5.1 Force majeure of any kind, unforeseeable production, traffic or shipping disruptions, fire, explosion, natural disasters, flooding or low water levels, unforeseeable shortages of labor, energy, raw material and supplies, strikes, lockouts, war, political unrest, acts of terrorism, acts of government, incorrect or delayed delivery or performance by suppliers or any other hindrances beyond COVESTRO control which diminish, delay or prevent production, shipment or availability of the Products or make it an unreasonable proposition, shall release COVESTRO from its obligation to perform for the duration and to the extent of that such disruption or hindrance prevails.

5.2 In case of a partial or complete shortfall of its then existing sources of supply, COVESTRO shall not be obligated to purchase or otherwise obtain alternative supplies from other suppliers. Instead, COVESTRO will have the right to allocate available quantities of Products under consideration of its own requirements and other internal as well as external supply obligations.

5.3 If a force majeure event lasts longer than six (6) weeks and if the disruption is more than insignificant, COVESTRO shall be entitled to withdraw from the contract in whole or in part; any consideration already paid by the Purchaser will be refunded immediately. In case of temporary hindrances, any delivery or performance periods will be extended or postponed by the duration of the impediment plus a reasonable start-up period.

6. Prices and Calculation

6.1 COVESTRO prices, in effect at the time of delivery, plus statutory value added tax, shall apply.

6.2 The weight to be invoiced shall be determined at the shipping location of the respective COVESTRO plant unless Purchaser, at its own expense, requires a certified weighing at the respective dispatch station.

7. Invoicing, Payments, Set-Off, Rights of Retention and of Refusal to Perform

7.1 The purchase price shall be due upon receipt of the invoice and, unless otherwise agreed or specified in the invoice, payable without discounts within eight (8) days from the date of the invoice. Invoices shall be deemed received at the most recent billing address provided by the Purchaser no later than three (3) days following the invoice date.

7.2 Value added tax must be added to any down- and pre-payments.

7.3 Payments shall not be deemed effected until the due amount has been definitively cleared into one of COVESTROs bank accounts.

7.4 COVESTRO reserves the right to apply payments towards the oldest invoices first plus the late interest accumulated on those invoices and the costs of collection in the following order: costs, interest, principal.

7.5 Retention by Purchaser shall be excluded. Purchaser is only entitled to offset if its claims are undisputed or judicially established as final and absolute.

8. Retention of Title

8.1 Until receipt of full payment of all current and future receivables under the current business relationship by Purchaser, COVESTRO reserves the right to retain ownership in the Products and all supplies ("Secured Receivables") as specified in Title Retention.

8.2 Until the Secured Receivables are fully paid, Products under Title Retention may neither be pledged to third parties nor transferred as security. Purchaser shall inform COVESTRO immediately in writing in the event of third parties attempting to take possession of the Products under Title Retention.

8.3 If Products under Title Retention are intended for commercial resale by Purchaser, Purchaser is entitled to sell them to its customer as part of its ordinary course of business. With respect to such a resale, the Purchaser hereby assigns to COVESTRO, and COVESTRO hereby accepts, as security all of the future claims, including subsidiary claims, in the event of a combination or inseparable commingling of the Products. Purchaser is in default of meeting its payment obligation concerning the Products under Title Retention, if a petition for the initiation of insolvency proceedings has been filed or in case of another lack of compliance with COVESTROs capacity of performance from which COVESTRO can derive a potential threat to the realization of its claims. In such events, COVESTRO may request that Purchaser discloses to COVESTRO the assigned debt claims and the respective debtors, provides all necessary information for debt claim recovery, hands over all documents pertaining and notifies the debtors (third parties) of the assignment.

8.4 If Products under Title Retention are not resold, Purchaser shall be obligated to safeguard the Products under Title Retention on behalf of COVESTRO, to maintain and repair them as needed at its own expense, and to insure them against loss and damage at a level of coverage expected of a prudent businessman, for as long as title is retained. In the event Products under Title Retention are lost or damaged, Purchaser agrees to assign its insurance claims to COVESTRO.

8.5 Any processing of the Products under Title Retention shall be carried out on behalf of COVESTRO; such processing shall not entitle Purchaser to any claims against COVESTRO.

8.6 In the event of a combination or inseparable commingling of the Products under Title Retention with other items not belonging to COVESTRO in such a way that one of the other items becomes the principal item, the parties are deemed to have agreed that the Purchaser shall transfer to and maintain for COVESTRO a co-ownership interest in the newly created item in proportion to the value of the Products under Title Retention relative to the value of the other combined or commingled items. The parties hereby consent now to the passing of title that would accompany such a combination or commingling.

8.7 If the collateral pledged to COVESTRO as provided for in this Section 8 exceeds Purchasers respective security or total liabilities, COVESTRO by more than 10%, COVESTRO is required, at the request and discretion of the Purchaser, to release security up to the amount by which the threshold of 110% of the total secured liability has been exceeded.

9. Quality of Products, Technical Advice

9.1 Unless otherwise agreed, the quality of the Products shall be exclusively determined in COVESTROs Product descriptions, specifications and labels. Identified uses for the Products pursuant to the European REACH Regulation shall...
neither constitute an agreement on the corresponding contractual quality of the Products nor the designated use under the contract.

9.2 Any technical advice rendered by COVESTRO – whether verbal, in writing or by way of tests – is given to the best of COVESTRO's knowledge but without any warranty; this also applies where proprietary rights of third parties could be involved. It does not release the Purchaser from its obligation to test the Products supplied by COVESTRO as to their suitability for the intended processes and purposes. The application, use and processing of the Products are beyond the control of COVESTRO and therefore the Purchaser bears the entire corresponding responsibility.

9.3 Properties of specimens and samples shall be binding only insofar as they have been explicitly agreed to define the qualities of the Products.

10. Period of Notice for Defects
Purchaser must notify COVESTRO in writing (written form), giving an exact description of the defect; for obvious defects, such notification must take place immediately after delivery and, for defects that can be discovered when the Products are properly inspected, no later than two (2) weeks following receipt of the Products. In case of hidden defects, Section 52 of the Danish Sale of Goods Act applies; here too, the written form and an exact description of the defect are required for the notification. If Purchaser fails to notify COVESTRO of a defect within the specified time limit, the delivered Products shall be deemed accepted.

11. Claims of Purchaser Due to Defects

11.1 If the Products supplied are defective and Purchaser has fulfilled its duties in accordance with Section 10, Purchaser is entitled to exercise the following rights:

(i) In the first instance, COVESTRO - at its sole discretion - shall be entitled to either cure the defect or to supply Purchaser with non-defective Products (supplementary performance). Purchaser must allow COVESTRO the time and opportunity required for the supplementary performance owed and, in particular, return the Products concerned for testing purposes. Purchaser shall bear the costs of the supplementary performance, in particular for shipping and transport infrastructure as well as for labor and materials, if (a) Purchaser’s request to have defective Products remedied proves to be unjustified or (b) the Products were later moved to a location other than Purchaser’s place of business, unless this move coincides with the proper intended use. In case of replacement, Purchaser must return the defective Products to COVESTRO upon request.

(ii) COVESTRO reserves the right to two (2) attempts of supplementary performance. If supplementary performance fails or is unreasonable for COVESTRO, Purchaser may either withdraw from the contract or demand a reduction of the purchase price. However, in case of an immaterial defect, Purchaser shall have no right of withdrawal.

(iii) The provisions of Section 12 shall apply to all claims of Purchaser for damages or reimbursement of unavailing expenditures.

11.2 In case Purchaser’s claim against COVESTRO is a matter of recourse following a successful action against Purchaser under the statutory provisions of the sale of consumer goods, claims for recourse based on the statutory provisions concerning the sale of consumer goods shall remain unaffected. Any claims for damages shall be subject to the provisions of Section 12.

11.3 Purchaser must inform COVESTRO without delay of each one of every case of recourse within the supply chain. Statutory recourse claims of Purchaser against COVESTRO shall exist insofar as Purchaser and its customers have not concluded any kind of agreement which exceeds the statutory warranty claims. Section 12 shall apply accordingly.

11.4 If COVESTRO has maliciously concealed the defect or assumed a warranty for the properties of the purchased Products, Purchaser’s rights concerning defects are governed by the statutory provisions.

12. Exclusions and Limitations of Liability

12.1 Irrespective of the legal basis, COVESTRO shall not be liable for loss or damage (including expenses) suffered by the Purchaser as a result of (i) COVESTRO's slight negligence or the slight negligence of its legal representatives, employees, workers, agents and vicarious agents and (ii) gross negligence of its non-executive employees or ordinary agents. This exclusion shall not apply to claims relating to a breach of material contractual obligations, the fulfillment of which is essential to the proper implementation of the contract and whose fulfillment the Purchaser may therefore normally rely upon (cardinal duties).

12.2 Inssofar as COVESTRO is liable on the merits for damages pursuant to Section 12.1, its liability for all damages and reimbursements, whether contractual, non-contractual or otherwise and regardless of their legal nature, shall be limited in terms of amount to foreseeable damages typical for the respective contract.

12.3 The above exclusions and limitations of liability shall not apply to claims relating to death, personal injury and impaired health or for claims under the German Product Liability Act. Mandatory provisions of law shall therefore remain unaffected.

12.4 COVESTRO cannot be held responsible for loss or damage attributable to any of the circumstances identified in Section 5 of these GTCS.

12.5 COVESTRO shall not be liable for loss or damage in case of impossibility or delay in the performance of its supply obligations if the impossibility or the delay is due to orderly compliance of regulatory and legal obligations in connection with the European REACH Regulation being triggered by the Purchaser.

12.6 Any exclusion or limitation of liability in favor of COVESTRO provided under this Section 12 shall also inure to the benefit of the legal representatives, employees, workers, agents and vicarious agents of COVESTRO arising out of the same cause of action.

13. Guarantee
Any agreement on a guarantee must be in writing and shall be effective only if it describes in sufficient detail the substance of the guarantee as well as its duration and the territory in which it applies.

14. Limitation Periods

14.1 Claims for defects asserted on the basis of Section 54(1) of the Danish Sale of Goods Act shall be time-barred one (1) year from the beginning of the statutory limitation period. Claims for defects asserted on the basis of Section 54(3) of the Danish Sale of Goods Act shall expire two (2) years from the beginning of the statutory limitation period.

14.2 The regular limitation period (Section 3 in the Danish Limitation Act) for other contractual and non-contractual claims against COVESTRO shall be two (2) years from the beginning of the statutory limitation period.

14.3 Mandatory limitation periods of law shall remain unaffected. Therefore, the reduced limitation periods described above shall not apply to claims based on the acceptance of a guarantee, claims based on wilful misconduct or gross negligence, claims under the Danish Product Liability Act, recourse claims based on the regulations on the sale of consumer goods, claims relating to death, personal injury or impaired health, or to claims relating to breaches of cardinal duties as defined in Section 12.

14.4 If in an individual case the application of the statutory limitation regulations would lead to an earlier limitation of Purchaser’s claims against COVESTRO than would be the case according to the preceding provisions, the statutory limitation period shall apply.

14.5 Any reduced limitation period provided under this Section 14 for claims against COVESTRO shall also apply to any claims by Purchaser against the legal representatives, employees, workers, agents and vicarious agents of COVESTRO arising out of the same cause of action.

15. Trademarks

15.1 The offer or supply of substitute goods to third parties instead of the Products of COVESTRO while referring to the COVESTRO Products, or the association in any way of COVESTRO’s trademark or product name (whether trademarked or not) with the word “substitute” or similar words that convey the same meaning or juxtaposition of COVESTRO product names with the names of substitute goods, is prohibited.

15.2 It is also not permitted, when using COVESTRO Products for manufacturing purposes or in processing, to use product names of COVESTRO, especially as trademarks, as a named component on such goods or their packaging or in related printed and advertising materials without the prior written consent of COVESTRO. The supply of Products under a trademark shall not be construed as an agreement on the use of this trademark for the goods manufactured from it.

16. REACH Regulation
If Purchaser communicates to COVESTRO a use under Article 37.2 of the Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals ("REACH Regulation") which makes an update of the registration of or the chemical safety report necessary, or initiates any other obligation under the REACH Regulation, COVESTRO shall receive from Purchaser a reimbursement of all verifiable expenses incurred. COVESTRO shall not be liable for any delay in delivery caused by the announcement of that use and the compliance by COVESTRO with the respective obligations under the REACH Regulation. If COVESTRO, for reasons of protection of human health or the environment, is unable to include the use as an identified use and if Purchaser nonetheless intends to use the Products in the way advised against by COVESTRO, then COVESTRO shall have the right to withdraw from the contract.

17. Governing Law, Jurisdiction

17.1 These GTCS and all legal relationships between COVESTRO and Purchaser shall be governed by the laws of Denmark, excluding the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG).

If, however, some of the principles of the CISG are required by law, they shall be excluded. These GTCS and all legal relationships between COVESTRO and Purchaser shall be governed by the laws of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG).

17.2 The venue for all disputes, including international ones, arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with this contractual relationship shall be Copenhagen, Denmark. However, COVESTRO is also entitled to take legal action at the general venue of the Purchaser.

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