1. Definitions and introduction

"we", "us" and "our" refer to the applicable seller among GKN Sinter Metals Components GmbH, GKN Sinter Metals Engineering GmbH, GKN Sinter Metals Filtration GmbH, GKN Sinter Metals Radevormwald GmbH, GKN Sinter Metals Bad Brückenau GmbH, GKN Sinter Metals GmbH, Bad Langensalza or other members of the Group with registered seat in Germany. "Group" means GKN plc and all its direct or indirect subsidiaries. "Contract" includes "writing" includes e-mail, fax, letters or electronic data interchange as set forth in §126b BGB.

2. Acceptance of orders; your conditions excluded; inspection

2.1 You may send us orders in writing, by phone, by electronic data interchange or any other method agreed with us. Any order you send us must be an offer to purchase our goods and no binding contract will arise unless you accept our order in writing.

2.2 If you seek to impose additional or different terms on us, they will not form part of the Contract, and are excluded and rejected by these Conditions of Sale.

2.3 We will not check the accuracy and completeness of information and data given to us by you, including specifications and drawings, and any changes made to or suggested by you are subject to your validation.

2.4 Any quotations given by us are not binding on us.

2.5 The goods or services covered by any order shall be deemed finally inspected and accepted by you within 30 days after delivery or performance by us, unless you give us written notice of rejection or notice of claim within such 30 days.

2.6 You must establish and maintain an adequate system to identify and trace the goods delivered by us at all times that is compatible with our tracing system. We shall not be liable for any costs associated with breach of this clause.

3. Warranty and non-defects

3.1 At the time our goods leave our factory or warehouse we warrant to you only the goods we sell to be free from defects in material (Sachmängel) under correct use, normal operating conditions and proper applications (including maintenance of goods in accordance with manuals and service bulletins). Written notice of any defect shall be given by you to us within ten (10) days after such defect(s) is detected or appear. The term of warranty starts on the date of delivery. The warranty does not extend to goods damaged or subjected to accident, abuse, misuse or improper installation or maintenance after delivery or to goods altered or repaired by anyone other than us. The warranty period above shall continue for any parts replacing defective goods.

3.2 Where we perform services, they will be performed in accordance with the specification in all material respects and they will be provided using reasonable care and skill.

3.3 Our obligation upon breach of warranty in relation to goods shall be limited to replacing or repairing (at our option) the particular goods which inspecting disclosed to have been defective at time of delivery, but not including installation, de-installation, dismantling or reassembling, inspection shall be at our plant, transportation costs prepaid by you.

3.4 Written permission for the return of any goods based on a warranty claim must be obtained from us prior to delivery. All returns which will be returned repaired or replaced must be accompanied with a complete written explanation of claimed defects and the circumstances of operational failure. Title in any returned goods is transferred to us upon receipt and we may scrap returned goods at our discretion.

4. VAT

Prices are exclusive of any VAT, which will be payable by you in accordance with applicable law against receipt of an appropriate invoice from us.

5. Delivery

5.1 We will arrange delivery of the goods to, and you will accept delivery of the goods at, the agreed place of delivery and according to the terms of delivery set out in the Contract. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, delivery is EXW Incoterms® 2010.

5.2 We can only provide estimated delivery dates, and any order is accepted by us on the basis that time is not of the essence.

6. Risk, ownership and duty of care

6.1 The goods are at your risk from the time of delivery.

6.2 All goods supplied to us will continue to belong to us until you have paid us in full for them (together with any VAT). You are obliged to transfer partial ownership to us, if you combine goods with other goods. You may resell our goods as part of the normal conduct of your business and will assign to us any claims against your customers and all secondary rights resulting from such sale, until the time of complete settlement of all our claims. We will release the securities held by us insofar as their total value exceeds the debt due by you. If you fail to return our goods, you agree to make them available for us to pick up and, if you fail to make them available when asked, you agree that we can enter your premises to collect them.

6.3 You must at all times handle the goods with reasonable care and in accordance with our instructions as to storage, transportation, health, safety and the environment, and must not do anything which might affect the quality or safety of the goods or the reputation of our brands.

7. Payment

7.1 You must pay us in full and in cleared funds within the period stated in the Contract, not to exceed 30 days after delivery of goods or performance of services, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

7.2 You may not for any reason suspend payment or make any deduction by way of set-off.

8. Limitation of Liability

8.1 Liability for damages is excluded, insofar as it goes beyond the terms in clause 3. This does not apply to:

(a) (i) losses or damages resulting from injury to life, limb or health in breach of our duties, or
(ii) losses or damages based on:

(aa) a breach of duties whose fulfillment makes proper implementation of the contract possible in the first place, and on whose fulfillment the customer can regularly rely (cardinal duties), or
(bb) a breach of other duties caused by the fault of our legal representatives or executive employees through at least gross negligence, or caused by the fault of our ordinary employees with the exception of intent.

(b) (ii) losses or damages based on:

(c) compulsory liability under the German Products Liability Act, as well as other compulsory statutory provisions that cannot effectively be waived contractually, or
(d) guarantees assumed by us or defects maliciously concealed by us.

8.2 Liability for loss-of-production losses and loss of profits is excluded.

8.3 Except in the cases indicated in clause 8.1 (a) to (d), our liability is limited to foreseeable, typically occurring losses.

9. Intellectual Property and Confidentiality

9.1 All intellectual property rights in and relating to the goods we supply to you, their manufacture, development and creation (including improvements to them) will be or remain ours and you will, at our request, do any act and execute any documents necessary to confirm such rights.

9.2 The price of our goods, our intellectual property rights, any information disclosed confidentially to you and the commercial terms of the Contract as well as our trade secrets are commercially sensitive and confidential and you must keep them secret for a period of five years from the end of the Contract. You may not disclose such information where required to do so by a court order, regulation or act of any governmental authority provided (to the extent permissible by law) you notify us in advance and agree the scope of disclosure with us.

9.3 You shall indemnify and hold us harmless from any claims based on infringement of any intellectual property rights caused by our compliance with your specifications.

10. Force Majeure

We will not be liable for failure to comply with our obligations under the Contract if this is due to an event which is beyond our reasonable control, including, without limitation, acts of God, war, hostilities, riot, fire, explosion, accident, strike, lockout, labor or plant or equipment or lack of adequate fuel, power, raw materials, containers or transportation, delays in supply or other breaches of contract of our suppliers or economic or trade sanctions.

11. Termination

11.1 We may terminate, without prejudice to our accrued rights, all or part of the Contract: (i) immediately if you are in arrears of any amount owed to us, or if insolvency proceedings are commenced (ii) if you breach the Contract and, if not remedied, we fail to remedy such breach within 30 days of receiving notice of the breach.

11.2 Termination of all or part of the Contract will not prejudice accrued rights.

12. Governing Law

12.1 The Contract constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between you and us in relation to its subject matter and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements, understandings or arrangements relating thereto.

12.2 Any variation or amendment to the Contract including this clause 12.2 must be in writing and signed by us.

12.3 If any provision of the Contract is found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be wholly or partly illegal, invalid, unenforceable or unreasonable, it shall to the extent of such illegality, invalidity, unenforceability or unreasonableness be deemed severable and the remaining provisions of the Contract and the remainder of such provision shall continue in full force and effect.

12.4 Failure or delay by us in enforcing any provision of the Contract will not affect our right to enforce any other provision of the Contract.

12.5 You are not entitled to transfer any of your rights or obligations under the Contract without our prior written consent. The Contract terms are not enforceable by any third party.

12.6 You must comply with all applicable laws, regulations and codes including those concerning export control restrictions.

13. Law and Jurisdiction

The Contract shall be exclusively governed by German law excluding its conflict of law rules and excluding the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). If you are incorporated or otherwise legally resident in any member state of the European Union, Switzerland or Norway, the courts of Bonn, Germany shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes or claims that arise out of or in connection with the Contract or its subject matter ("Claim"). If not, any Claims shall be referred to and finally decided by arbitration in Cologne in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of the German Institution of Arbitration (DIS) without recourse to the ordinary court of law by one or more arbitrators appointed in accordance with those rules. The language of the arbitration shall be German.