1 Preamble
These Conditions shall govern the performance of Application Management Services by Zühlke Engineering AG (hereinafter “ZÜHLKE”), the rights and obligations of the parties, and the prices and terms of payment.

2 Contractual elements and precedence
The CONTRACT consists of the following documents. In the event of any discrepancies, the documents shall be applied in the following order of precedence:
(i) The provisions of the individual contract for Application Management Services
(ii) These General Terms and Conditions

3 Definitions
The following definitions apply:
(a) RESPONSE TIME is the period during the SUPPORT TIME in between receipt of an ERROR NOTIFICATION and its acknowledgement by ZÜHLKE to the customer.
(b) RESTORATION TIME is the period during the SUPPORT TIME in between receipt of an ERROR NOTIFICATION (or its acknowledgement in case of agreed response time) and delivery of a VERSION, PATCH or acceptable workaround solution (workaround) to repair the ERROR.
(c) INFRASTRUCTURE describes technical components necessary for the provision of SERVICES of the module “Software Operation”, such as hardware or operating software.
(d) CHANGE REQUEST is a request for an amendment by the customer or a request by the customer for ENHANCEMENTS.
(e) PERIOD OF ACTUAL AVAILABILITY is the period of time during which the SOFTWARE or – in the case of the “Operating software” SERVICE MODULE – the INFRASTRUCTURE functions without CRITICAL ERRORS. To determine CRITICAL ERRORS and to measure the PERIOD OF ACTUAL AVAILABILITY, the SOLUTION TIME provisions apply, during which time the maintenance window for calculating ACTUAL AVAILABILITY is not included.
(f) DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT is a CONTRACT agreed upon between the parties, according to which SOFTWARE by ZÜHLKE is developed.
(g) ERROR is a significant deviation of the SOFTWARE or – in the case of the “Operating software” SERVICE MODULE – of the INFRASTRUCTURE from the product specifications according to the DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT or SCOPE OF WORK or the features expressly agreed upon in the CONTRACT, to such an extent that the customer is limited in exercising business-relevant processes. The errors are categorized as CRITICAL, MAJOR and MINOR ERRORS.
(h) ERROR NOTIFICATION is when the customer notifies ZÜHLKE of an ERROR or when ZÜHLKE provides an account of an ERROR on the basis of the customer’s notification.
(i) MAJOR ERROR is an ERROR that limits the operation or important functionalities of the SOFTWARE for many SOFTWARE users among the customer.
(j) INTERVENTION TIME is the period during the SUPPORT TIME in between receipt of an ERROR NOTIFICATION (or its acknowledgement in case of agreed RESPONSE TIME) and the beginning of work.
(k) MINOR ERROR is an ERROR that limits the operation of extended functionalities of the SOFTWARE for a small portion of SOFTWARE users among the customer.
(l) CRITICAL ERROR is an ERROR that significantly limits or renders impossible the operation or basic functionalities of the SOFTWARE for a majority of SOFTWARE users among the customer.
(m) SOLUTION TIME is the period during the SUPPORT TIME in between receipt of an ERROR NOTIFICATION (or its acknowledgement in case of agreed RESPONSE TIME) and delivery of final error correction (no workaround).
(n) PATCH is a software component to correct one or more ERRORS in the VERSION of SOFTWARE installed with the customer.
(o) SCOPE OF WORK (SoW) is a performance description by ZÜHLKE with regard to ENHANCEMENTS of a SYSTEM or SOFTWARE.
(p) SERVICE LEVEL are the performance indicators agreed upon between ZÜHLKE and the customer to guarantee the quality of SERVICE.
(q) SERVICE MODULE consists of a group of SERVICES provided by ZÜHLKE as agreed upon in the CONTRACT.
(r) SERVICES are the Application Management Services provided by ZÜHLKE within the scope of the CONTRACT and as defined in the CONTRACT.
(s) SOFTWARE is the computer program in source code or machine code and where ZÜHLKE has provided such to the customer – the accompanying documentation. The SOFTWARE is governed by individual contract.
(t) DISRUPTION is an ERROR caused by the INFRASTRUCTURE.
(u) SUPPORT TIME is the period during which ZÜHLKE provides SERVICES and the period during which the Zühlke Service Desk is available.
(v) SYSTEM is a technically defined and essentially closed subsystem of the installed SOFTWARE.
(w) VERSION designates a specific release of the SOFTWARE that consists of error corrections, substantial improvements or enhanced functionalities.
(x) CONTRACT is the agreed upon contract between the parties for the provision of SERVICES consisting of the individual contract and the General Terms and Conditions.
(y) ENHANCEMENTS are changes to the SOFTWARE extending the functionality that ZÜHLKE performs by implementing new requirements in the source code.
(z) WORKING DAYS are the official business days at the ZÜHLKE offices.

4 Object of the contract
The object of the SERVICES is the SOFTWARE as defined in the individual contract as well as any necessary INFRASTRUCTURE and third-party products. SOFTWARE also includes necessary ENHANCEMENTS pursuant to paragraph 5.4.
5 Service Module

As all other Service Module S are built on the “Maintenance” Service Module, the “Maintenance” Service Module must be part of every contract. The list of services in the individual modules in this paragraph or in the individual contract is deemed complete. Zühlke shall not be liable for additional services.

5.1 “Maintenance” Service Module

5.1.1 Error corrections

(a) Unless otherwise agreed upon in an individual contract, Zühlke shall endeavour to repair within a reasonable period of time reproducible Software Errors if described fully and completely in the customer’s Error Notification. The parties may agree upon a Solution Time for Critical Errors in an individual contract.

(b) Zühlke shall be entitled to repair Errors by releasing a Version of Patch or by demonstrating an acceptable workaround solution (workaround). As a general rule, Critical Errors shall be repaired with a Patch whereas all other Errors shall be repaired with the next Version.

5.1.2 Preventative error corrections

Zühlke shall be entitled to proactively repair Errors pursuant to the provisions in paragraph 5.1.

5.1.3 Updating documentation

Where user documentation has been provided to the customer in accordance with the Development Contract, Zühlke shall where necessary update these after an error has been repaired and provide them in the corrected form to the customer together with the next Version.

5.1.4 Service Desk

Zühlke shall make available to the customer a Service Desk, whose service times are defined pursuant to the individual contract, and which shall provide the following services on behalf of Zühlke:

(i) Receipt of Error Notification pursuant to paragraph 5.1.1;

(ii) Information with respect to Software configuration options.

5.1.5 Version control

Zühlke shall systematically record changes to the Software source code and manage these. Software deliveries (Versions and Patches) shall be provided to the customer with definite version numbers and therefore remain replicable at all times.

5.1.6 Coordination meetings

Zühlke shall meet the customer at set intervals as defined in the individual contract to coordinate operational matters.

5.2 Service Module “Software Operation”

Where agreed upon in the individual contract, Zühlke shall provide the customer with the Services as mentioned in this paragraph 5.2 to operate the Software. The parties shall have agreed to the Service Levels that apply to the performance of these services in the individual contract.

5.2.1 Availability of services

Zühlke operates the Software through the Infrastructure as defined in the individual contract. Responsibility shall rest with the customer to transmit the processed customer data and access commands over the Internet to Zühlke’s Internet connection or that of its subcontractors.

5.2.2 Data security and data recovery (restore)

(a) Zühlke shall secure the Software and user data on the Infrastructure at intervals defined in the individual contract and retain it for the duration specified therein. The customer shall be responsible for complying with commercial and tax law retention rules and deadlines.

(b) In the event of loss of data, Zühlke shall restore the last backup of the Software and customer data.

5.2.3 Repairing disruptions

Unless otherwise agreed upon in an individual contract, Zühlke shall endeavour to repair reproducible Disruptions of the Infrastructure derived from the customer’s Error Notification within a reasonable period of time provided that the Error Notification is full and complete. The parties may agree upon a Solution Time in an individual contract. At Zühlke’s choice, repair may also take place by demonstrating an acceptable workaround solution (workaround).

5.2.4 Additional Infrastructure

Zühlke shall be entitled to introduce additional Infrastructure insofar as these are necessary for the performance of services of this Service Module. Zühlke shall invoice the customer for the related additional expenses. If Zühlke has obtained such additional Infrastructure from a subcontractor, Zühlke shall charge the one-time or recurring cost of the subcontractor to the customer plus a 10% handling fee.

5.3 “Support” Service Module

5.3.1 Support services

Zühlke shall support the customer’s specially trained Power Users regarding the installation, configuration and operation of the Software and in answering related questions. Only Power Users are authorized to direct support questions to Zühlke through the Service Desk referred to in paragraph 5.1.4.

5.3.2 Maintenance and operation of a Knowledge Data Base

Zühlke shall store the information provided as part of the support services in a Knowledge Data Base and make it available to the customer in an electronic form or through a web portal, insofar as they are of general interest.

5.4 Enhancements and one-time support services

(a) Enhancements and one-time support services are not a part of the Contract. Upon a change request of the customer Zühlke shall offer Enhancements with a Scope of Work. Zühlke shall also offer one-time support services, e.g., installation or configuration of Versions or training, or as part of a Scope of Work. The parties shall conclude the contract for the performance of such services as follows provided that the customer does not refuse the Scope of Work:

(i) for services up to five man days pursuant to the Scope of Work, by e-mail from the customer to Zühlke in which the customer acknowledges the Scope of Work;

(ii) for services of more than five man days, by the customer signing the offer and returning it to Zühlke.

(b) With respect to the provision of Enhancements and one-time support services, the provisions in the General Terms and Conditions from Zühlke (for contracts of project and other services) shall apply, with the exception that warranty provisions of the Terms and Conditions of Zühlke shall not apply to Enhancements because such Enhancements shall be supported pursuant to this contract. Zühlke shall be entitled to refuse Enhancements of the Software or one-time support services where good cause exists.

5.5 Additional services

The parties may agree upon Zühlke performing additional services in the individual contract.
6 Excluded services  
(a) The following services are not included in the Service Module:  
(i) Repair of Errors caused by operating errors, third party or user interference or otherwise not caused by the software; this includes for example errors caused by third-party programs or by systems installed by the customer;  
(ii) Disaster recovery;  
(iii) Installation of patches and versions by customers without the Service Module “Software Operation” under contract;  
(iv) Changes to the Software interface to the customer’s technical system environment.  
(b) In the event that Zühlke at its own discretion provides the services referred to in this paragraph, the provisions of this Contract on the performance of services shall apply; Zühlke shall be entitled to invoice additional expenses of this type according to the work performed pursuant to the rates as defined in the individual contract.

7 Rights and obligations of the parties  
7.1 Subcontractor  
Zühlke shall be entitled to engage subcontractors for the performance of services pursuant to this Contract.

7.2 Prices and invoicing  
7.2.1 Prices, fees, hourly rates and invoicing  
(a) Fees and hourly rates are defined in the individual contract. The prices are net prices without value added tax (VAT) and other charges, taxes and levies. The individual contract defines when Zühlke shall invoice for the services it has provided.  
(b) Zühlke shall be entitled to adjust the amount of the hourly rates, the periodic (recurring) fees such as maintenance fees, and the additional expenses at the beginning of each calendar year to changes in cost factors. Such adjustments shall be communicated to the customer in writing no later than two months before they come into effect. In the event that the customer does not agree to the increase, it shall be entitled to terminate this contract regarding the systems affected by the price increase with a three-month notice period. Such termination must be issued within 30 days of receiving notification of the increase of the affected systems. The provisions shall not apply to changes to the infrastructure pursuant to paragraph 5.2.4.

7.2.2 Customer defaults on payment of prices and fees  
In the event that the customer is in default regarding the payment of prices or fees, Zühlke shall be entitled to discontinue its services until the customer has paid the fees in full. Zühlke furthermore reserves the right to exercise statutory default rights.

7.2.3 Settlement  
The customer shall not settle its own claims against Zühlke without Zühlke’s prior written consent.

7.3 Duties to cooperate  
7.3.1 General  
(a) The customer shall undertake in particular to perform the following duties to cooperate:  
(i) Provide any and all necessary information concerning its objectives and organizational data required for Zühlke to perform its services;  
(ii) Appoint all points of contact with the skills needed to execute the contract;  
(iii) Provide without delay notification and documentation of errors to the Service Desk referred to in paragraph 5.1.4;  
(iv) Support Zühlke in the search for causes of errors where possible;  
(v) Implement Zühlke’s recommendations with respect to a workaround;  
(vi) Coordinate with the suppliers of services of third-party products as referred to in the individual contract and the customer’s technical system environment (e.g., clarification of the compatibility of these products and systems with the Software or involvement of these suppliers to determine the causes of Errors)  
(vii) License the third-party products which are integrated in the Software pursuant to the individual contract; and  
(viii) Appoint employees (Power Users) trained to deal with the Software as points of contact for First Level Support.

(b) In the event that the customer does not comply with its duties to cooperate through no fault of Zühlke, then the deadlines dependent on the performance of these duties to cooperate shall be postponed without further notice for the period during which the duties to cooperate are not provided; in addition, Zühlke shall be entitled to claim the expenses incurred by non-compliance with the duties to cooperate.

7.3.2 Special additional duties to cooperate on the part of the customer without a “Software operation” Service Module  
In addition to the duties to cooperate set out in paragraph 7.3.1, the customer shall comply with the following:  
(i) Provide and operate the technical system environment (hardware, operating system, network, backup);  
(ii) Grant access to the customer’s premises and provide an internal workspace with standard equipment;  
(iii) Grant Zühlke remote access to the customer’s Software and provide communication links;  
(iv) Use the Software in accordance with the agreed upon configuration;  
(v) Regularly backup the customer data;  
(vi) Thoroughly test the versions and patches provided by Zühlke to the customer, prior to the customer using it for productive purposes; and  
(vii) Install the latest versions supplied by Zühlke pursuant to paragraph 5.1.1 within two weeks of being notified that they have been provided.

7.3.3 Special additional duties to cooperate on the part of the customer with a “Software operation” Service Module  
Beyond the duties to cooperate set out in paragraph 7.3.1, the customer shall comply with the following duties to cooperate:  
(i) Take the necessary precautions to ensure security on the systems used by the customer to access the Software (e.g., confidentiality and regularly changing passwords, use of anti-virus software);  
(ii) Use the Software only for its intended use;  
(iii) Administer the customer’s users that access the Software; and  
(iv) Not use the Software or customer data stored on the server in an unlawful manner or in a way which infringes statutory regulations.
7.4 Blocking customer access

In the event that the customer uses the SOFTWARE or stores customer data in an unlawful manner or Zühlke believes in good faith that it has done so, Zühlke shall be entitled to block access to the SOFTWARE and customer data and erase such data.

7.5 Rights to work results of services

Unless otherwise agreed upon in the Scope of Work, the intellectual property rights for the work results arising from the Services remain with Zühlke, or with third-party licensors as the case may be. If Zühlke uses open source software when providing Services, then the respective open source software licenses apply. The customer acquires the non-exclusive right for the use and application of these work results to the intended extent. The customer’s right to use includes the right to adapt insofar as it is necessary for the customer’s intended purposes. The right to use is transferrable. However, the customer does not have the right to distribution. The right to adapt is non-transferrable. The customer shall be entitled to the source code provided that the work results form a part of the SOFTWARE. Zühlke shall be free in the use of know-how gained from the development process, provided that the business secrets of the customer remain protected.

7.6 Escalation and dispute resolution process

In the event that differences of opinion arise between the parties in connection with this CONTRACT, the parties shall make all reasonable efforts, in particular through an escalation process, to achieve an out-of-court settlement. However, both parties shall be entitled to start legal proceedings at any time. The escalation levels are set out in the individual contract.

7.7 Exclusion of warranty

The warranty for Services and work results arising from such services (including Versions) are fully excluded, insofar as is legally permissible.

7.8 Warranty regarding intellectual property

(a) Zühlke shall defend the customer against any claims relating to the contractual use of Services based on a violation of an existing intellectual property law in Switzerland, such as copyright, patent or trademark law, provided that

(i) Zühlke is notified in writing by the customer within 10 calendar days of the violation or alleged violation of the intellectual property law,

(ii) the customer provides Zühlke with all the information needed to settle the lawsuit and provides reasonable cooperation and support, and

(iii) the customer cedes to Zühlke sole and exclusive control over any possible litigation and all negotiations of the judicial or extra-judicial settlement of litigation.

(b) Under these conditions Zühlke shall conduct the litigation at its own costs.

(c) In the event that the intellectual property rights of third parties are violated or where Zühlke deems this likely to occur, then Zühlke shall have the choice either to provide the customer the right to further use the services in question, to replace them or to modify them so that the violation of intellectual property rights no longer exist, or to revoke these services and reimburse the customer for the amount paid or to terminate this CONTRACT. The customer shall have no other warranty claims regarding intellectual property against Zühlke.

(d) For open source software, Zühlke does not make any warranty with regard to rights.

7.9 Limitation of liability

(a) Zühlke’s liability – for whatever legal reason – shall be limited to gross negligence and willful misconduct. Any further liability, in particular for all direct and indirect damages, loss of earnings, additional expenses or personnel costs incurred by the customer, unrealised savings, third-party claims or damages arising from loss of data, shall be expressly excluded, insofar as is legally permissible. This exclusion of liability also includes liability of employers pursuant to Art. 55 CO and liability for associates pursuant to Art. 101 CO. The mandatory provisions for liability for personal damages are reserved.

(b) In the event that the parties have agreed in the individual contract to a fee reduction for non-compliance with Response or Solution Time or availability of the Software, then any damages arising from non-compliance with Response or Solution Time or availability of the Software shall be deemed settled when the agreed upon fee reduction is granted by Zühlke.

7.10 Obligation to maintain secrecy and return property

(a) The customer and Zühlke shall maintain secrecy on all information about the other party deemed to be confidential by that party to which they become privy during tendering and during the term of the contract. This obligation applies in particular to business and manufacturing secrets. This obligation expires five years after the termination of the contractual relationship. All documentation, whether in the form of paper, electronic material or in any other form, whether in copy or original, containing information concerning the other party that falls under this obligation to maintain secrecy shall be returned in its entirety after completion of this contract. The party under a duty to return material shall however be entitled to keep safely, under lock and key, single copies of the documentation to be returned. Such single copies may only be employed for compliance with statutory obligations or used in cases of legal disputes.

(b) The parties agree to absolute confidentiality towards third parties. Parent companies and subsidiary companies as well as affiliated companies of a party are not considered as third parties.

7.11 Data protection

(a) The customer acknowledges that subcontractors engaged by Zühlke for the performance of services of the Service Module “Software Operation” may provide services abroad and in accordance with their own data protection policies. The customer confirms that he is aware of these data protection policies and he is in agreement with them.

(b) Zühlke shall commit itself to treat personal data, and in particular that which concerns the customer’s employees, customers or business partners, with the greatest of care and confidentiality, to use the personal data only for the purpose of fulfilling this CONTRACT in accordance with the instructions provided to it by the customer for this purpose, and in no way or form, neither wholly or in part, to make this available to third parties that are not required to fulfil this CONTRACT. Zühlke shall comply with the provisions of the Swiss Data Protection Act when dealing with personal data and in particular take appropriate organizational and technical measures to prevent accidental alteration, destruction or disclosure of personal data.

(c) The customer shall comply independently with the information of the Federal Data Protection Officer (EDÖB), insofar as they relate to the processing of the personal data of the customer.
7.12 Prohibition on soliciting, hiring or otherwise engaging personnel
During the term of the contract and for a period of one year thereafter, solicitation, direct or indirect employment or use of the services in any form of any employees of ZÜHLKE or agents entrusted by ZÜHLKE to carry out the SERVICES requires the prior written consent of ZÜHLKE. In the event that the prohibition on soliciting, hiring or otherwise engaging personnel is violated, then the customer shall pay ZÜHLKE a contractual penalty amounting to CHF 50,000. Payment of the contractual penalty shall not release from further compliance with the infringed duty and shall not exclude the assertion of other damage claims.

7.13 Termination of the contract
7.13.1 Duration and termination of the contract or an individual Service Module
This CONTRACT shall be fixed for the minimum term agreed on in the individual contract. The CONTRACT may be terminated as a whole, for the individual SERVICE MODULES or for individual SYSTEMS by either party for the first time at the end of the minimum term. In the event that the CONTRACT as a whole, for the individual SERVICE MODULES or for individual SYSTEMS is not terminated in writing within a three-month notice period, it shall be extended without further notice for an additional 12 months. Termination of only the SERVICE MODULES “Maintenance” is not permissible. Where the customer terminates the CONTRACT with respect to one or more SERVICE MODULES or individual systems, ZÜHLKE shall be entitled to adjust the maintenance fees for the SERVICE MODULES that remain in effect or for the SYSTEMS that remain under maintenance.

7.13.2 Extraordinary termination
(a) Either party shall have the right to terminate this CONTRACT (with all SERVICE MODULES and SYSTEMS) in writing without complying with the notice period if the other party
(i) becomes insolvent;
(ii) applies for debt restructuring proceedings or concludes a debt restructuring contract or goes through a similar proceeding under bankruptcy law or insolvency law;
(iii) ceases their business activities.
(b) Furthermore, either party shall be entitled to withdraw from the CONTRACT or waive subsequent performance pursuant to the provisions of Art. 107 ff. CO in the event that the other contractual party commits a breach of contract and this breach is not resolved during a period of time of a minimum of 30 days appointed in writing. Other provisions in the CONTRACT with respect to breach of contract (as defined in paragraph 7.8) take precedence over this provision.
(c) The customer shall in any case remunerate ZÜHLKE for all services rendered under the contract up to and including cancellation of the contract.

7.13.3 Acquisition of software and customer data
In the event that the parties agreed on the SERVICE MODULE "Software Operation", the customer shall commit to downloading the SOFTWARE and customer data no later than expiry of the notice period for termination of this SERVICE MODULE. Upon expiry of the notice period for termination, ZÜHLKE shall be entitled to erase without further notice the SOFTWARE and customer data, as well as all backup copies from the INFRASTRUCTURE.

7.13.4 Migration support
ZÜHLKE shall support the customer with migration of customer data upon completion of the CONTRACT pursuant to paragraph 7.13.1. ZÜHLKE shall offer the customer corresponding services within the framework of a SCOPE OF WORK; the customer’s engagement of ZÜHLKE shall take place pursuant to the provisions in paragraph 5.4.

8 Final conditions
8.1 Assignment and transfer
The CONTRACT or the individual rights and duties arising thereof may only be assigned or transferred to third parties (incl. affiliates) with the prior written consent of the other contractual party, whose consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8.2 Written form
Any changes in and additions to the CONTRACT and all other additional agreements must be rendered in writing and signed by both parties to be valid.

8.3 Applicable law and place of jurisdiction
(b) The ordinary courts of Zurich, Switzerland, shall have exclusive jurisdiction with respect to any and all disputes arising from or in connection with a CONTRACT.