provided by the manufacturer, and shall take all reasonable steps necessary to ensure that Buyer may enforce such warranties.
- (b) Upon any breach of warranty, in addition to all other remedies hereunder or under applicable law or in equity, Buyer may (i) cancel all or any portion of this Purchase Order, (ii) require the Seller to repair or replace any or all Products, at Buyer's option and at Seller's sole expense, either at Buyer's Plant or at any other location designated by Buyer, (iii) require Seller to pay all transportation and other charges arising from delivery, storage and return of Products, and/or (iv) purchase replacement Products from a Third Party and charge the same to the Seller.

13. Default. Seller shall be in default hereunder if (a) Seller does not comply with this Purchase Order in all respects, (b) Seller makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or proceedings in bankruptcy or insolvency are instituted by or against Seller, or (c) at any time in the Buyer's sole judgment Seller's financial or other condition or progress on this Purchase Order shall be such as to endanger timely performance. Upon any default hereunder, in addition to all other remedies hereunder at law or in equity, Buyer may cancel all or any part of this Purchase Order without liability except to pay the contract price for Products delivered prior to notice of cancellation, purchase from a Third Party replacement Products ordered hereunder and recover from Seller on demand any and all increased costs or other damages relating thereto, including,

but not limited to, direct, incidental, special and consequential damages plus Interest and attorneys fees, costs of suit and other damages.

14. Indemnification. Seller agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Buyer, its affiliates, customers and each other party to which Products are provided, and each of their shareholders, directors, officers, employers and agents, on demand, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, suits, costs, fees, penalties, damages (consequential and otherwise), attorneys' fees and all other liabilities and obligations whatsoever ("Losses") arising out of or related in any way to Seller's performance or obligations under this Purchase Order including, without limitation:

- (a) personal injuries, illness or death of any natural person (including, without limitation, Seller's agents and employees) or damage to any property (including without limitation, the Seller's property) or any spill, discharge or emission of hazardous wastes or substances which relates to, in whole or in part, (i) any manufacturing, design or other defect, failure to warn, improper handling, improper operating installation instructions or other act or omission of Seller with respect to any of the Products, or (ii) the performance by Seller of any services, whether on property of Buyer, Seller or any Third Party;
- (b) any breach of warranty made by or on behalf of Seller with respect to the Products or otherwise and any claim of a Third Party relating to any Products or their quality;
- (c) any breach of this Purchase Order or any other agreement between Buyer and Seller;
- (d) any recall campaign in which Buyer or any customer participates in connection with inclusion of Products in goods sold by Buyer; and/or
- (e) claims alleging violation or infringement of any patent, copyright, or other intellectual property or proprietary right relating to Products provided by Seller, even if they are made to Buyer's specifications.

To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, Seller's obligation to defend and indemnify will apply even as to Losses caused in whole or in part by an indemnitee's negligence, but Seller's indemnification shall not apply to the extent that Losses are clearly shown to have resulted solely and directly from the negligence or willful misconduct of such indemnitee. Seller's obligation to defend and indemnify under this Section will also apply regardless of whether the claim arises in tort, negligence, contract, warranty, strict liability or otherwise. The indemnification obligation under this Paragraph shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the benefit of Seller under Workers' Compensation Acts, occupational disease acts, disability benefits acts or other employee benefits acts.

In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, Seller agrees that it will pay Interest to Buyer, on demand, on all indemnification amounts owed, and Buyer may at its option participate in the defense of any Third Party claim with its own counsel, at Seller's expense.

15. Change or Cancellation for the Convenience of Buyer. Buyer reserves the right, for any reason, to cancel any undelivered portion of this Purchase Order or make changes in the specifications, amount, type, etc., of the Products. Buyer will have such right of cancellation notwithstanding the existence of an excusable delay under Section 19. Upon receipt of notice of cancellation, Seller, unless otherwise directed by Buyer, will (i) terminate promptly all work under this Purchase Order; (ii) transfer title and deliver to Buyer the finished work, the work in process, and the parts and materials which Seller produced or acquired in accordance with a Purchase Order and which Seller cannot use in producing goods for itself or for others; (iii) verify/settle all claims by subcontractors for actual costs that are rendered unrecoverable by such termination and provided the recovery of materials in Seller's possession is ensured; and (iv) take actions reasonably necessary to protect property in Seller's possession in which Buyer has an interest until disposal instruction from Buyer has been received. Subject to the other provisions hereof, Buyer shall pay to Seller only the following amounts, without duplication, in complete and final satisfaction of any liabilities relating to this Purchase Order:

- (a) The purchase price for all unpaid Products received by Buyer prior to cancellation or change and accepted in accordance with this Purchase Order;
- (b) Undelivered, finished Products that: (i) fully conform to the requirements of this Purchase Order; (ii) were produced in accordance with delivery or release schedules approved by Buyer and outstanding as of the date the termination was effective; and (iii) are transferred or delivered to Buyer according to Buyer's instructions;
- (c) Actual costs incurred for work-in-process and raw materials that: (i) were acquired to complete quantities to be delivered in accordance with delivery or release schedules approved by Buyer and outstanding as of the date the termination was effective; (ii) are not damaged or destroyed; (iii) cannot be used by Seller to produce goods for itself or other customers; and (iv) are transferred or delivered to Buyer according to Buyer's instructions, provided, however, that in no event shall Buyer's obligations exceed the Purchase Order price for the Products, and; provided further, that the Seller shall use its best efforts to mitigate such damages;
- (d) Actual costs incurred by Seller in protecting Buyer's property pending delivery or return to Buyer; and
- (e) Any other costs or allowances that Buyer, in its sole discretion, may elect to pay.

In the event of a change, as provided herein, Buyer will make reasonable adjustment to the purchase price and delivery schedules.

16. Insurance; Waiver of Liens. Seller agrees to furnish to Buyer promptly upon request a certificate from its insurance brokers or agent showing that it carries adequate Workers' Compensation, and Comprehensive General Liability insurance coverage, including Contractual Liability insurance applicable to this Purchase Order. The certificate must show the amount of coverage, policy number, and date of expiration and must require the broker or agent to give Buyer thirty (30) days prior written notice of any lapse or cancellation of any policy. Buyer shall also be shown as an Additional Insured on the Comprehensive General Liability policy reflected

on the certificate of insurance if services are to be performed on Buyer's premises. If Seller is self-insured for Workers' Compensation coverage, it will, if requested by Buyer, provide the applicable state certificate establishing such status to Buyer. Seller hereby waives all mechanics' liens and claims and agrees that none shall be filed or maintained against Buyer's premises on account of any Products and shall cause all its subcontractors, materialmen and suppliers (and subcontractors of such parties) to provide similar waivers and agreements in form satisfactory to Buyer.

17. Force Majeure. Seller shall not be liable for a reasonable delay or default in furnishing Products hereunder and Buyer shall not be liable for failure to perform any of its obligations hereunder, due to fire, flood, storm, national emergency or war, provided that either party has given the other prompt notice of such occurrence.

18. Subcontracts. In each subcontract of Seller's work performed pursuant to a Purchase Order, Seller will obtain for Buyer the rights and licenses granted in Paragraphs 11 and 26.

19. Remedies Cumulative; No Waiver. Buyer's remedies relating hereto shall be cumulative and in addition to any other remedies provided herein or by law or in equity. No delay by Buyer in the enforcement of any provision of this Purchase Order shall constitute a waiver thereof, and no waiver thereof shall constitute a waiver of any other provision.

20. Buyer's Liability. In no event shall Buyer be liable for anticipated profits, interest, or penalties or incidental, consequential, punitive, exemplary or other damages or liabilities in connection with this Purchase Order, whether for breach of contract, late payment, property damage, personal injury, illness, or death or otherwise, beyond the sum set forth in Section 15 hereof, or, if not applicable, the price for Products accepted by Buyer.

21. Limitation on Assignment. This Purchase Order is issued to the Seller, in reliance upon its personal performance of the duties imposed and by accepting same the Seller agrees not to assign this Purchase Order or delegate the performance of its duties hereunder, except for the procurement of raw materials, without prior written consent of the Buyer. Failure to comply with the provisions in this paragraph shall effect, at the option of the Buyer, a cancellation of the Buyer's obligations hereunder without liability.

22. Compliance with Laws.

(a) Seller, and any goods or services supplied by Seller, shall comply with all applicable federal, state, provincial, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, conventions or standards that relate to the manufacture, sale, labeling, transportation, importation, exportation, licensing, approval or certification, delivery and use of the Products, including without limitation obtaining or making all approvals and filings, complying with country of origin requirements under the North American Free Trade Agreement and any other duty preference programs, and, upon request, Seller will submit to Buyer evidence of such compliance. Seller further represents that neither it nor any of its subcontractors will utilize child, slave, prisoner or any other form of forced or involuntary labor in the supply of goods or provision of services under this contract. At Buyer's request, Seller shall certify in writing its compliance with this provision. Seller agrees to

indemnify and hold Buyer harmless from and against any liability claims, demands, fines, penalties or expenses arising from or relating to Seller's noncompliance. If Seller retains subcontractors to perform work on the Products, the Seller will use only subcontractors that will adhere to the requirements of this Section. The Seller shall monitor subcontractor's compliance. Failure by Seller to adhere to this provision shall be a material breach of the contract and Buyer shall have the right to immediate termination of the contract without liability.

- (b) In furtherance and not in limitation of (a) above:
- (i) all invoices must carry the following certificate, and Seller agrees to comply therewith as to all Products: "We hereby certify that these Products were produced in compliance with all applicable requirements of Sections 6, 7 and 12 of the Fair Labor Standards Act, as amended, and of regulations and orders of the United States Department of Labor issued under Section 14 thereof."
  - (ii) During the performance of this Purchase Order, Seller agrees to comply with all provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause (41 CFR 60-1.4(a)); the Affirmative Action Obligations (41 CFR 60-250); the Listing of Employment Openings clause (41 CFR 60-250.4(b) - (h)); the Employment of the Disabled clause (41 CFR 60.741.5); and any applicable laws pertaining to small/small disadvantaged business concerns. Further, Seller agrees to conform to Executive Order 11246, as amended, Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC Section 793) and Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veteran Readjustment Assistance Act (38 USC Section 4012), not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, creed, color, national origin, or disabled or veteran's status, and Seller certifies that it does not maintain any unlawful segregated facilities. This Purchase Order shall be deemed to incorporate by reference all the clauses required by the provisions of said regulations and laws and wherever the term "Contractor" is used in said clauses it will be deemed to refer to Seller.
  - (iii) To the extent that any of the Products are to be used by Buyer in connection with its manufacturing or assembly operations, including any activities incidental thereto, Seller hereby certifies and represents that said Products comply with all applicable rules and regulations issued under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (Public Law 91-596).
  - (iv) WHMIS, hazard communication labeling and material safety data sheets must precede all shipments of controlled substances.
- (c) To the extent any of the statutory or regulatory provisions cited above are amended, supplemented or replaced, or additional statutory or regulatory provisions are enacted, Seller's obligations under this Purchase Order shall be automatically amended to take the same into account and the Seller Documents shall contain all legends and other disclosures required by the same.

23. Applicable Law. All matters relating to this Purchase Order shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state in which Buyer's principal place of business is located (without regard to the choice of law rules of such state and without reference to the Convention on the International Sale of Goods).

24. Jurisdiction. For all litigation of disputes or controversies which may arise between Seller and Buyer, both Seller and Buyer consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the state where Buyer's principal place of business is located and the United States District Courts for such state, and agree that any and all such disputes and controversies shall be determined exclusively by one of such courts, except that Buyer, at its election, may also commence and prosecute such litigation in any jurisdiction in which Seller does or transacts any business, Seller or the Products may be located or found or performed. Seller also agrees that any and all process served upon Seller outside of the state where Buyer's principal place of business is located or any such other jurisdiction shall have the same force and effect as if such service had been made within such state or such other jurisdiction.

25. Severability. If any provision of this Purchase Order, or portion of any provision, is declared or found to be unenforceable, the balance of this Purchase Order or such provision shall be interpreted and enforced to the greatest extent possible as if the unenforceable provision or portion had never been a part hereof. In particular, if any interest rate provided for herein is higher than that permitted by applicable law it shall automatically be amended to the highest legal rate.

26. Inventions. If this Purchase Order involves or results in: (i) any invention or any experimental, development or research activities, including engineering related thereto, (ii) any reduction to practice of any subject matter, application or discovery which could be patented or copyrighted, or (iii) any improvement in the design of the Products or any alternative or improved method of accomplishing the objectives of this Purchase Order (collectively, "Inventions" ), such Inventions shall be owned by Buyer and be deemed confidential and proprietary property of Buyer, whether such Inventions or any portions thereof can be copyrighted or patented or not, and Seller shall cooperate (and cause its employees to cooperate) in executing any documents and taking any other actions necessary or convenient to patent, copyright, or otherwise perfect or protect such Inventions for the benefit of Buyer.

27. Proprietary Information.

- (a) Any information or knowledge which Buyer may have disclosed or may hereafter disclose to Seller in connection with this Purchase Order and any and all services to be rendered and/or work to be performed pursuant to this Purchase Order is and shall be deemed confidential and proprietary information of Buyer. Seller shall not, without authorization in writing from Buyer, use, communicate or disclose the confidential and proprietary information of Buyer. Seller agrees to safeguard the confidential and proprietary information of Buyer by using reasonable efforts, consistent with those used in the protection of its own proprietary information of a similar nature, to prevent its disclosure to third parties. Seller agrees to cause its employees, contractors, officers, directors, agents and representatives to be bound by and comply with the foregoing restrictions regarding the use or disclosure of such confidential and proprietary information. Seller further agrees not to assert

any claims (other than a claim for patent infringement) with respect to any technical information which Seller shall have disclosed or may hereafter disclose to Buyer in connection with the Products.

- (b) All documents containing proprietary information relating to the Products produced or acquired by Seller under a Purchase Order will belong to Buyer. All drawings, know-how, and confidential information supplied to Seller by Buyer and all rights therein will remain the property of Buyer and will be kept confidential by Seller in accordance with Paragraph 26 (a) above.
- (c) Seller shall, within five (5) business days of Buyer's request or the cancellation or termination of this Purchase Order, return all confidential and proprietary information (including all copies, notes and/or extracts thereof) furnished by Buyer pursuant to this Purchase Order. In addition, that portion of the confidential or proprietary information which consists of analyses, compilations, studies or other documents prepared by Seller, or by its directors, officers, employees, or advisers, will be destroyed.
- (d) Seller will ensure that any Third Party to whom Seller subcontracts any of the work hereunder is bound by all of the terms and conditions relating to such work to which Seller is bound under a Purchase Order.

28. Audit Rights. Buyer retains the right at any reasonable time to send its authorized representatives to examine all pertinent documents and materials in the possession or under the control of Seller relating to any of seller's obligations under this Purchase Order or any payments requested by Seller pursuant to this Purchase Order. Seller shall maintain all pertinent books and records relating to this Purchase Order for a period of two years after completion of services or deliver of Products pursuant to this Purchase Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we acknowledge receipt of and accept ThyssenKrupp Steel NA, Inc.'s Purchase Order without exception.

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(Name of Seller)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_