

## **1. Terms and Conditions**

1.1 These Terms and Conditions apply to the provision of services detailed in our Quotation by FirmBase Piling Ltd, company number 13972993 of 102 Redearth Rd, Darwen, BB3 2AR (we, or us, or Service Provider) to the person buying the services (you or Customer).

1.2 You are deemed to have accepted these Terms and Conditions when you accept our Quotation by email or verbally or from the date of any performance of the Services (whichever happens earlier) and these Terms and Conditions and our Quotation (the Contract) are the entire agreement between us.

1.3 You acknowledge that you have not relied on any statement, promise or representation made or given by or on our behalf.

1.4 These Conditions apply to the Contract to the exclusion of any other terms that you try to impose or incorporate, or which are implied by the trade, custom, practice or course of dealing.

## **2. Interpretation**

2.1 A "business day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or bank holiday in England and Wales.

2.2 The headings in these Terms and Conditions are for convenience only and do not affect their interpretation.

2.3 Words imparting the singular number shall include the plural and vice-versa.

## **3. Services**

3.1 We warrant that we will use reasonable care and skill in our performance of the Services which will comply with the quotation, including any specification in all material respects. We can make any changes to the Services which are necessary to comply with any applicable law or safety requirement, and we will notify you if this is necessary.

3.2 We will use our reasonable endeavours to complete the performance of the Services within the time agreed or as set out in the quotation; however, time shall not be of the essence in the performance of our obligations.

3.3 All of these Terms and Conditions apply to the supply of any goods as well as Services unless we specify otherwise.

## **4. Your obligations**

4.1 You must obtain any permissions, consents, licences or otherwise that we need and must give us access to any and all relevant information, materials, properties and any other matters which we need to provide the Services.

4.2 If you do not comply with the clause above, we can terminate the Services and charge for all work done, such charge to be not less than 50% of the value of the Quotation.

4.3 All obstructions to and in the area where we will be providing our Services, must be removed by you prior to the commencement of our Services. Access all around the area of works is needed

everywhere to aid in concreting. You must not place any spoil or obstructions that will impede our works.

4.4 Any water in our area of works must be removed by you prior to the commencement of our Services, and throughout our time at your job.

4.5 You must also ensure that there is no potential for any water to enter the area.

4.6 You must locate and mark out all underground utility services in our area of work and/or divert or remove any that cannot be worked around. We are not liable for damage to any services whatsoever. If you have any concerns whatsoever, relocate them. We recommend you contact all utility companies and use the website <https://lsbud.co.uk>. Be aware that service plans are not that accurate and older clay drains are extremely brittle.

4.7 It is your responsibility to contact anyone in the vicinity before the Services commence and take all appropriate action regarding vibration & noise.

4.8 You must cap off any drains in the vicinity of our works to prevent concrete from entering. If you do not, we will endeavour to do this but will not be held liable for anything entering those drains.

4.9 You or your chosen contractor will set out the pile positions, centre lines of beams/pads and datum unless otherwise agreed with us.

4.10 We use welding equipment, compressed air, long hoses and cutting tools. Anything that has the potential to set on fire or be damaged in our work area, must be removed by you, or adequately protected. If it is not, we will do our best to avoid whatever is there, but will not be held liable for any damage.

4.11 You agree that we have permission to retrieve any/all of our equipment, and will not proceed with works until we have. Retrieval of the mole is the primary concern of this clause and will be done by digging until we have reached the depths of which it is stuck.

4.12 We expect to continually work once starting a job, unless otherwise agreed. If we are stopped, the cost of any equipment hire, wages or delivery costs will be met by you.

## **5. Fees**

5.1 The fees (Fees) for the Services are set out in the Quotation and are on a time and materials basis.

5.2 If appropriate, in addition to the Fees, we can recover from you the cost of inserting Piles that go deeper than 4m. These are additionally charged at the rate stated on the quote per pile, billed in 2m sections.

5.3 If appropriate, in addition to the Fees, we can recover from you the cost of digging out or removal of spoil, or shuttering, if you fail to do this correctly prior to the commencement of the Services.

5.4 In addition to the Fees, we can recover from you: a) reasonable incidental expenses including, but not limited to, travelling expenses, hotel costs, subsidence and any associated expenses, b) the

cost of services provided by third parties and required by us for the performance of the Services, and c) the cost of any materials required for the provision of the Services.

5.5 You must pay us for any additional services provided by us that are not specified in the Quotation in accordance with our then current, applicable hourly rate in effect at the time of performance or such other rate as may be agreed by us. Your obligations as stated in Clauses 10-16 above apply to these additional services. Our hourly rate is £25 plus VAT per hour, per man.

5.6 The Fees are exclusive of any applicable VAT and other taxes or levies which are imposed or charged by any competent authority.

## **6. Cancellation and amendment**

6.1 We can withdraw, cancel or amend a quotation if it has not been accepted by you, or if the Services have not started, within a period of 7 days from the date of the Quotation, (unless the Quotation has been withdrawn).

6.2 Either we or you can cancel an order for any reason prior to your acceptance (or rejection) of the Quotation.

6.3 If you want to amend any details of the Services you must tell us in writing as soon as possible. We will use reasonable endeavours to make any required changes and any additional costs will be included in the Fees and invoiced to you.

6.4 If, due to circumstances beyond our control, including those set out in clause 56 below (Circumstances beyond a party's control), we have to make any change in the Services or how they are provided, we will notify you immediately. We will use reasonable endeavours to keep any such changes to a minimum.

6.5 If you act in an unreasonable manner, we have the right to withdraw our services immediately and charge you for whatever work has been done at this stage.

## **7. Payment**

7.1 We will invoice you for payment of the Fees either : a. when we have completed the Services; or b. on the invoice dates set out in the quotation.

7.2 You must pay the Fees due within 3 days of the date of our invoice or otherwise in accordance with any credit terms agreed between us.

7.3 Relevant documents including structural engineers drawings, calculations and pile logs will only be released to building control once payment of all Fees are received in full.

7.4 Time for payment shall be of the essence of the Contract.

7.5 Without limiting any other right or remedy we have for statutory interest, if you do not pay within the period set out above, we will charge you interest at the rate of 8% per annum above the base lending rate of the Bank of England from time to time on the amount outstanding until

payment is received in full.

7.6 All payments due under these Terms and Conditions must be made in full without any deduction or withholding except as required by law and neither of us can assert any credit, set-off or counterclaim against the other in order to justify withholding payment of any such amount in whole or in part.

7.7 If you do not pay within the period set out above, we can suspend any further provision of the Services and cancel any future services which have been ordered by, or otherwise arranged with, you.

7.8 Receipts for payment will be issued by us only at your request.

7.9 All payments must be made in British Pounds unless otherwise agreed in writing between us.  
Sub-Contacting and assignment

7.10 We can at any time assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with all or any of our rights under these Terms and Conditions and can subcontract or delegate in any manner any or all of our obligations to any third party.

7.11 You must not, without our prior written consent, assign, transfer, charge, subcontract or deal in any other manner with all or any of your rights or obligations under these Terms and Conditions.

7.12 We reserve ownership of any materials until we are paid in full. We recommend not continuing with the building work until we have been paid. If we are not paid, you agree to let us retrieve our materials by entering the land, digging down and cutting out either our beam or piles. If your concrete is inside the piles or around the reinforcement, you allow us to cut this and you can pick this up from an agreed location.

7.13 If it becomes clear payment is not being made, we will proceed with clause 7.12 & inform building control and any person with an interest in the works of our intentions.

## **8. Termination**

8.1 We can terminate the provision of the Services immediately if you: a) commit a material breach of your obligations under these Terms and Conditions; or b) fail to pay any amount due under the Contract on the due date for payment; or c) are, or become or, in our reasonable opinion, are about to become, the subject of a bankruptcy order or take advantage of any other statutory provision for the relief of insolvent debtor; or d) enter into a voluntary arrangement under Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, or any other scheme or arrangement is made with its creditors; or e) convene any meeting of your creditors, enter into voluntary or compulsory liquidation, have a receiver, manager, administrator or administrative receiver appointed in respect of your assets or undertakings or any part of them, any documents are filed with the court for the appointment of an administrator in respect of you, notice of intention to appoint an administrator is given by you or any of your directors or by a qualifying floating charge holder (as defined in para.14 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986), a resolution is passed or petition presented to any court for your winding up or for the granting of an administration order in respect of you, or any proceedings are commenced relation to your insolvency or possible insolvency.

## **9. Intellectual property**

9.1 We reserve all copyright and any other intellectual property rights which may subsist in any goods supplied in connection with the provision of the Services.

9.2 We reserve the right to take any appropriate action to restrain or prevent the infringement of such intellectual property rights.

## **10. Liability and indemnity**

10.1 Our liability under these Terms and Conditions, and in breach of statutory duty, and in tort or misrepresentation or otherwise, shall be limited as set out in this section.

10.2 The total amount of our liability is limited to the total amount of Fees payable by you under the Contract.

10.3 We are not liable (whether caused by our employees, agents or otherwise) in connection with our provision of the Services or the performance of any of our other obligations under these Terms and Conditions or the quotation for: a) any indirect, special or consequential loss, damage, costs, or expenses or; b) any loss of profits; loss of anticipated profits; loss of business; loss of data; loss of reputation or goodwill; business interruption; or, other third party claims; or c) any failure to perform any of our obligations if such delay or failure is due to any cause beyond our reasonable control; or d) any losses caused directly or indirectly by any failure or your breach in relation to your obligations; or e) any losses arising directly or indirectly from the choice of Services and how they will meet your requirements or your use of the Services or any goods supplied in connection with the Services.

10.4 We are not liable for any delay or failure to provide the Services if this is caused by your failure to comply with Your obligations as referred in Section 4.

10.5 We are not liable for any damage whatsoever to underground services. You agree to have identified all services in the vicinity and are satisfied they are safe from our works.

10.6 We are not liable for damage caused by vibration from any of our activities to property, be it belonging to you or anybody else.

10.7 You must indemnify us against all damages, costs, claims and expenses suffered by us arising from any loss or damage to any equipment (including that belonging to third parties) caused by you or your agents or employees.

10.8 Nothing in these Terms and Conditions shall limit or exclude our liability for death or personal injury cause by our negligence, or for any fraudulent misrepresentation, or for any other matters for which it would be unlawful to exclude or limit liability.

10.9 We are covered by any insurance required by law. Any additional insurances or warranties can be provided at an extra cost.

## **11. Data Protection**

11.1 When supplying the Services to the Customer, the Service provider may gain access to and/or acquire the ability to transfer, store or process personal data of employees of the Customer.

11.2 The parties agree that where such processing of personal data takes place, The Customer shall be the 'data controller' and the Service Provider shall be the 'data processor' as defined in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as may be amended, extended and/or re-enacted from time to time.

11.3 For the avoidance of doubt, 'Personal Data', 'Processing', 'Data Controller', 'Data Processor' and 'Data Subject' shall have the same meaning as in GDPR.

11.4 The Service Provider shall only Process Personal Data to the extent reasonably required to enable it to supply the Services as mentioned in these Terms and Conditions or as requested by and agreed with the Customer, shall not retain any Personal Data longer than necessary for the Processing and refrain from Processing any Personal Data for its own or for any third party's purposes.

11.5 The Service Provider shall not disclose Personal Data to any third parties other than employees, directors, agents, sub-contractors or advisors on a strict 'need-to-know' basis and only under the same (or more extensive) conditions as set out in these Terms and Conditions or to the extent required by applicable legislation and/or regulations.

11.6 The Service Provider shall implement and maintain technical and organisational security measures as are required to protect Personal Data Processed by the Service Provider on behalf of the Customer.

Further information about the Service Provider's approach to data protection are specified in its Data Protection Policy, which can be requested in writing.

11.7 For any enquires or complaints regarding data privacy, you can email [gaz@firmbasepiling.co.uk](mailto:gaz@firmbasepiling.co.uk).

## **12. Circumstances beyond a party's control**

12.1 Neither of us is liable for any failure or delay in performing our obligations where such failure or delay results from any cause that is beyond the reasonable control of that party. Such cases include, but are not limited to: industrial action, civil unrest, fire, flood, storms, earthquakes, acts of terrorism, acts of war, governmental action or any event this is beyond the control of the party in question. If the delay continues for a period of 90 days, either of us may terminate or cancel the Services to be carried out under these Terms and Conditions.

## **13. Communication**

13.1 All notices under these Terms and Conditions must be in writing and signed by, or on behalf of, the party giving notice (or a duly authorised officer of that party).

13.2 Notices shall be deemed to have been duly given: a) when delivered, if delivered by courier or other messenger (including registered mail) during normal business hours of the recipient; b) when sent, if transmitted by fax or email, text message or whatsapp and a successful transmission report or return receipt generated; c) on the fifth business day following mailing, if mailed by national ordinary mail; or d) on the tenth business day following mailing, if mailed by airmail.

13.3 All notices under these Terms and Conditions must be addressed to the most recent address, email address or fax number notified to the other party.

#### **14. No Waiver**

14.1 No delay, act or omission by a party in exercising any right or remedy will be deemed a waiver of that, or any other, right or remedy not stop further exercise of any other right, or remedy.

#### **15. Severance**

15.1 If one or more of these Terms and Conditions is found to be unlawful, invalid or otherwise unenforceable, that those provisions will be deemed severed from the remainder of these Terms and Conditions (which will remain valid and enforceable).

#### **16. Law and jurisdiction**

16.1 This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted according to the law of England and Wales and all disputes arising under the Agreement (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English and Welsh courts.