

Advance Payment Bond

(Agreed between the JCT and the British Bankers' Association)

1 THE parties to this Bond are:

whose registered office is at _____

_____ ('the Surety'), and

of _____

_____ ('the Employer').

2 The Employer and _____ ('the Contractor')

have agreed to enter into a contract ('the Contract') for building works ('the Works') at _____

3 The Employer has agreed to pay the Contractor the sum of [_____] as an advance payment of sums due to the Contractor under the Contract ('the Advance Payment') for reimbursement by the Surety on the following terms:

- 1 when the Surety receives a demand from the Employer in accordance with clause 3-2 below the Surety shall repay the Employer the sum demanded up to the amount of the Advance Payment;
- 2 the Employer shall in making any demand provide to the Surety a completed notice of demand in the form of the **Schedule** attached hereto which shall be accepted as conclusive evidence for all purposes under this Bond. The signatures on any such demand must be authenticated by the Employer's bankers;
- 3 the Surety shall within 5 Business Days after receiving the demand pay to the Employer the sum so demanded. 'Business Day' means the day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks are open for business in London.

4 Payments due under this Bond shall be made notwithstanding any dispute between the Employer and the Contractor and whether or not the Employer and the Contractor are or might be under any liability one to the other. Payment by the Surety under this Bond shall be deemed a valid payment for all purposes of this Bond and shall discharge the Surety from liability to the extent of such payment.

5 The Surety consents and agrees that the following actions by the Employer may be made and done without notice to or consent of the Surety and without in any way affecting changing or releasing the Surety from its obligations under this Bond and the liability of the Surety hereunder shall not in any way be affected hereby. The actions are:

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- 1 waiver by the Employer of any of the terms, provisions, conditions, obligations and agreements of the Contractor or any failure to make demand upon or take action against the Contractor;
 - 2 any modification or changes to the Contract; and/or
 - 3 the granting of any extensions of time to the Contractor without affecting the terms of clause 7-3 below.
- 6** The Surety's maximum aggregate liability under this Bond which shall commence on payment of the Advance Payment by the Employer to the Contractor shall be the amount of [_____] which sum shall be reduced by the amount of any reimbursement made by the Contractor to the Employer as advised by the Employer in writing to the Surety.
- 7** The obligations of the Surety under this Bond shall cease upon whichever is the earliest of:
- 1 the date on which the Advance Payment is reduced to nil as certified in writing to the Surety by the Employer;
 - 2 the date on which the Advance Payment or any balance thereof is repaid to the Employer by the Contractor (as certified in writing to the Surety by the Employer) or by the Surety; and
 - 3 [longstop date to be given],
- and any claims hereunder must be received by the Surety in writing on or before such earliest date.
- 8** This Bond is not transferable or assignable without the prior written consent of the Surety. Such written consent will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 9** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Bond nothing in this Bond confers or is intended to confer any right to enforce any of its terms on any person who is not a party to it.
- 10** This Bond shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales.

IN WITNESS whereof this Deed of Guarantee has been duly executed and delivered on the date below:

Signed as a Deed by: _____

as the Attorney and on behalf of the Surety: _____

In the presence of:

witness' signature

witness' name

witness' address

Date: _____

Schedule to Advance Payment Bond

(clause 3-2 of the Bond)

Notice of Demand

Date of Notice: _____

Date of Bond: _____

Employer: _____

Surety: _____

The Bond has come into effect.

We hereby demand payment of the sum of

£ _____ (amount in words)
which does not exceed the amount of reimbursement for which the Contractor is in default at the date of this notice.

Address for payment: _____

This Notice is signed by the following persons who are authorised by the Employer to act for and on his behalf:

Signed by _____

Name: _____

Official Position: _____

Signed by _____

Name: _____

Official Position: _____

The above signatures to be authenticated by the Employer's bankers