**CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT**

THIS CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT (“**Agreement**”) is made the ­­­­\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_ (the “**Effective Date**”)

BY AND BETWEEN:

1. The Government of Bermuda as set out in Appendix 1 (hereinafter referred to as the “**Government**”, “**we**”, “**our**”, or “**us**”)
2. The consultant providing services under this Agreement (whose name and contact details are set out in Appendix 1 to this Agreement and is hereinafter referred to as the “**Consultant**” or “**you**”).

The Government and you are individually referred to as a “**party**” and collectively as the “**parties**”.

This Agreement which consists of the General Terms and Conditions and Appendix 1, sets out the terms and conditions upon which you will provide services to the Government.

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**IN CONSIDERATION** of the premises and mutual promises in this Agreement, including Appendix 1, the parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

That in this Agreement, capitalized terms have the respective meanings referred to in this Agreement, words by their context importing the plural shall include the singular and vice versa, references to either gender includes any other gender or a neutral entity where appropriate, and a reference to any statute or regulation or law means as amended from time to time. In the event of inconsistency between Appendix 1 and these General Terms and Conditions, the order of precedence to resolve any such inconsistency shall be as follows: (i) Appendix 1; and (ii) these General Terms and Conditions.

1. **Provision of Services**
	1. You shall perform the services for the Government (“**Services**”) promptly in accordance with and subject to, the standards set out in this Agreement which consists of Appendix 1 and these General Terms and Conditions and the Government shall accept the Services subject to and in accordance with the standards set out in this Agreement. The Services and the specific conditions are detailed in Appendix 1. There is no guarantee of any volume of services whatsoever.
	2. You are responsible for the overall management, oversight and administration of the Services and you are responsible for managing time in order to complete your obligations under this Agreement rather than providing services for a specified amount of time and you recognize that providing services outside of regular business hours may be necessary in order to fulfill your obligations and responsibilities without additional compensation of any kind.
	3. Your obligations under this Agreement are not exclusive and shall not in any way prevent you from performing similar types of services for others, subject to Section 11 of the Agreement.
	4. While on the Government’s, premises you will comply with all Government policies, procedures, rules or other instructions (“**Rules**”), including Rules for security for information technology (“**IT**”); and Rules for health and safety, as notified and you and will conduct yourself in a professional and safe manner. You shall notify the Government if you become aware of any breaches in IT security or health and safety violations. The Government may require personnel with access to premises or IT systems to sign a confidentiality undertaking.
	5. You agree to abide by any other written instructions or information as may be provided by the Government.
2. **Representation and Warranty**

You represent and warrant that:

1. you shall perform all activities relating to the Services in strict accordance with the terms and conditions as set out in Appendix 1, free of errors, omissions or faults in order to meet the needs of the Government;
2. you are appropriately skilled, experienced, willing and able to provide the Services;
3. you have the right to license all intellectual property rights in any software used to provide Services;
4. all qualifications, rights, permits, licenses, immigration approvals or other authorisations (“**Consents**”) necessary for the provision of Services have been obtained and such Consents shall be maintained at all times while providing the Services;
5. the Services are to be provided in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies and instructions of the Government, including but not limited to, binding the Government in any agreement or arrangement with a third party, without Government prior written approval and you will not hold yourself out as being able to bind the Government with any third party; and
6. you are fully satisfied as to the scope and nature of your obligations under this Agreement and you have the corporate power and authority to enter into, and perform your obligations, under this Agreement.
7. **Remedies, consents and sub-contractors**
	1. Remedies**:** If the Services do not conform to the warranty as set out in this Agreement, the Government may, at your cost and expense, use all reasonably commercial efforts to correct any such non-conformance or non-availability of Service promptly, or you shall, at your cost and expense, provide the Government with an alternative means of accomplishing the desired outcome or performance.
	2. Sub-contractors: You may not subcontract your obligations under this Agreement without our prior written consent. All your potential sub-contractors are subject to our prior due diligence and written approval. You are responsible for all acts, errors or omissions of any person engaged by you or providing Services on your behalf and for ensuring their compliance with the requirements and obligations of this Agreement.
8. **Inspection and Acceptance of Services**
9. The Government shall at all times retain the right to inspect and accept or reject the work provided by you. You shall make any required corrections promptly at no additional charge and return a revised copy of the written work product to the Government within seven (7) days of notification or a later date if extended by the Government.
10. The Government contact shall inform you of who you shall be reporting to and who will accept, reject or require changes to the Services. The Government contact is set out Appendix 1, unless you have been otherwise informed.
11. Your failure to proceed with reasonable promptness to make necessary corrections shall be a default. If your corrected performance or written work product remains unacceptable, the Government may terminate this Agreement, reduce the Fee and/or reject the hours submitted in connection with such work to reflect the reduced value of services received.
12. **Fee, Invoicing Terms and Taxes**
	1. The Government will compensate you the gross fee for the Services (“**Fee**”) in arrears during the Term, subject to Appendix 1 and the General Terms and Conditions. The Fee shall be paid in BMD$. The Fee has been calculated to take account of payroll tax and social insurance contributions that, as a non-employee, you are required to pay.
	2. You shall provide a monthly invoice to the Government contact set forth herein, itemizing the hours and the services provided.
	3. The Fee will be subject to deductions by law in the event that you have not registered as a consultant with the relevant Government department.
	4. The Fee will be subject to further deductions for the following reasons:
	5. if you have not delivered the Services or any part of the Services in a prompt or satisfactory manner. In the event that the unsatisfactory performance continues for at least 5 days, we may suspend the Services or reduce payment of the Fee or may seek performance from another supplier of similar services at your Expense, at no liability to us;
	6. if you have not delivered the Services or any part of the Services, as required;
	7. where the Government has suffered loss by your failure to follow instructions or exercise due diligence;
	8. if you cause damage to Government property, the value of replacement or repair of the damaged property shall be deducted from the Fee; and
	9. if you leave or terminate this Agreement without giving the required notice, the value of the Fee for the notice period may be deducted.
	10. You will only be paid the Fee for the hours that you provide services. For the avoidance of doubt, you will not be paid during any time that you do not provide services and you will not be paid for public holidays.
	11. The Government shall pay the Fee and/or undisputed invoices **thirty (30) days in arrears**. The Government may dispute an invoice within **thirty (30) days of receipt**, however, the Government reserves the right to dispute payments, made on an invoice at any time if it suspects fraud or willful misconduct on your part (“**Faults**”). In the event that any Faults are discovered in relation to payments made to you, the Government reserves the right to recover such payments from you, at your cost (which shall include all legal and collection fees and expenses) or to set off any disputed amounts against unpaid invoices.
	12. Your failure to timely submit a proper invoice in a timely manner may result in a delay in payment by the Government. You agree that the Government is not responsible, nor will it be liable to you or under law or equity for any interest or expenses that you may incur resulting from any delays in payment caused by your failure to comply with your obligations under this Agreement.
	13. Except for the Fee and any approved Expenses, no other amounts are payable by the Government to you. Government may set off any amounts owed by you to the Government against any Fees or Expenses.
	14. The Government shall pay by direct transfer into your bank account. It is your responsibility to inform the Government of your current contact and bank details in order that the Government can contact and make payment to you.
	15. Without prejudice to section 5a., the Government reserves the right to refuse to pay an invoice in the event that the invoice is presented six (6) months after the time when it should have been presented for payment.
13. **Expenses and Taxes**
	1. You or any person engaged by you, are not allowed to incur charges and/or expenses (“**Expenses**”) associated with the provision of the Services without having received prior written consent from the Government.
	2. All requested Expense (including air travel which shall be at economy class and accommodation which shall be at the equivalent of a 3 star hotel, if applicable) shall be provided to the Government in writing.
	3. You shall be responsible to register with the appropriate department of the Government in order to pay for all taxes associated with the provision of Services, including but not limited to, payroll tax and social insurance contributions (“**Taxes**”) and you consent to the Government deducting due or outstanding Taxes from the Fee on your behalf, at the Government’s option. Your tax numbers shall be as set out in Appendix 1.
	4. In the event that we have not made deductions on your behalf, you shall provide us with written proof of payment of amounts due such as any Taxes and all other receivables, prior to you receiving your final payment. In the event that you do not provide written proof, we shall have the right to deduct any outstanding amounts owed to us, including any Taxes, from final payment of the Fee.
14. **Indemnity, Limitation of Liability, Insurance and Force Majeure**
	1. Both you and the Government shall defend and indemnify each other against all costs (including reasonable legal costs), claims, damage (including damage to software and equipment), loss or expenses arising from any breach by you, or any person engaged by you, of the terms of this Agreement, including any negligent or willful misconduct, bad faith, errors or omission to act in the provision of the Services. The Government may satisfy such indemnity (in whole or in part) by way of deduction from any payment due to you.
	2. Without prejudice to Government’s obligations to pay the Fee, neither you nor the Government shall be liable under this Agreement for any loss of profits, loss of business or other losses of opportunity to make a profit, whether foreseeable, unforeseeable, foreseen or unforeseen. Nothing in this Agreement shall exclude or limit liability against, among other matters, wrongful use of Information (as defined below); fraud; willful misconduct or any liability which cannot be lawfully limited or excluded.
	3. Without limiting the provisions of this Section, each party’s maximum aggregate liability, for all claims in connection with this Agreement or the performance thereof arising during its entire term shall be limited to the Fees paid to you under this Agreement for the month immediately preceding the date the on which the latest claim(s) first arose, save for any claims by Government against the Insurance Policies.
	4. If required by the Government, you shall ensure that you have in place insurance policies which have full and comprehensive insurance including professional liability (“**Insurance Policies**”) in respect of the provision of the Services in the minimum amounts and on the terms set forth in Appendix 1 or such other amounts as may be required by the Government.
	5. If required:

## you shall ensure that the Insurance Policies are taken out with reputable insurers acceptable to the Government and that the level of cover and other terms of insurance are acceptable to and agreed by the Government;

## you shall supply to the Government on request copies of such Insurance Policies and evidence that the relevant premiums have been paid;

## you shall promptly notify the insurers of the Government's interest and shall cause such interest to be noted on the Insurance Policies together with a provision to the effect that, if any claim is brought or made by the Government against the Consultant in respect of which the Consultant would be entitled to receive indemnity under any of the Insurance Policies, the relevant insurer will indemnify the Government directly against such claim and any charges, costs and expenses in respect of such claim. If the relevant insurer does not so indemnify the Government, you shall use all insurance monies received by you to indemnify the Government in respect of any claim and shall make good any deficiency from your own resources; and

## if cover under the Insurance Policies shall lapse or not be renewed or be changed in any material way or if you are aware of any reason why the cover under the Insurance Policies may lapse or not be renewed or be changed in any material way, you shall notify the Government immediately.

* 1. Neither of the parties shall be liable to the other for failure or delay to perform obligations under this Agreement to the extent that this is caused by flood, fire and other event beyond its reasonable control (not caused by its own act or negligent omission) (“***force majeure***”) but each party shall use its best efforts to perform its obligations notwithstanding the *force majeure* event.
1. **Confidentiality, Intellectual Property and Non-Publicity**
	1. You must ensure that all information or data (including this Agreement, documents, plans, technical or financial data or other materials and each of their corresponding copyright or intellectual property in work produced by you in the course of providing the Services) and other information provided to you where you should reasonably understand the confidential nature of that information or any other Government information not in the public domain (“**Information**”) is protected against unauthorized access, use, copying or disclosure. Information is strictly confidential and you shall only use Information as required for providing the Services (and no other purpose). You acknowledge that the improper use or disclosure of Information could be unlawful. You must comply with Government’s instructions in relation to Information.
	2. You may disclose Information to your advisors on a “*need to know*” basis as required for the performance of the Services.
	3. A breach or anticipated breach of the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement, will cause the Government irreparable harm and you agree that monetary damages alone may not be an adequate remedy and, accordingly, the Government will, without prejudice to any other rights or remedies that it may have, be entitled, without proof of special damages and without the necessity of giving an undertaking in damages, to seek an injunction or specific performance, at your cost on a full indemnity basis, together with all other remedies as may be available in law or equity.
	4. If you or anyone acting on your behalf fails to abide by the confidentiality provisions at any time, then such failure shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and you shall pay the Government the equivalent of the Fee paid to you for a three (3) month period as liquidated damages, in addition to any attorney’s fees and costs of enforcement. You and anyone acting on your behalf shall be jointly and severally liable to the Government under this section.
	5. In signing this Agreement, you assign and transfer all rights and interest in any intellectual property created for the Government to the Government (including any intellectual property created in the future) and you will execute such further documents as we may reasonably request to give full effect to this section.
	6. You may not use the Government’s name or logo for any publicity or marketing purposes.
2. **Term and Termination**
	1. The term of this Agreement shall be as set out in the Appendix 1. This Agreement shall be effective on the Effective Date. The Services shall commence on the Commencement Date and continue until the Completion Date, whereupon this Agreement shall expire unless terminated earlier in accordance with its terms.
	2. You shall not provide additional Services in the event of notification of termination of this Agreement, however, in the event that services are provided to the Government beyond the Completion Date, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue on a day-to-day basis terminable without cause upon twenty four 24 hours prior written notice by either party to the other.
	3. Either party may terminate a Service or this Agreement, in part or in whole, during the Term upon prior written notice without cause in accordance with the termination notice period as set out in Appendix 1.
	4. Either party may immediately terminate this Agreement if the other party commits a material breach of this Agreement, which is not remedied within thirty (30) days of notice by the other party informing them of breach, or an irremediable breach, if the other party becomes insolvent or if the other party’s performance is affected by a *force majeure* event which lasts thirty (30) days or more.
	5. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving the other party prior written notice in accordance with Appendix 1 or immediately if, where applicable, either party becomes insolvent or chooses to discontinue its business or loses its Consent. In the event of immediate termination of this Agreement, all Fees due and payable shall be paid promptly to you, subject to this Agreement.
	6. The rights arising under this termination clause represent your sole remedy and excludes common law rights to terminate and claim damages for loss under this Agreement.
	7. Upon expiry or termination of this Agreement, you shall provide the Government with all such assistance as may be reasonably necessary in order to end the relationship in a manner which causes the least inconvenience to the Government including assisting with the transfer of data in an accessible and readable format to be agreed prior to any such transfer and returning all Government property.
	8. The expiry or termination of this Agreement in any manner shall not release either party from any liability or responsibility with respect to any representation or warranty. Sections related to limitation of liability, indemnification, non-disclosure of confidential information and intellectual property shall survive the expiry or termination of this Agreement.
3. **General**
	1. This Agreement is effective on the Effective Date. Where this Agreement refers to past or current obligations, this Agreement applies retrospectively from that date. Each party represents that this Agreement is executed by its duly authorized signatories and that each party has all required authorizations and capacity to perform its obligations.
	2. This Agreement supersedes, extinguishes and replaces all previous agreements, promises, assurances, warranties, representations and understandings, whether written or oral including whether in invoices, emails or otherwise between the parties relating to the Services and is the complete agreement between the parties.
	3. You will be an independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement shall render you an employee, worker, agent or partner of the Government and you shall not hold yourself out as such. As a result of providing services under this Agreement, you shall not be entitled to additional compensation other than the Fee, including, but not limited to: unemployment insurance or benefits, pension benefits, disability benefits and professional liability insurance and/or deductibles.
	4. You may not assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement (for example assigning or factoring invoices) without the Government’s prior written consent. Any such transfer by you in breach of this section shall be void and be an irremediable material breach of this Agreement. Government may transfer its rights and obligations under this Agreement without notice or consent.
	5. Waiver of any breach of this Agreement must be in writing to be effective and shall not be a waiver of any subsequent breach, nor shall it be a waiver of the underlying obligation. Should any court determine that any provision of this Agreement is not enforceable, such provision shall be modified, rewritten or interpreted to include as much of its nature and scope as will render it enforceable.
	6. All actions, claims or demands against the Government must be commenced in court within one (1) year after the cause of action has accrued, or the action, claim or demand is barred, time being of the essence.
	7. You consent to the Government processing data relating to you for legal, personal, administrative and management purposes and in particular to the processing of any sensitive personal data relating to you, as appropriate. The Government may make such information available to those who provide products or services to it (such as advisers and payroll administrators), regulatory authorities, potential or future employers and governmental or quasi-governmental organizations including those outside of Bermuda.
4. **Governance**
	1. You shall inform Government promptly of all known or anticipated material problems relevant to delivery of the Services.
	2. You shall notify the Government immediately if you have any actual or potential conflict of interest which could give rise to a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest to the Government or which might affect your ability to provide the Services. If there is any doubt as to whether there is an actual or potential conflict of interest, the Government shall have sole discretion in this regard and any such decision related to a conflict of interest shall be final.
	3. You agree to provide the Government (and, if the Government requests in writing, its auditors and competent regulatory authorities) with full information on the provision and delivery of the Services in an open and cooperative way and attend meetings with the Government to discuss the Services and this Agreement.
5. **Governing law and Dispute Resolution**

This Agreement is subject to and construed in accordance with, Bermuda law. You and the Government submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Bermuda courts in relation to this Agreement. You must send any notices relating to this Agreement to the Government at the contact details as set out above.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have read and agree to the terms and conditions of this Agreement on the Effective Date.

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| **SIGNED** by a duly authorised officer of the **Government** who declares that an Application Form has been completed in accordance withSection 10.5.2 of the Financial Instructions. | Signature: |
| Print Name:  |
| Title: Director |
| **SIGNED** by the **Consultant**  | Signature: |
| Print Name: |
| Title: |
| **SIGNED** by the **Head of the Public Service** of the Government in accordance with Section 3.2.1 of the Conditions of Employment and Code of Conduct. | Signature: |
| Print Name: |

**APPENDIX 1**

This appendix is incorporated into the Agreement. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this appendix will have the meanings given to them in the Agreement. If a term in this appendix conflicts with a term in the Agreement, the provisions of this appendix will prevail to the extent of such conflict.

1. **The Government**

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| **Ministry:** |  |
| **Department:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
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| **Tel No.:** |  | **Mobile No.:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Government Contact:** |  |
| **Tel No.:** |  | **Mobile No.:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |

1. **Specific Conditions:**

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| **Consultant Name:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
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| **Home Tel:** |  | **Mobile No.:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| **Commencement Date:** |  |
| **Completion Date:** |  |
| **Termination Notice Period:** | **30 days** |
| **Hourly Fee payable in arrears:** | **BMD$** |
| **Special Conditions related to the Fee:** |  |
| **Payroll Tax #:** |  | **Social Insurance No.:** |  |
| **Insurance Coverage:**  | **BMD$100,000 Professional Liability** |

1. **Services provided by the Consultant**