General Terms of Purchase

I. GENERAL – SCOPE OF APPLICATION
1. Save as otherwise stipulated by the provisions of individual agreements, all contracts for deliveries and services (hereinafter referred to as "deliveries") which we conclude as a customer shall be exclusively subject to our General Terms of Purchase (hereinafter referred to as "GTP"). We do not recognize any terms and conditions of the contracting party (hereinafter referred to as "Supplier") which conflict with or are contrary to our General Terms of Purchase unless the application of such terms and conditions has been explicitly approved in writing. Our General Terms of Purchase shall also apply even if we unreservedly accept deliveries from the Supplier in full awareness of the fact that the Supplier's terms and conditions contradict or conflict with our General Terms of Purchase.
2. Our GTP shall also apply to all future business transactions with the Supplier.
3. Our GTP are only applicable to business persons as defined by § 14 BGB (German Civil Code).

II. DOCUMENTS
1. Cost calculations, plans, drawings and other documents submitted to the Supplier by us in the process of initiating a contract, or at a later time, shall remain our property. We retain all intellectual property rights to the same. Said documents shall be treated confidentially, shall not be transferred to third parties and shall be surrendered to us on request, including any copies or reproductions. In this context the provisions of clause VII (5) also apply.
2. Title to moulds, models, tools, lithographs, printing blocks, drawings or engineering plans, etc. produced by the Supplier for the purposes of performing the order shall pass to us upon payment even if the same remain in the Supplier's possession. The Supplier shall store these on our behalf and shall surrender the same to us on request. Utilization on behalf of, or transfer to, third parties is inadmissible. Operating or processing manuals, safety data sheets and the like shall be part of the due scope of delivery. Two copies each of drawings and engineering plans shall be surrendered to us on request at no charge.

III. OFFER – CONCLUSION OF CONTRACT
1. Offers shall be submitted by the Supplier at no charge. The Supplier shall make explicit any deviations from our original inquiry. Acceptance of offers, orders, and agreements shall only be valid if made or confirmed by us in writing.
2. Offers submitted by the Supplier which do not stipulate an explicit term for acceptance may be accepted by us within 2 weeks. The Supplier shall confirm our order in writing, specifying the date of delivery, the price, our order data and the item number, within a period of 3 days. Should the order not be for a fixed price, we shall only be obligated if we do not object to the price indicated by the supplier in the acceptance within 3 working days of receipt of the confirmation.
3. Should we not receive any confirmation within the period pursuant to (2), sentence 2, we retain the right to revoke placement of the order or to withdraw from a previously concluded contract without assuming the costs.
4. We shall be entitled to withdraw from a contract should circumstances arise which were not foreseeable at the time of conclusion of the contract and which constitute admissible grounds for withdrawal. Such circumstances include but are not limited to substantial operational disruptions, labour disputes, or difficulties obtaining supplies; withdrawal may be declared up to 14 days prior to the agreed date of delivery.
5. The Supplier shall notify us promptly in the event of product or process changes relating to the deliveries.

IV. DELIVERIES
1. The delivery time indicated in an order shall be binding (transaction for delivery at a fixed date). The legal consequences stipulated by law shall be applicable. In the event of a failure to make delivery on time we shall in particular be authorized to withdraw from the contract without stipulating a period of grace and to demand compensation, e.g. due to the costs of covering transactions.
2. The Supplier shall inform us immediately in writing should circumstances occur or should the Supplier become aware of circumstances which prevent compliance with the agreed delivery period.
3. We shall be entitled to reject partial or premature deliveries. Should we accept partial or premature deliveries, these shall be subject to the same provisions on payments, transfer of risk, start of warranty periods, etc. which apply to complete deliveries.
4. Unconditional acceptance of belated performance shall not constitute a waiver of the right to demand compensation for damages incurred as a result of such delay. We shall be entitled to calculate the specific value of said damages or to calculate a lump sum equal to 0.3 % of the delivery value per calendar day, which value shall not, however, exceed 5 % of the delivery value. The Supplier shall retain the right to prove that the damages sustained are lower. In all other respects we shall be entitled to assert our statutory rights in the event of delivery delays.
5. The Supplier shall include a delivery note with each delivery and shall automatically surrender the delivery note to the goods receiving department or the receiving station. All documents shall contain our order numbers and our material number. The delivery note shall quote the batch number. On the day of dispatch and on request, the Supplier shall send a dispatch note which reproduces the data on the delivery note to the ordering station by e-mail.
6. The Supplier shall only be entitled to employ sub-suppliers with our previous written consent.

V. PRICES – INVOICE – PAYMENT
1. The amount stated in the order shall be binding. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the price includes delivery "carriage paid", including packaging and the taking back thereof by the Supplier. The price is inclusive of statutory value-added tax which shall be presented separately.
2. Except where it is customary business practice to charge daily or market prices, the prices offered by the Supplier shall be fixed prices for a period of 12 months from the date of the offer. Should the supplier in the meantime by the Supplier as soon as such prices reductions or improvements take effect.
3. We are only able to process invoices – as specified in our order – which quote our order number. The Supplier shall be responsible for any consequences resulting from non-compliance with this obligation, unless the Supplier proves the contrary.

4. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, we shall pay the purchase price within 14 days of delivery and receipt of invoice at 3% cash discount or within 45 days without deduction. Should the goods be delivered after receipt of invoice, the day on which the goods are received shall be applicable. We shall be entitled to make payment by cheque. The dispatch of the cheque in good time shall be sufficient for the purpose of claiming a cash discount.

5. Should we be required to make advance payment, the Supplier shall, at its own cost, provide a first demand irrevocable, time-unlimited, unconditional and absolute bank guarantee for the amount of the advance payment pending the due date of the Supplier’s claim for remuneration.

6. Our payments shall be made subject to the proviso of an auditing of accounts and shall not constitute any acknowledgement of conditions or prices. The payment shall not constitute any waiver of the assertion of notifications of defects or other claims resulting from the delivery. The Supplier shall not be entitled to make any offset against its claims from the contract. We shall be entitled to exercise our statutory offsetting and retention rights.

VI. TRANSFER OF RISK – WARRANTY

1. The Supplier shall bear the risk of accidental loss or deterioration until the receipt of the delivery at the place indicated by the delivery address. Insofar as acceptance has been agreed, this shall be decisive for the transfer of risk. Receipt of deliveries shall not be deemed to constitute approval or acceptance of the delivery.

2. We are not obliged to inspect the goods or to make special inquiries about any defects upon conclusion of the contract. In partial deviation from § 442 (1) sentence 2 BGB, we shall therefore also be entitled to claims for defects without restriction if the defect remained unknown to us at the time of conclusion of the contract due to gross negligence.

3. We shall examine the delivered products on delivery only with respect to the existence of apparent faults (in particular deviations in quantity and type, transport damage that can clearly be seen externally at the packaging). The examinations of incoming deliveries shall take the form of random inspections. Examinations of goods shall be deemed to have been undertaken in good time if performed within 10 working days of delivery. Insofar as acceptance has been agreed, there is no obligation to inspect. Notification of defects shall not have been deemed to have been given in good time if given within 5 working days of detection of the defect. We shall not have any further obligations pursuant to § 377 HGB (Commercial Code Germany).

4. In accordance with the statutory provisions, the supplier shall be liable in particular for ensuring that the goods have the agreed quality at the time of transfer of risk to us. In the case of defects – in particular by designation or reference in our order - are the subject matter of the respective contract or have been included in the contract in the same way as these General Terms of Purchase shall be deemed to be an agreement on the quality. It makes no difference whether the product description originates from us, from the supplier or from the manufacturer.

5. The mutual claims of the contracting parties shall become statute-barred in accordance with the statutory provisions, unless otherwise stipulated below.

6. In deviation from § 438 (1) No. 3 BGB, the general limitation period for claims for defects shall be 36 months from the transfer of risk. Insofar as acceptance has been agreed, the limitation period for claims for defects shall be 24 months without shift limitations; it shall commence at the time of acceptance at the end customer’s premises. The 3-year limitation period from the transfer of risk shall also apply accordingly to claims based on legal defaults, whereby the statutory limitation period for property restitution claims by third parties (§ 438 (1) No. 1 BGB) shall remain unaffected; in addition, claims based on legal defaults shall in no case become time-barred as long as the third party can still assert the right against us - in particular in the absence of a limitation period.

7. For defects notified within the warranty period according to (6), our claims shall become time-barred at the earliest 6 months after the notification of the defect. For replacement delivery items, an independent warranty period within the meaning of (6) begins with their delivery.

8. We shall be entitled to the statutory claims for defects in full. In any case, we shall be entitled to demand that the supplier, at our discretion, either remedy the defect or deliver a new item. After expiry of a reasonable period of time set by us, we shall be entitled to remedy the defect ourselves and to demand reimbursement of the expenses required for this purpose or a corresponding advance payment from the Supplier. If the Supplier shall not not be entitled to assign its claims from the contract. We shall be entitled to exercise our statutory offsetting and retention rights.

9. Notices of defects entitle us to defer payment of the invoice until complete clarification has taken place. They shall also entitle us to deduct a discount after this period.

10. The right to claims for damages as well as the right to reduction are expressly reserved. Claims for damages also include all costs incurred by us for the negotiation or fulfillment of warranty claims of our customers.

VII. RETENTION OF TITLE - CONFIDENTIALITY

1. We acknowledge a possible retention of title on the part of the Supplier; prolonged or extended retention of title shall be excluded.

2. Retention of title shall expire upon commencement of work in accordance with § 946 et seq. BGB or in the event of resale of the object subject to retention of title.

3. Any parts and tools provided by us for the Supplier shall remain our property and shall not be used for any purposes not covered by this contract. The Supplier shall, at its own cost, take out comprehensive as new insurance cover for said parts and tools which shall be returned to us upon fulfilment of the contract. The provision of §§ 946 et seq. BGB shall apply with the proviso that, should an object belonging to the Supplier be regarded as the principal good, transfer of proportionate co-title to us shall be deemed to be agreed. Should the Supplier acquire ownership by processing, such ownership shall be transferred to us in advance. The Supplier shall not be entitled to assert a right of retention in opposition to our right to demand surrender. The supplier shall, at its own cost and in due time, perform any maintenance and inspection work which may be required. The Supplier shall notify any incidents immediately. Should the Supplier culpably fail to do so, we shall be entitled to claim compensation.
4. To the extent that the security rights due to us pursuant to (3) exceed the purchase price of all the tools and parts provided by us to the Supplier by more than 20 percent, we shall be required, on request of the Supplier, to release the security rights at our discretion.

5. The Supplier shall treat all illustrations, drawings, calculations, tools, models, and other documents and information obtained and relating to the business relationship with us with strict confidentiality and shall only disclose the same to third parties with our written consent. This pledge to maintain confidentiality shall continue to apply subsequent to completion of the contract; said pledge shall expire if and to the extent that production know-how contained in the illustrations, drawings, calculations, and other papers and information surrendered becomes generally known.

6. The Supplier shall only evaluate or announce the business relationship with us in publications or for advertising purposes with our explicit, written consent.

VIII. SUPPLIER RECOURSE
1. After expiry of a reasonable period set by us, we shall be entitled to remedy the defect ourselves and to demand reimbursement from the supplier of the expenses required for this purpose or a corresponding advance payment. If subsequent performance by the Supplier has failed or is unreasonable for us (e.g. due to particular urgency, risk to operational safety or imminent occurrence of disproportionate damage), no deadline need be set; we shall inform the Supplier of such circumstances without delay, if possible in advance.

2. Before we acknowledge or fulfill a claim for defects asserted by our customer, we shall notify the supplier and request a written statement, briefly explaining the facts of the case. If a substantiated statement is not made within a reasonable period of time and if no amicable solution is reached, the claim for defects actually granted by us shall be deemed to be owed to our customer. In this case, the supplier shall be responsible for proving the contrary.

3. Our claims from supplier recourse shall also apply if the defective goods have been combined with another product or further processed in any other way by us, our customer or a third party, e.g. by fitting, attachment or installation.

IX. PRODUCT LIABILITY
1. Should the Supplier be responsible under German or foreign statutory product liability regulations for product-related damages, the Supplier shall indemnify us against claims for damages asserted by third parties on first request if such damages fall within the realm of the Supplier’s control or organizational responsibilities. In this context, the Supplier shall also reimburse us the costs of any recall actions should – except in urgent cases – the Supplier have been given information reasonably in advance and been provided an opportunity to render a statement.

2. The Supplier shall be responsible for documenting the production, composition etc. of the supplied goods. The Supplier shall also support us in the wording of user instructions, advice for emergency cases etc., in particular towards the ultimate consumer.

3. The Supplier shall take out product liability insurance for an insured sum of €5,000,000 per incident of personal injury/property damage - lump sum - and shall submit evidence of the current and continued validity of such insurance on request. The scope of the Supplier’s liability shall not be limited by virtue of liability insurance. Should evidence of the conclusion and continued validity of the liability insurance not be produced within a reasonable period of time, we shall be entitled to terminate the contractual relationship and to claim compensation in lieu of performance.

X. REACH Compliance and Information requirements/ RoHS EU Directive 2011/65/EC
1. The Supplier undertakes to comply with the REACH Regulation (Regulation EC No. 1907/2006) concerning the goods delivered to BRÜCKNER including packaging. In particular, he assures that the delivered goods/products and their packaging do not contain any substances of the respective current candidate list according to Art. 53 (1) of the Regulation in an amount exceeding 0.1 % by mass (SVHC substances). The supplier is obliged to (pre-)register all delivered substances himself or have them registered by pre-suppliers, insofar as he is subject to registration obligations under REACH. If the supplier himself is not required to register under the REACH Regulation, he shall oblige his pre-suppliers to comply with their obligations under REACH. A registration made by the supplier or his pre-suppliers concerning the delivered goods must be proven in writing upon request.

2. The supplier ensures that if substances covered by REACH are contained in goods/products delivered by him or their packaging, these are registered in accordance with REACH. He undertakes to transmit all information and documentation required by the regulation (in particular according to Art. 31 et seq. of the REACH regulation) to BRÜCKNER within the deadlines provided for in REACH, however, at the latest with the delivery or to forward the information of his pre-supplier to BRÜCKNER without delay.

3. If claims are made against BRUCKNER by customers, competitors or authorities because of violation of the REACH regulations, which can be traced back to a product of the supplier, then BRUCKNER is entitled to demand from the supplier the release from these claims or the compensation of the damage, which was caused by the non-existing REACH conformity.

4. The aforementioned obligations apply accordingly (with the exception of the registration obligations) if the supplier is based in a non-EU country. In particular, he must inform if a SVHC substance greater than 0.1% is contained, or substances covered by REACH may be released during normal and foreseeable use.

5. The supplier shall fully comply with the environmental requirements under German and European law, including EU Directive 2011/65/EC “Restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment” and the Electrical and Electronic Equipment Act.

6. Electrical and electronic equipment of each equipment category as well as components for these must comply with the substance prohibitions of the EU Directive 2011/65/EC and the laws, regulations, decisions and other provisions issued for its implementation. The supplier shall provide a written declaration of conformity for this purpose. These devices must bear a CE mark and the symbol according to Annex IV of the EU Directive 2002/96/EC (WEEE).

7. The supplier guarantees that all products comply with the requirements of the RoHS Directive in accordance with (1) and (2) above. The supplier shall reimburse all damages and expenses (including costs of legal action) and for all claims of third parties based on a violation of the RoHS Directive or other applicable environmental regulations for which the supplier is responsible.
XI. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Insofar as the Supplier executes works or services for the orderer, the Supplier shall confirm that he and his possible subsuppliers pay the statutory minimum wages to their employees. In addition, he shall on request provide proof of the payment of the statutory minimum wages by him. The Supplier shall indemnify the Purchaser of all corresponding claims on first request asserted by his employees or by the employees of his subsuppliers.

The Supplier undertakes to comply with all legally binding regulations, in particular the applicable criminal laws, the laws for the protection of fair and equitable competition, the applicable export and import bans, the applicable customs and tax regulations, the legal regulations for the protection of the environment as well as for the general minimum wage, not to permit child labour and forced labour and to ensure reasonable working hours, safe working conditions and a non-discriminatory working environment for its own employees.

In the event that the Supplier breaches any of the above obligations, the Supplier shall indemnify the Purchaser, as well as the Purchaser’s customers, against all costs, claims of third parties (in particular direct and indirect claims for damages) and other disadvantages (e.g. fines) incurred by the Purchaser due to such breach. This shall not apply if the Supplier is not responsible for this violation. Furthermore, this violation constitutes an important reason which entitles the Purchaser to terminate all services immediately, irrespective of any compensation.

The Supplier is responsible for ensuring that the rights of third parties are not infringed in any way by the deliveries. In this respect, the Supplier shall indemnify us on first demand against any claims asserted by third parties relating to infringement of intellectual property rights. This shall only apply to composition claims where the Supplier has consented to such composition settlement or has unreasonably refused to consent.

XII. SPARE PARTS

Suppliers of technical products shall hold spare parts ready for a period of 10 years.

XIII. APPLICABLE LAW – LEGAL VENUE – FINAL PROVISIONS

1. The law of the Federal Republic of Germany shall apply to the exclusion of international uniform law, in particular the UN Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. The place of performance for the delivery shall be the delivery address indicated by us. The exclusive legal venue shall be our company head office. We shall, however, be entitled to bring an action before the court with jurisdiction for the Supplier’s domicile.

2. All agreements and subsidiary agreements made between us and the Supplier are only valid if made in writing. This stipulation requiring written form can likewise only be waived in writing. Should any of the provisions of this GTP be null and void or infeasible, this shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the GTP.

3. We store the data of our Suppliers relating to our mutual business relationship in accordance with privacy laws. The Supplier hereby consents to such storage as required by law; the Supplier is entitled to revoke said consent in writing or electronically at any time.