

## EXCAVATION HIRE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd trading as Connection Electrical & Data, Connection Air Conditioning, Connection Solar Solutions and Connection Excavation (ABN 63 619 189 687) herein referred to as “Company”.

“Customer” refers to the customer or entity in which the “Company” has supplied goods, materials or services to.

“Goods” refers to the goods, materials, parts, products, equipment, and/or installation supplied to the “Customer” by the “Company” in respect of this Contract and/or Scope of Works.

These Hire Contract Conditions apply to the exclusion of any other conditions proposed by the Customer, unless otherwise agreed by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd and the Customer in writing. Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd agrees to hire Equipment to the Customer on terms set out in this document. If the Customer wishes to hire Equipment the Customer must complete and sign (or otherwise accept in the manner required by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd) a Hire Schedule and such other documents as Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd may require. Each Hire Schedule is not a separate contract but forms a part of this hire agreement between Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd and the Customer, together with any credit application, guarantee and indemnity or other contractual documents. The customer agrees to receive hire schedules and all associated documentation by electronic means. Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd may in its absolute discretion decline to hire Equipment to the Customer at any time if it has reasonable cause to do so. These Hire Contract Conditions may be changed by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd from time to time by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd giving notice of the amendment to the Customer. Notice is deemed given when Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd does any of the following: (a) sends notice of the amendment to the Customer at any address (including an email address) supplied by the Customer; (b) publishes the amended terms on its website or social media pages; or (c) displays the amended terms at premises from which Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd conducts hire operations. Changes to these hire Contract Conditions will only apply to Hire Schedules entered into after the change occurs.

### DEFINITIONS

**Commencement** – The date when the Customer takes possession of the Equipment.

**Equipment** – Means any kind of equipment, vehicles or tools including but not limited to the following:

cleaning; waste management; landscaping and gardening; plumbing; fencing and covering; lifting; access; air and air compression; pumping and fluid management; compaction; concrete & masonry; earthmoving; generation and power distribution; ground equipment and shoring; safety equipment; storage; site accommodation including portable buildings and portable toilets; signage; vehicles including trucks, vans and trailers, and includes tools and parts and accessories for any of the foregoing.

**Hire Charge** – The amounts shown on the Hire Schedule payable by the Customer to hire the Equipment.

**Hire Period** – Means from Commencement until the end of the period shown on the Hire Schedule. The Hire Period may only be extended for one or more definite periods and in each case, this can only be done if the Customer requests it and if Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd agrees. Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd may issue and require the Customer to sign an amended Hire Schedule for any extension of the Hire Period.

**Hire Schedule** – Means a document which Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd may require the Customer to sign (or accept in a way Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd requires) including particulars of the Equipment and the Hire Period and such other information as Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd may decide to require.

**Kilometre Charge** – The amount payable for the kilometres that a Motor Vehicle has, in the reasonable opinion of Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd, travelled during the Hire Period.

**Remote Area** – Any location which is more the 50 kilometres from the Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd branch from where the Equipment is hired.

### CONNECTION ELECTRICAL GROUP PTY LTD OBLIGATIONS

Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd will:

1. Allow the Customer to take and use the Equipment for the Hire Period.
2. Provide the Equipment to the Customer clean and in good working order.
3. Collect the Equipment within 5 days of being requested to do so by the Customer. **NOTE TO CUSTOMER: You must return the Equipment at your expense when due back unless you request the Equipment be collected by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd. Additional charges will be applied for collection of Equipment.**

## CUSTOMER OBLIGATIONS

The Customer will:

1. Deliver the Equipment back to Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd when it is due.
2. Return the Equipment to Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd clean and in good order.
3. Satisfy itself at Commencement that the Equipment is suitable for its purposes.
4. Operate the Equipment safely, strictly in accordance with the law, only for its intended use, and in accordance with any manufacturer's instructions whether supplied by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd or posted on the Equipment.
5. **Indemnify** Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd for all injury and/or damage to the extent caused or contributed to by the Customer to persons and property in relation to the Equipment and its operation and have adequate insurance to cover all liabilities incurred as a result of the use of the Equipment.
6. Ensure that any person collecting or taking delivery of Equipment on behalf of the Customer is authorised by the Customer to do so and the Customer will not allege that any such person is not so authorized.
7. Ensure that all persons operating or erecting the Equipment are suitably instructed in its safe and proper use and where necessary hold a current Certificate of Competency and/or are fully licensed.
8. Conduct a thorough hazard and risk assessment before using the Equipment and comply with all Occupational Health and Safety laws relating to the Equipment and its operation.
9. Safely secure all items loaded in or on the Equipment or in or on the Customer's vehicle, and indemnify Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd in respect of any injury and/or damage caused by items falling from the Equipment or from any vehicle or trailer operated by or on behalf of the Customer.
10. Operate the Equipment with an adequate motor vehicle and/or power source.
11. Report and provide full details to Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd of any accident or damage to the Equipment within 48 hours of the accident or damage occurring.

The Customer must **NOT**:

1. Tamper with, damage or repair the Equipment.
2. Lose or part with possession of the Equipment.
3. Rely upon any representation relating to the Equipment or its operation other than those contained in this Contract.
4. Allow any person to drive a Motor Vehicle if the person:
  - a. does not hold a suitable licence to drive that class of Motor Vehicle; or
  - b. is affected by drugs and/or alcohol.
5. Exceed the recommended or legal load and capacity limits of the Equipment.
6. Use or carry any illegal, prohibited or dangerous substance in or on the Equipment.
7. Exceed the recommended or legal speed limit for the Equipment.

## PAYMENT TERMS

1. Payment for the Hire Charge is due prior to collection of the equipment; unless otherwise specifically agreed upon by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd.
2. Immediately on request by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd, the Customer will pay:
  - (a) The new list price of any Equipment which is for whatever reason not returned to Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd.  
**(NOTE TO CUSTOMER: Subject only to any express provision of this Contract to the contrary, the Customer is responsible for loss or theft of the Equipment).**
  - (b) All costs incurred in cleaning the Equipment.
  - (c) The full cost of repairing any damage to the Equipment caused or contributed to by the Customer, unless expressly agreed upon otherwise in this Contract.
  - (d) Stamp duties, GST, any other taxes or duties, and all tolls, fines, penalties, levies or charges payable in respect of this Contract or arising from the Customer's use of the Equipment.
  - (e) All costs incurred by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd in delivering and recovering possession of the Equipment.
  - (f) Interest for late payment of amounts owing by the customer, at the pre-judgement interest rate set by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd.
  - (g) The Kilometre Charge and any additional Hire Charges.
  - (h) The cost of fuels and consumables provided by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd and not returned by the Customer.
  - (i) Any expenses and legal costs (including commission payable to a commercial agent) incurred by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd in enforcing this Contract due to the Customers default.
  - (j) All costs of repairing or replacing tyres, including road service; and
  - (k) If any damage and/or theft waiver applies, the amount for which the Customer is liable as set out in this Contract.
3. Without limiting the ability of Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd to recover all amounts owing to it, the Customer authorises Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd to charge any amounts owing by the Customer to any credit card or account details of which are provided to Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd.
4. Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd may tokenise the Customers Credit Card or Account details to facilitate credit card or online payments.

## PPS LAW

1. This clause applies to the extent that this Contract provides for a 'security interest' for the purposes of the Personal Property Securities Act 2009 (Cth) ("PPS Law"). References to PPS Law in this agreement include references to amended, replacement and successor provisions or legislation.
2. If Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd does not have at Commencement a PPS Law registration ensuring a perfected first priority security interest in the Equipment, the Hire Period, (including any extension of the Hire Period or the aggregate of consecutive Hire Periods during which the Customer has substantially uninterrupted possession) may not despite anything else in this document or any Hire Schedule be longer than:
  - (a) 90 days in the case of Equipment which may or must be described by serial number in a PPS Law registration; or
  - (b) a year in any other case.

3. Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd may register its security interest. The Customer must do anything (such as obtaining consents and signing documents) which Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd requires for the purposes of:
  - (a) ensuring that Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd' security interest is enforceable, perfected and otherwise effective under the PPS Law;
  - (b) enabling Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd to gain first priority (or any other priority agreed to by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd in writing) for its security interest; and
  - (c) enabling Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd to exercise rights in connection with the security interest.
4. The rights of Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd under this document are in addition to and not in substitution for Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd' rights under other law (including the PPS Law) and Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd may choose whether to exercise rights under this document, and/or under such other law, as it sees fit. To avoid any doubt about it Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd security interest will attach to proceeds.
5. To the extent that Chapter 4 of PPSA applies to any security interest under this agreement, the following provisions of the PPS Law do not apply and, for the purposes of section 115 of the PPS Law are "contracted out" of this agreement in respect of all goods to which that section can be applied: section 95 (notice of removal of accession to the extent it requires Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd to give a notice to the Customer); section 96 (retention of accession); section 121(4) (notice to grantor); section 125 (obligations to dispose of or retain collateral); section 130 (notice of disposal to the extent it requires Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd to give a notice to the Customer); section 129(2) and 129(3); section 132(3)(d) (contents of statement of account after disposal); section 132(4) (statement of account if no disposal); section 135 (notice of retention); section 142 (redemption of collateral); and section 143 (re-instatement of security agreement).
6. The following provisions of the PPS Law: section 123 (seizing collateral); section 126 (apparent possession); section 128 (secured party may dispose of collateral); section 129 (disposal by purchase); and section 134(1) (retention of collateral) confer rights on Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd. Customer agrees that in addition to those rights, Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd shall, if there is default by Customer, have the right to seize, purchase, take possession or apparent possession, retain, deal with or dispose of any goods, not only under those sections but also, as additional and independent rights, under this document and the Customer agrees that Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd may do so in any manner it sees fit including (in respect of dealing and disposal) by private or public sale, lease or licence.
7. The Customer waives its rights to receive a verification statement in relation to registration events in respect of commercial property under section 157 of the PPS Law.
8. Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd and the Customer agree not to disclose information of the kind that can be requested under section 275(1) of the PPS Law. The Customer must do everything necessary on its part to ensure that section 275(6)(a) of the PPS Law continues to apply. The agreement in this sub-clause is made solely for the purpose of allowing to Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd the benefit of section 275 (6)(a) and Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd shall not be liable to pay damages or any other compensation or be subject to injunction in respect of any actual or threatened breach of this sub-clause.
9. Customer must not dispose or purport to dispose of, or create or purport to create or permit to be created any 'security interest' (as defined in PPS Law) in the Equipment other than with the express written consent of Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd.
10. Customer must not lease, hire, bail or give possession ('sub-hire') of the Equipment to anyone else unless Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd (in its absolute discretion) first consents in writing. Any such sub-hire must be in writing in a form acceptable to Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd and must be expressed to be subject to the rights of Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd under this agreement. Customer may not vary a sub-hire without the prior written consent of Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd (which may be withheld in its absolute discretion).
11. Customer must ensure that Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd is provided at all times with up-to-date information about the sub-hire including the identity of the sub-hirer, the terms of and state of accounts and payment under the sub-hire and the location and condition of the Equipment.
12. Customer must take all steps including registration under PPS Law as may be required to:
  - (a) ensure that any security interest arising under or in respect of the sub-hire is enforceable, perfected and otherwise effective under the PPS Law;

- (b) enabling the Customer to gain (subject always to the rights of Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd) first priority (or any other priority agreed to by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd in writing) for the security interest; and
  - (c) enabling Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd and the Customer to exercise their respective rights in connection with the security interest.
13. To assure performance of its obligations under this agreement, the Customer hereby gives Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd an irrevocable power of attorney to do anything Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd considers the Customer should do under this agreement. Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd may recover from Customer the cost of doing anything under this clause 5, including registration fees.

#### **DAMAGE WAIVER**

1. Damage Waiver is not insurance, but is an agreement by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd that the Customer's liability for damage to the Equipment can be limited in some circumstances only, to an amount called the Damage Waiver Excess
2. Damage Waiver applies to all hires, subject to the conditions below, for no additional fee. The Damage Waiver Excess is the actual recovery and repair cost of the Equipment, or 20% of the current replacement cost of the Equipment as reasonably determined by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd using suppliers list prices, whichever is the lesser amount.

#### **DAMAGE WAIVER DOES NOT APPLY AND WILL NOT LIMIT THE CUSTOMER'S LIABILITY in the following circumstances:**

- (a) where the Equipment is lost or stolen;
- (b) where the operator is not suitably licensed;
- (c) where the operator is affected by drugs and/or alcohol;
- (d) where the equipment has been wilfully damaged by the Customer or its employees or agents;
- (e) where the damage is caused by a collision with a bridge, carpark, awning, gutter, tree or any other overhead structure or object whatsoever due to insufficient clearance;
- (f) where the damage is caused while the Equipment is being driven or towed on any road that is unsealed or is not a public road; or
- (g) where the damage is caused in any way by overloading.

#### **The Customer may pay an additional Equipment Waiver Plus Fee in relation to the hire of equipment (being such Equipment as determined by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd from time to time), which will;**

- (a) reduce the Damage Waiver Excess in relation to medium and large equipment; and
- (b) add a Theft Waiver component for medium and large machinery. Theft Waiver is not insurance, but is an agreement by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd that the Customer's liability for theft or loss of the Equipment can be limited in some circumstances only to an amount called the Theft Waiver Excess.

Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd will ask the Customer to pay the Equipment Waiver Plus Fee on the hire equipment, but the Customer may decide to opt out of that payment.

Payment of the Equipment Waiver Plus Fee is compulsory on all earth moving equipment, unless Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd agrees to accept a certificate of insurance provided by the Customer at its own cost.

The reduced Damage Waiver Excess and the Theft Waiver Excess which apply to equipment when the Equipment Waiver Plus Fee is paid will be shown on the Hire Contract and will vary for different types of machinery.

**THEFT WAIVER DOES NOT APPLY AND WILL NOT LIMIT THE CUSTOMER'S LIABILITY FOR THEFT in the following circumstances:**

- (a) where the Customer has failed to keep the Equipment in a securely locked Compound; or
- (b) where the Customer has failed to submit to Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd a Police Report on the theft within 5 days of the theft allegedly occurring.

In the event of Theft Waiver applying, hire fees will be charged to the Customer until the Police Report is provided to Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd.

Damage Waiver or Theft Waiver will NOT apply where Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd determines that any of the applicable circumstances above have occurred, unless the Customer is able to establish otherwise to the reasonable satisfaction of Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd.

**EXCLUSION OF WARRANTIES & LIABILITIES**

1. Where the Australian Consumer Law applies, the Customer has the benefit of guarantees in relation to the hire of the Equipment which cannot be excluded.
2. Where the Australian Consumer Law applies and the goods are not of a kind ordinarily acquired for personal domestic or household use or consumption, Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd liability in respect of any guarantee is limited to the replacement or repair of the goods, or the cost of having the goods repaired or replaced.
3. To the extent that the Australian Consumer Law (or any other law which cannot be excluded) does not apply. Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd makes no representations and gives no warranties other than those set out in these Hire Contract Conditions, and will not be liable to the Customer for any damages, costs or other liabilities whatsoever (including for consequential loss) in relation to the hiring of the Equipment by the Customer.

**REMOTE HIRE**

Where the Equipment is at any time hired by the Customer to be located in the Remote Area, the following clauses will also apply, in addition to the obligations of the Customer under Clause 3 and elsewhere in these Hire Contract Conditions;

- (a) The Customer will pay an additional charge for any delivery, servicing and repair of the Equipment, and for any other attendance at the Remote Area by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd ('Remote Area Charges'). The Remote Area Charges will be calculated on a per kilometer rate travelled by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd staff to and from the Remote Area, plus labour costs per staff member per hour (including travelling times) at scheduled rates, plus direct travelling cost including all airfares and accommodation charges incurred by Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd and its staff in connection with travel to and from the Remote Area;
- (b) Multiple items of Equipment hire by a Customer on the one site will only be charged for one call out fee;
- (c) The Customer is responsible at its cost for daily maintenance and care of all Equipment in its possession, including daily checking of all fluids (fuel, oil, water, battery levels etc) and general tightening of any loose nuts, bolts, belts or fittings and lubrication of all grease points.

**BREACH OF HIRE CONTRACT BY CUSTOMER**

If the Customer breaches any clause whatsoever of this Contract and does not remedy the breach within 7 days notice of the breach, or becomes bankrupt, insolvent or ceases business then Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd shall be entitled to:

- (a) terminate this Contract; and/or
- (b) sue for recovery of all monies owing by the Customer; and/or

- (c) repossess the Equipment (and is authorized to enter any premises where the Equipment is located to do so), and any Damage and/or Theft Waiver referred to in clause 6 is immediately invalidated.

The Customer indemnifies Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd in respect of any damages, costs or loss, to the extent caused or contributed to by the customer resulting from a breach by the Customer of any provision of this Contract.

## **DISPUTES**

1. The Customer must immediately check all Hire Charges, and any disputes in relation to those Hire Charges must be communicated to Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd in writing within 14 days of the Hire Contract date. In the event that no communication is received from the Customer within that 14 day period, the Hire Charges are deemed to be accepted by the Customer.
2. If a dispute arises relating to this Contract, the hiring or the use of the Equipment (except in regard to payments due to Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd), the parties agree to negotiate to settle the dispute with the assistance of the Hire and Rental Association of Australia before litigation.

## **LEGAL OBLIGATIONS**

1. This Hire Contract is a payment claim under the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 1999 NSW, the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2002 VIC, the Building and Construction Industry Payments Act 2004 QLD, the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2009 SA, the Construction Contracts Act 2004 WA, the Building and Construction Industry (Security of Payment) Act 2009 ACT, the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act 2009 TAS, and/or the Construction Contracts (Security of Payments) Act 2009 NT.
2. Except where Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd in its discretion takes action against the Customer under any of the Building and Construction Industry legislation referred to in this clause, Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd and the Customer agree that this Contract is governed by the law of the state of Queensland, and the parties submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of that State.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your Hire Contract or require further clarification on the above mentioned; please don't hesitate to contact us.

With thanks,

The Team at Connection Electrical Group Pty Ltd