ARBITRATION NO. [INSERT CASE NUMBER AS PROVIDED BY THE SIAC REGISTRAR]

IN THE MATTER OF AN ARBITRATION UNDER THE ARBITRATION RULES OF THE SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION CENTRE

BETWEEN:

[NAME OF CLAIMANT]

(CLAIMANT)

-AND-

[NAME OF RESPONDENT]

(RESPONDENT)

RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF ARBITRATION

[NOTE: OR RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF ARBITRATION AND COUNTERCLAIMS, IF APPLICABLE]

[Respondent’s representative’s law firm]

[Respondent’s representative’s address]
[Respondent’s representative’s telephone]
[Respondent’s representative’s facsimile number]

Legal representative for Respondent [Date of the Response]

[NOTE: Respondent’s Response must be sent to the Claimant within 14 days of receipt of the Notice of Arbitration pursuant to Article 4.1 of the SIAC Rules]

[NOTE: according to Article 4.2 of SIAC Rules, The Response may also include the Statement of Defence and a Statement of Counterclaim, as referred to in Articles 20.3 and 20.4. of the Rules]
I. INTRODUCTION

1. This Response to Claimant’s Notice of Arbitration (hereinafter the “Response”), together with its Exhibits numbered R-1 to R-[•], is submitted on behalf of [Name of Respondent] (hereinafter “Respondent”) pursuant to Article 4.1 of the Arbitration Rules of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre in force as from 1 August 2016 (the “SIAC Rules”).

2. In this Response, unless otherwise stated, Respondent adopts the abbreviations used in Claimant’s Notice of Arbitration.

3. Unless otherwise stated, capitalised terms shall have the meanings given to them in the Notice.

4. Unless expressly admitted, each paragraph of the Notice and all of the claims of the Notice are denied by Respondent. [NOTE: Article 4.1(a)]

5. Pursuant to Article 4.1 of SIAC Rules, this Response contains information concerning the following:

   i. The name, description and address of each of the Parties (II);
   
   ii. Respondent’s comments as to the Arbitral Tribunal’s jurisdiction (III);
   
   iii. Respondent’s position as regards the nature and circumstances of the dispute (IV);
   
   iv. Respondent’s comments concerning the composition of the Arbitral Tribunal (V);
   
   v. Respondent’s comments as to the place of arbitration, the applicable rules of law and the language of the arbitration (VI);
   
   vi. Respondent’s counterclaim(s) [NOTE: if applicable] (VII);
   
   vii. Relief sought (VIII); and
   
   viii. Respondent’s payment of requisite filing fee (IX)
II. THE PARTIES

A. Respondent

6. Respondent is [Name of Respondent], a company registered under the laws of [Name of country or jurisdiction], with its registered office located at [Complete address]. [Insert brief description of Respondent’s business activity, industry sector, size of business, number of employees, market position, revenue, etc., as relevant.]

7. Respondent’s address is:

   [Respondent’s Name]
   [Respondent’s Address]
   [Attention: name of Respondent’s Director]
   [Respondent’s Telephone Number]
   [Respondent’s Facsimile Number]
   [Respondent’s E-mail]

8. Respondent’s representative, to whom all correspondence should be sent in this arbitration, are:

   [Respondent’s representative’s Law Firm]
   [Name of the Partner in charge of representing Respondent]
   [Names of other lawyers]
   [Respondent’s representative’s address]
   [Respondent’s representative’s Telephone number]
   [Respondent’s representative’s Facsimile number]
   [Respondent’s representative’s e-mail]

B. Claimant

9. Claimant is [Name of Claimant], a company registered under the laws of [Name of country or jurisdiction], with its registered office located at [Complete address]. [Insert brief description of Claimant’s business activity, industry sector, size of business, number of employees, market position, revenue, etc., as relevant.]

III. RESPONDENT’S COMMENTS AS TO THE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL’S JURISDICTION

10. [NOTE: if jurisdiction is contested] [Arguments] As a result, the Arbitral Tribunal lacks jurisdiction to hear any dispute between Claimant and [name of Respondent] or any complaints which Claimant purports to have in relation to [name of Respondent].
IV. THE NATURE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISPUTE [NOTE: ARTICLE 4(1)(B) SIAC RULES]

(a) Factual Background

11. [Explain factual background of the dispute from Respondent’s perspective.]

(b) The Parties’ Respective Legal Obligations

12. [Cite and explain relevant contractual or legal provisions]

(a) Respondent Has Suffered Losses of [amount] for Which Claimant Is Liable

13. [Provide preliminary estimate of Respondent’s losses]

V. RESPONDENT’S COMMENTS CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE ARBITRAL TRIBUNAL [NOTE: ARTICLE 4(1)(C) AND (D) SIAC RULES]

14. In its Notice of Arbitration, Claimant nominated [name of arbitrator] as [Co-Arbitrator / Sole Arbitrator], whose contact information is [insert contact information of arbitrator].

15. [NOTE: if Respondent contests the Arbitrator nominated by Claimant] Respondent contests the nomination of [name of arbitrator] on the grounds that [arguments].

16. [NOTE: ability of Respondent to appoint arbitrator depends on terms of arbitration agreement] Respondent nominates [name of arbitrator] to serve as [Co-Arbitrator / Sole Arbitrator], whose details are the following:

- [Arbitrator’s name]
- [Arbitrator’s address]
- [Arbitrator’s telephone number]
- [Arbitrator’s facsimile number]
- [Arbitrator’s e-mail]

VI. RESPONDENT’S COMMENTS AS TO THE PLACE OF ARBITRATION, THE APPLICABLE RULES OF LAW AND THE LANGUAGE OF THE ARBITRATION [NOTE: ARTICLE 4.1(C) SIAC RULES]

[NOTE: ability of Respondent to comment on any procedural matter upon which the parties have agreed in writing or in respect of which the Respondent makes any proposal]

(a) The Seat of Arbitration
17. [Insert Respondent’s comments as to the place of arbitration] [Respondent may confirm the statement made by Claimant in the Request. In case of non-confirmation, Respondent should state its choice and reasons.]

(b) The Applicable Rules of Law

18. [Insert Respondent’s comments as to the governing law] [Respondent may confirm the statement made by Claimant in the Request. In case of non-confirmation, Respondent should state its choice and reasons.]

(c) The Language of Arbitration

19. [Insert Respondent’s comments as to the language of the arbitration] [Respondent may confirm the statement made by Claimant in the Request. In case of non-confirmation, Respondent should state its choice and reasons.]

VII. [OPTIONAL] RESPONDENT’S COUNTERCLAIMS [NOTE: ARTICLE 4.1(B) SIAC RULES]

(b) Factual Background to Counterclaims

20. [Explain Claimant’s conduct which gives rise to the counterclaims.]

(c) Claimant’s Violations of Its Legal Obligations

21. [Explain basis of Claimant’s liability]

(d) Respondent Has Suffered Losses of [amount] for Which Claimant Is Liable

22. [Provide preliminary estimate of Respondent’s losses]

VIII. RELIEF SOUGHT [NOTE: ARTICLES 4.1(B) SIAC RULES]

23. Respondent rejects Claimant’s claims as set out in its Notice and rejects the relief sought.

24. Claimant respectfully requests the Arbitral Tribunal to:

   i. [NOTE: in the event that Respondent contests jurisdiction] dismiss all Claimant’s claims on the ground of an Arbitral Tribunal’s lack of jurisdiction with respect to a dispute between Claimant and [Respondent’s name].
ii. Dismiss Claimant’s claim in their entirety;

iii. [NOTE: if there are counterclaims] declare that Claimant has violated its obligations under [contract / other basis for liability];

iv. [NOTE: if there are counterclaims] order Claimant to compensate Respondent for the damages and losses suffered as a result of Claimant’s conduct, currently estimated to be in the amount of [insert estimation of damages suffered by Respondent]; [NOTE: Article 4(1)(b) SIAC RULES]

v. order Claimant to pay all arbitration costs, including Respondent’s representative’s costs and expenses; and

vi. order payment by Claimant of interest at a rate of [insert the interest rate that is arguably applicable] on all of the above amounts as of the date these amounts were due, until the date of their effective payment.

vii. order any further and/or additional relief as the Tribunal may deem appropriate.

25. Respondent reserves its right to further develop its arguments and the amount of relief it is seeking.

IX. PAYMENT OF REQUISITE FILLING FEE

26. [OPTIONAL: if Respondent files any counterclaim] Pursuant to SIAC Schedule fees and Article 4.3 of the SIAC Rules, Claimant is sending an advance payment of [NOTE: for Singapore Parties S$2,140, for Overseas Parties S$2,000] with the current Response to the Notice of Arbitration. Respondent acknowledges that this payment is non-refundable and shall be credited to its portion of the advance on costs.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature of Respondent’s representative]
[Name of lawyer representing Respondent]
Legal representative for Respondent
[Respondent’s representative’s address]
[Respondent’s representative’s Telephone]
[Respondent’s representative’s Facsimile]
[Respondent’s representative’s Email]
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