



**QR NETWORK PTY LTD**  
**ACN 132 181 116**

**and**

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**ABN**

**ACCESS AGREEMENT**  
**COAL**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is made on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

**BETWEEN** **QR NETWORK PTY LTD** ACN 132 181 116 of, 305 Edward Street, Brisbane, Queensland ("**QR Network**")

**AND** The party specified in Item 1 of the Reference Schedule ("**Access Holder**")

## **RECITALS**

- A** QR Network is responsible for the provision of the Infrastructure and Train Control.
- B** QR Network has agreed to grant non-exclusive rights to the Access Holder for the operation of Train Services by the Operator over the Nominated Network and to provide Train Control for those Train Services on the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- C** The Parties may enter into separate agreements for the provision of services by QR Network to the Access Holder other than the Access Rights.

## **OPERATIVE PROVISIONS**

1. In this Agreement words and expressions which are defined in the General Conditions of Contract shall have the same meanings as are respectively assigned to them in the General Conditions of Contract.
2. The following documents shall be deemed to form and be read and construed as part of this Agreement:
  - (a) Reference Schedule attached to this Agreement as **Schedule A**;
  - (b) General Conditions of Contract attached to this Agreement as **Schedule B**; and
  - (c) all Schedules, exhibits and annexures to this Agreement.

and Clause 1.2 of the General Conditions of Contract shall apply to the extent that there is any inconsistency between any of the above documents.

## **ACCESS RIGHTS**

### **1. Grant of Access Rights**

In consideration of the Access Holder agreeing to pay the Access Charges and other payments to be made to QR Network by the Access Holder, QR Network grants to, and will provide, the Access Holder Access Rights in accordance with the Train Service Description for the operation of Train Services by the Operator on and from the Commitment Date on the terms in, and subject to the conditions of, this Agreement.

### **2. Nature and Scope of Access Rights**

- (a) The Access Rights granted under Clause 1 are non-exclusive contractual rights and do not give the Access Holder any right, title or interest of any proprietary nature in the Nominated Network.

- (b) The Access Holder must not:
- (i) operate on or use, or permit the Operator to operate on or use, any part of the Infrastructure that is not specifically included in the Nominated Network; or
  - (ii) use, or permit the Operator to use, the Nominated Network for carrying out any provisioning, inspection, testing, maintenance of Rollingstock, any marshalling, shunting or other relocation of Rollingstock or storage of Rollingstock or for any other purpose other than the operation of Train Services

unless specifically directed by QR Network to do so in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or as specified in this Agreement.

- (c) The Parties acknowledge and agree QR Network is required to provide the Access Holder with certain benefits, rights and services in accordance with Clause 2.3(e) of, and the definition of "Access" in, QR Network's Access Undertaking, and to the extent that these requirements are relevant to the Access Holder's Access Rights it is intended the terms on which they are provided are detailed in this Agreement.

### 3. Ancillary Services

In consideration of the Access Holder agreeing to pay the charges for Ancillary Services, QR Network will provide the Ancillary Services (if any) set out in **Schedule 11**.

### 4. Renewal

If the Access Holder gives notice to QR Network not less than twelve (12) Months prior to the Termination Date of its intention to seek a renewal of the Term, QR Network will consult with the Access Holder in good faith to negotiate an extension or renewal of the Term provided always that:

- (a) subject to any provision to the contrary in QR Network's Access Undertaking, the Access Holder will not be granted priority over any other party seeking access to the Nominated Network; and
- (b) the chief executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads has a right in priority to the Operator and any other party seeking access to reserve the capacity which is committed to the Operator under this Agreement with effect on and from the Termination Date for existing or proposed regularly scheduled passenger services.

## **SCHEDULE A**

### **REFERENCE SCHEDULE**

## REFERENCE SCHEDULE

This Reference Schedule forms part of the Agreement dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_  
made between QR Network and the Access Holder listed in Item 1 below.

Item

1. **Access Holder:**

Name
ACN
Address
  
2. **Commencement Date:**
  
3. **Termination Date:**
  
4. **Commitment Date:**
  
5. **Security Amount:**

(General Conditions of Contract Clause 2.4 (a))	Subject to QR Network's reasonable assessment of the creditworthiness of the Access Holder, the Security Amount (if applicable) will be an amount equivalent to the greater of twelve (12) weeks Access Charges determined as if the Access Holder made maximum use of its Access Rights or the deductible for any one loss as specified in <b>Schedule 7</b>
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6. **Date for Completion of Matters prior to the Commencement of Train Services:**

(General Conditions of Contract Clause 3.1(c))	
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## GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT

These General Conditions of Contract form part of the Agreement dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ made between QR Network and the Access Holder.

### 1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

#### 1.1 Definitions

In this Agreement, unless inconsistent with the context, the following words and expressions shall have the respective following meanings:

“**Access Charges**” means the charges determined in accordance with **Schedule 3** payable to QR Network by the Access Holder for the Access Rights and any interest payable in relation to such charges pursuant to this Agreement;

“**Access Holder’s Proposal**” has the meaning given to that term in Clause 8.1(c);

“**Access Holder’s Representative**” means the person for the time being appointed pursuant to paragraph 3.2 of Part 3 of **Schedule 10**;

“**Access Holder’s Staff**” means employees, contractors, volunteers and agents of the Access Holder and the Operator and any other person under the control or supervision of the Access Holder or the Operator who is involved in any activity associated with the Train Services;

“**Access Rights**” means the rights of access to the Nominated Network granted pursuant to this Agreement;

“**Accreditation**” means accreditation in accordance with Part 3 of Chapter 7 of the Transport Infrastructure Act and “**Accredited**” means to have Accreditation;

“**Adjustment Charge**” means an Adjustment Charge (as defined in QR Network’s Access Undertaking) approved by the QCA from time to time in respect of the Access Holder;

“**Agreement**” or “**this Agreement**” means the Agreement, Reference Schedule and General Conditions of Contract between QR Network and the Access Holder and includes all annexures, Schedules and exhibits to this Agreement;

“**Allowable Threshold**” means [*a % agreed between the Parties*] of the total number of Train Services scheduled for a Billing Period;

“**Ancillary Services**” means those services (if any) in addition to Access Rights which QR Network has agreed to supply to the Access Holder and which are set out in **Schedule 11**;

“**Assign**” means to assign, novate, transfer, part possession with, license, charge, mortgage, become trustee of, grant an option or other right over or otherwise deal with or encumber, and “**Assignment**” and “**Assignee**” shall have comparable meanings;

“**Authority**” means the Crown, a minister of the Crown, a federal, state or local government department, a corporation or authority constituted for a public purpose, a holder of an office for a public purpose, a local authority, a court, a tribunal and any officer or agent of the foregoing acting as such that lawfully exercise jurisdiction over QR Network (but excluding QR Limited ACN 124 649 967);

“**Average Below Rail Transit Time Factor**” means for each group of Train Services referred to in Table 1.4 of **Schedule 1**, the sum of all actual Below Rail Transit Times for all Train Services

operated divided by the sum of the Sectional Running Times for all of those relevant Train Services in the relevant year;

**“Base Access Charges”** means the Base Access Charges specified in **Schedule 3** and incorporates the elements thereof;

**“Below Rail Transit Time”** means, for the relevant Train Service travelling from Origin to Destination or from Destination to Origin, the sum of:

- (i) the relevant Sectional Running Times;
- (ii) delays to the Train Service from its scheduled Train path in the DTP, where that delay can be attributed directly to QR Network but excluding:
  - (A) cancellations;
  - (B) delays resulting from compliance with a Passenger Priority Obligation; and
  - (C) delays resulting from a Force Majeure Event;
- (iii) the time taken in crossing other Trains (to the extent that such time is not contributed to by a Railway Operator or Force Majeure Events and is not otherwise included in paragraph (i) of this definition); and
- (iv) delays due to Operational Constraints directly caused by the activities of QR Network in maintaining the Infrastructure or due to a fault or deficiency in the Infrastructure provided such delays are not contributed to by a Railway Operator or Force Majeure Events and are not otherwise included in paragraph (ii) or (iii) of this definition;

**“Billing Period”** means the period of a Month;

**“Board of Inquiry”** means a board of inquiry established under the Transport Infrastructure Act;

**“Business Day”** means a day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or bank, special or public holiday in Brisbane or, if and to the extent that this Agreement expressly refers to another place, in that other place;

**“Central Queensland Coal Region”** means the rail corridors:

- (i) from the ports at Hay Point and Dalrymple Bay to Blair Athol mine, North Goonyella mine, Hail Creek mine and the junction with the Gladstone to Gregory mine corridor;
- (ii) from the port of Gladstone (including domestic coal terminals in the vicinity of Gladstone) to Gregory, Rolleston and Minerva mines;
- (iii) from the port of Gladstone (including domestic coal terminals in the vicinity of Gladstone) to Moura mine and the loading facility for Baralaba mine in the vicinity of Moura mine;
- (iv) from the port of Abbot Point to Newlands mine; and
- (v) all branch lines directly connecting coal mine loading facilities to the abovementioned corridors;

**“Change in Law”** means:

- (a) any amendment, repeal, modification or enactment of any Law;
- (b) any change in the interpretation or application, including by the exercise of delegated authority, of any Law resulting from a decision of a court or Authority;



- (c) the making of any new directive, or any change in an existing directive, of any Authority;
- (d) the imposition of a requirement for authorisations not required as at the date of this Agreement;
- (e) after the date of grant of any authorisation, a change in the terms and conditions attaching to that authorisation or the attachment of any new terms or conditions; or
- (f) any such authorisation as has been granted ceasing to remain in full force and effect or, if granted for a limited period, not being renewed on a timely basis on application being duly made, or being renewed on conditions which are materially less favourable than those attached to the original authorisation;

**“Change in Relevant Taxes”** means:

- (a) the imposition of a new Relevant Tax;
- (b) an increase in the rate of a Relevant Tax; or
- (c) a change in the basis of calculation of a Relevant Tax;

**“Claim”** means any action, proceeding, claim, demand, damage, loss, cost, liability or expense including the costs and expenses of defending or settling any action, proceeding, claim or demand;

**“Commencement Date”** means the date of execution of this Agreement as specified in Item 2 of the Reference Schedule;

**“Commitment Date”** means the date on which the Access Rights will be available to the Access Holder as specified in Item 4 of the Reference Schedule;

**“Common Costs”** means those costs associated with the provision of Infrastructure that are not Incremental Costs for any particular Train service using that Infrastructure;

**“Consequential Loss”** means, subject to paragraph (v) and (vi) below:

- (i) any special, indirect or consequential loss;
- (ii) any economic loss in respect of any claim in tort;
- (iii) any loss of profits, production, revenue, use, contract, opportunity, reputation or goodwill, any wasted overheads or any damage to credit rating whatsoever; and
- (iv) any loss arising out of any Claim by a Third Party,

but **Consequential Loss** does not include:

- (v) a loss (including a loss arising out of a Claim by a Third Party) in respect of:
  - (A) the cost of repairing, replacing or reinstating any real or personal property of any person (including a Party) that has been lost, damaged or destroyed; or
  - (B) personal injury to or death of any person; or

- (vi) in respect of any personal injury claim, special loss or economic loss as those terms are used in the context of personal injury claims;

**“Contaminating Materials”** means any material, substance, gas, liquid, chemical, biological substance, mineral or other physical matter which is toxic, flammable or inflammable, harmful to the environment (including any life form) or may cause pollution, contamination or otherwise cause damage;

**“Corporation”** has the meaning assigned to it by the Corporations Act;

**“Corporations Act”** means the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cwth);

**“Daily Train Plan” or “DTP”** means that document detailing the scheduled times for all Train services operating on the Infrastructure and any Planned Possessions, Urgent Possessions and Emergency Possessions on a particular day on a specified part of the Infrastructure;

**“Dangerous Goods”** means any substance or article prescribed as Dangerous Goods under the Dangerous Goods Code;

**“Dangerous Goods Code”** means the following codes prepared by the Federal Office of Road Safety of the Commonwealth Department of Transport and Communications as amended or varied from time to time or any other codes developed to replace or supplement them:

- (a) the Australian Code for the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail;
- (b) the Australian Code for the Transport of Explosives by Road and Rail; and
- (c) the Code of Practice for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material;

**“Default Rate”** means the Commonwealth Bank of Australia’s reference rate being the “Reference Rate” quoted by the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (or any successor bank) for borrowers with overdrafts of \$100,000 or more on any relevant date as published in the Australian Financial Review (or in the event that such a rate is not so quoted or published at or in respect of any relevant date, such other similar rate to the “Reference Rate” specified by a major commercial bank agreed between the Parties) plus 2%;

**“Destination”** means the destination or destinations described in **Schedule 1**;

**“Discount Rate”** means the allowable rate of return utilised in the determination of Reference Tariffs from time to time;

**“Efficient Cost”** means the cost for each Year during the Evaluation Period, that reflects the cost that would be reasonably expected to be incurred by a Railway Manager adopting efficient work practices in the provision of the Infrastructure to the required service standard, having regard to any matters particular to the environment in which QR Network operates, and including any transitional arrangements agreed between QR Network and the QCA to reflect the transition from QR Network’s actual cost to that efficient cost;

**“Emergency Possession”** is similar to a Planned Possession except that this possession is required to rectify a serious fault with the Infrastructure that is considered dangerous to either a Railway Operator’s and/or QR Network’s Staff, or where severe speed restrictions have been imposed affecting the scheduled Train services of Railway Operators. Such possession must be carried out less than seven (7) days from the detection of the problem;

**“Enhancement”** means the improvement, upgrading or other variation of the whole or any part of the Infrastructure which affects the capabilities of the Infrastructure and any major replacement programme for elements of the Infrastructure;

**“Environmental Authorities”** means:

- (a) a development approval or registration certificate for a chapter 4 activity or an environmental authority, as those terms are defined under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld); or
- (b) any authority which has effect under section 619 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld);

**“Environmental Harm”** means serious or material environmental harm or environmental nuisance as defined in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld);

**“Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report”** means the environmental investigation and risk management report referred to in Clause 8.1(a) and included in Part 1 of **Schedule 9**;

**“Environmental Laws”** means all planning, environmental, health, toxic, contaminating materials and dangerous goods, waste disposal or pollution laws, environmental protection policies, guidelines, regulations and relevant approved codes of practice and the conditions of all licences, notices, directions, approvals, consents, permissions or permits issued thereunder or amended from time to time;

**“Environmental Management System”** means an environmental management system or plan of management to address all environmental risks and to ensure compliance with all Environmental Laws and licences;

**“Environmental Protection Agency”** means the State department administering the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld);

**“Escalation Date”** means the dates on which the Access Charges and other charges payable by the Access Holder to QR Network under this Agreement are to be escalated in accordance with **Schedule 3**;

**“Evaluation Period”** means:

- (i) when in reference to an individual Train service, the period which is equal to the length of the expected duration of the existing or proposed access right under the access agreement in respect of the relevant Train service;
- (ii) when in reference to a combination of Train services for the purpose of determining a Reference Tariff to apply for some or all of those Train services, the period for which that Reference Tariff will apply; or
- (iii) when in reference to a combination of Train services other than referred to in subparagraph (ii) of this definition, the period which is equal to the length of the expected duration of the longest existing or proposed access right under the access agreement in respect of any of the Train services comprising the combination of Train services, provided that such period does not exceed ten (10) years;

**“First Escalation Date”** means the Escalation Date (if any) identified as the First Escalation Date in Clause 1.2 of **Schedule 3** for each Train Service type;

**“Force Majeure Event”** means any cause, event or circumstance or combination of causes, events or circumstances which:

- (a) is beyond the reasonable control of the affected Party; and
- (b) by the exercise of due diligence the affected Party was not reasonably able to prevent or is not reasonably able to overcome,

and includes:

- (c) compliance with a lawful requirement, order, demand or direction of an Authority or an order of any court having jurisdiction other than where that requirement, order, demand or direction results from any act or omission of the affected Party;
- (d) a strike, lockout, stoppage, go slow, labour disturbance or other such industrial action, whether or not the Parties are a party to industrial action or would be able to influence or procure the settlement of such industrial action;
- (e) act of God;
- (f) war, invasion, terrorist act, act of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war be declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, military or usurped power, blockade or civil commotion;
- (g) equipment failure or breakdown where such failure or breakdown could not have been prevented by Good Engineering Practices;
- (h) malicious damage or sabotage;
- (i) ionising radiations or contamination by radioactivity from any nuclear fuel or from any nuclear waste from the combustion of nuclear fuel;
- (j) failure of electricity supply from the electricity grid;
- (k) delay, restraint, restriction, embargo or other material adverse effect arising from any act or omission of any Authority;
- (l) fire, flood, earthquake, washaway, landslide, explosion or other catastrophe, epidemic and quarantine restriction; and
- (m) delay of a supplier due to any of the foregoing whether any such cause of delay exists before, at the time, or after the date of this Agreement;

**“Good Engineering Practices”** means, in respect of any undertaking in any circumstances, the exercise of that degree of care, foresight, prudence and skill that would reasonably and ordinarily be expected from a competent, skilled and experienced person in the same type of undertaking in the same or similar circumstances;

**“GST”** has the meaning given to that expression in the *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cwth);

**“GST Inclusive Reimbursement”** is the amount calculated by the formula:

$$(A - C) \times (1+B)$$

Where:

A = the GST inclusive amount paid by a Party for a Reimbursable Item;

B = the rate of GST (expressed as a decimal) applicable at the time the calculation is made;  
and

C = any GST input tax credit that the Party can claim in respect of that Reimbursable Item;

**“Incident”** means any Network Incident involving the activities of the Operator;

**“Incremental Costs”** means those costs of providing access rights, including capital (renewal and expansion) costs, that would not be incurred (including the cost of bringing expenditure forward in time) if the particular Train service or combination of Train services (as appropriate) did not operate, where those costs are assessed as the Efficient Costs and based on the assets reasonably required for the provision of access rights;

**“Individual Coal System”** means the relevant one of the following:

- (i) that Infrastructure comprising the rail corridor from the port of Abbot Point to Newlands mine, and all branch lines directly connecting coal mine loading facilities to that corridor, with the exception of the corridor beyond Newlands mine to North Goonyella mine (and beyond);
- (ii) that Infrastructure comprising the rail corridor from the ports at Hay Point and Dalrymple Bay to Hail Creek mine, Blair Athol mine, North Goonyella mine and the junction with the Gregory mine branch line and all branch lines directly connecting coal mine loading facilities to those corridors, with the exception of:
  - (A) the branch line to Gregory mine; and
  - (B) the corridor beyond North Goonyella mine to Newlands mine (and beyond);
- (iii) that Infrastructure comprising the rail corridor from the port of Gladstone (including domestic coal terminals in the vicinity of Gladstone) to Gregory, Rolleston and Minerva mines and all branch lines directly connecting coal mine loading facilities to that corridor with the exception of the corridor to Oaky Creek (and beyond) and the corridor to Moura mine (and beyond); or
- (iv) that Infrastructure comprising the rail corridor from the port of Gladstone (including domestic coal terminals in the vicinity of Gladstone) to Moura mine and the loading facility for Baralaba mine in the vicinity of Moura mine, and all branch lines directly connecting coal mine loading facilities to that corridor but excluding the corridor to Blackwater (and beyond);

**“Infrastructure”** means all rail transport infrastructure as defined in the Transport Infrastructure Act for which QR Network is the Accredited Railway Manager but only to the extent that the use of that rail transport infrastructure is declared for section 97 of the Act;

**“Infrastructure Service Providers”** means those parties who provide maintenance, construction and other related services in respect of the Infrastructure;

**“Insolvency Event”** means the happening of any of the following events in relation to a Party:

- (a) it is unable to pay all its debts as and when they become due and payable or it has failed to comply with a statutory demand as provided in section 459F(1) of the Corporations Act;
- (b) a meeting is convened to place it in voluntary liquidation or to appoint an administrator unless the resolution is withdrawn within fourteen (14) days or the resolution fails to pass;
- (c) an application is made to a court for it to be wound up and the application is not dismissed within one Month;
- (d) the appointment of a liquidator, provisional liquidator or controller (as defined in the Corporations Act) of any of its assets if that appointment is not revoked within fourteen (14) days after it is made; or
- (e) it resolves to enter into or enters into any form of arrangement (formal or informal) with its creditors or any of them, including a deed of company arrangement;

**“Interface Coordination Plan”** means the plan detailed in **Schedule 10** as updated from time to time which identifies the procedures to be followed and the responsible officers from each Party (or the Operator as applicable), in respect of all regular operational interfaces between the Parties (and between QR Network and the Operator) that arise in the exercise by the Parties of their respective rights and the performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement other than those specified in the Network Management Principles;

**“Interface Risk Assessment”** means an assessment that identifies and evaluates the Interface Risks within a risk management framework and which will identify all reasonably foreseeable hazards related to the Interface Risks, assess the risks of such hazards occurring and the implications of such hazards occurring as well as nominating suitable control mechanisms to manage the Interface Risks;

**“Interface Risk Management Plan”** means an interface risk management plan identifying the Interface Risks associated with the Access Holder’s proposed operations and outlining both the control mechanisms agreed between QR Network and an Access Holder to ensure those Interface Risks are managed to an acceptable level, and the parties responsible for implementing those controls and ensuring they remain effective and, once agreed or determined in accordance with Clause 11, that interface risk management plan as included in Part 2 of **Schedule 9**;

**“Interface Risks”** means all the risks associated with the hazards (excluding environmental hazards and risks) arising from the interaction between the Operator’s operations and:

- (i) the Infrastructure;
- (ii) existing operations on the Infrastructure (including other Train services); and
- (iii) QR Network’s Staff, other Railway Operators’ staff (including employees, contractors, invitees and agents of another Railway Operator and any other person under the control or supervision of another Railway Operator) or QR Network’s or other Railway Operators’ interfaces with members of the public;

**“Intermediate Train Plan”** or **“ITP”** means a plan that details the scheduled times for all Train services and Planned Possessions, Urgent Possessions and Emergency Possessions on a specified part of the Infrastructure on each day of the relevant period;

**“Investigation”** means an investigation conducted in accordance with **Schedule 8**;

**“Land”** means the land on which the Nominated Network is situated and which is:

- (a) land owned or controlled by QR Network; or
- (b) land in respect of which entry is required to be given by QR Network as part of the definition of “Access” in QR Network’s Access Undertaking (as that provision is amended, varied or replaced from time to time);

**“Landowner”** has the meaning given to that term in Clause 22.18;

**“Law” or “Laws”** includes:

- (a) the provisions of any statute, rule, regulation, code, proclamation, ordinance or by-law, present or future, whether State, Commonwealth or otherwise; and
- (b) any requirement, condition, notice, consent, accreditation, order or direction or similar thing of any statutory, public or other competent authority (including the State in any of its regulatory capacities), present or future, given or imposed pursuant to anything specified in paragraph (a) of this definition.

**“Load Variation Table”** means a table published by QR Network in respect to the relevant Reference Train Service or Train Service type identifying allowable overloads for Wagons and bogies and specifying relevant Operational Constraints and additional charges, where applicable, for such overloads;

**“Maintenance Work”** means any work involving repairs to, renewal, replacement and associated alterations or removal of, the whole or any part of the Infrastructure (other than Enhancements) and includes any inspections or investigations of the Infrastructure;

**“Master Book of Rules”** means QR Network’s standards for Safeworking Procedures;

**“Master Train Plan” or “MTP”** means that document detailing the scheduled times as advised by QR Network from time to time for all Train services and any Planned Possessions on a specified part of the Infrastructure (where such scheduled times remain unchanged from week to week);

**“Material Change”** has the meaning given to that term in Clause 16.1(a);

**“Material Environmental Harm”** means material environmental harm as defined in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld);

**“Maximum Allowable Gross Tonnage”** means the maximum allowable gross tonnage for a Wagon, Wagon bogie or Train as specified in **Schedule 4**;

**“Maximum Desirable Gross Tonnage”** means the maximum desirable gross tonnage for a Wagon as specified in **Schedule 4**;

**“Month”** means calendar month, and **“Monthly”** has a corresponding meaning;

**“Network Incident”** means any Rollingstock derailment, Rollingstock disablement or breakdown, accident, collision or any other unplanned occurrence on the Infrastructure which causes or could cause injury to any person, damage to property or Environmental Harm or a disruption to or cancellation by QR Network of any Train Movement;

“**Network Management Principles**” means the principles for the provision of Train Control and scheduling as specified in Part 1 of **Schedule 10**;

“**Noise Planning Levels**” means the planning levels for railways referred to in the QR Code of Practice: Railway Noise Management;

“**Nominated Access Rights**” has the meaning given to that term in Clause 3.3(a)(i)(A);

“**Nominated Annual Train Services**” means the number of Train Services that the Access Holder is entitled to operate during any one (1) year for each Train Service type as specified in **Schedule 1** or as varied in accordance with this Agreement;

“**Nominated Monthly Train Services**” means the number of Train Services that the Access Holder is entitled to operate during any one (1) month period for each Train Service type as specified in **Schedule 1** or as varied in accordance with this Agreement;

“**Nominated Network**” means that part of the Infrastructure detailed in Part 1 of **Schedule 2**;

“**Nominated Weekly Train Services**” means the number of Train Services that the Access Holder is entitled to operate during any one (1) week period as specified in **Schedule 1** or as varied in accordance with this Agreement;

“**Notice of Intention to Relinquish**” has the meaning given to that term in Clause 3.3(a)(i);

“**Obstruction**” means any circumstance relating to the whole or any part of the Infrastructure or private siding, including debris or other objects on the Infrastructure, which has the potential to cause a disruption to or cancellation by QR Network of Train Services or Train Movements and includes any Network Incident but does not include an Operational Constraint imposed by QR Network;

“**One Way Train Service**” means a Train Service operating in one direction only on the Nominated Network either from Origin to Destination or from Destination to Origin as the case may be;

“**Operational Constraint**” means any restriction on the use of any part of the Infrastructure which impacts adversely on Train Services, including but not limited to speed restrictions, load restrictions, Planned Possessions, Emergency Possessions, Urgent Possessions or signalling or overhead restrictions;

“**Operator**” means the Accredited Railway Operator that is contracted by the Access Holder to operate the Train Services on behalf of the Access Holder in accordance with the Access Holder’s Access Rights;

“**Operator Performance Level**” means the Operator Performance Level specified in Part 1 of **Schedule 5**;

“**Operator’s Controller**” means the person for the time being nominated in that position pursuant to **Schedule 10** ;

“**Operator’s Emergency Response Plan**” means the plan as defined in Clause 7.1(a);

“**Operator’s Incident Response Coordinator**” means the person appointed pursuant to paragraph 4.1 of Part 4 of **Schedule 10**;

“**Operator’s Recovery Team Leader**” means the person appointed pursuant to paragraph 4.2 of Part 4 of **Schedule 10**;



**“Operator’s Safety Management System”** means the system referred to in Clause 11(a)(iii);

**“Origin”** means the origin or origins described in **Schedule 1**;

**“Other Dwell Times”** means, for any other designated activity, the time period from when a Train Service arrives at a specified point until it has completed all relevant activities, is ready to depart from that point and has advised the relevant QR Network Train Controller accordingly;

**“Overload Charge”** means the charge determined in accordance with Part 6 of **Schedule 3**;

**“Overload Detector”** means a weighing mechanism other than a Weighbridge agreed upon for use by the Parties and specified in Part 6B of Schedule 2;

**“Party”** means a party to this Agreement, and **“Parties”** means the parties to this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the Operator is not a party to this Agreement;

**“Passenger Priority Obligations”** means the obligations of a Railway Manager pursuant to sections 265 and 266 of the Transport Infrastructure Act;

**“Performance Levels”** means the QR Network Performance Level and the Operator Performance Level;

**“Planned Dwell Times”** means any of Time at Mine, Time at Unloading Facility, Time at Depot and Other Dwell Times specified in the Train Schedule;

**“Planned Possession”** means the temporary closure and/or occupation by QR Network of a part of the Infrastructure including, but not limited to, closure of Track or isolation of any electrical overhead traction system for the purpose of carrying out Maintenance Work, Enhancement or other work on or in the proximity of the Infrastructure which may affect the safety of any person or property where such closure, occupation or isolation is entered into the MTP and adversely impacts upon the operation of Train services;

**“Possession Protocols”** means the protocols developed and advised by QR Network from time to time (as varied in accordance with this Agreement) for managing and scheduling track possessions of the Infrastructure;

**“Private Facilities”** means sidings, loading and unloading facilities and any other facilities of any kind which are required by the Operator to operate the Train Services and which do not form part of the Nominated Network;

**“Private Facilities Agreement”** has the meaning given to that term in Clause 5.11;

**“QR Network Cause”** means where QR Network is unable to make Infrastructure available for the operation of Train services in accordance with a Railway Operator’s access rights under an access agreement for the operation of Train services on the Infrastructure, as a result of:

- (i) Planned Possessions, Emergency Possessions or Urgent Possessions;
- (ii) a Force Majeure Event; or
- (iii) any other action by QR Network which directly resulted in the Infrastructure not being so available,

provided that the above reasons are not in any way attributable to a Railway Operator;

**“QR Network Commander”** means a member of QR Network’s Staff who has been delegated responsibility for the direction and coordination of QR Network’s and the Access Holder’s and/or Operator’s resources in the performance of their respective roles and tasks at the site of an Incident, recording events during the course of an Incident and liaison with external agencies;

**“QR Network Emergency Procedures”** means the procedures developed and advised by QR Network from time to time (as varied by QR Network in accordance with this Agreement) for dealing with a Network Incident including all actions to be taken to minimise or alleviate any threat or danger to any person or property;

**“QR Network Performance Level”** means the QR Network Performance Level specified in Part 1 of **Schedule 5**;

**“QR Network Representative”** means the QR Network officer specified in **Schedule 10**;

**“QR Network Train Control Direction”** means any instruction or direction (whether given orally or in writing, by means of signal or other similar device) issued by QR Network or on behalf of QR Network relating to Train Movements;

**“QR Network Train Controller”** means the person nominated by QR Network as the supervisor of Train Movements on the relevant part of the Nominated Network and whose details are specified in **Schedule 10**;

**“QR Network’s Access Undertaking”** means the access undertaking submitted by QR Network to the Queensland Competition Authority and approved by the Queensland Competition Authority under the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (Qld) from time to time;

**“QR Network’s Right of Way”** means the strip of property on which earthworks, traction wiring equipment, tunnels, bridges, fences and track are constructed for the operation of Rollingstock. Where the at grade boundaries for the Right of Way are not readily identifiable they will be regarded as being at least ten (10) metres from the centre line of the track;

**“QR Network’s Staff”** means the employees, contractors and agents of QR Network and any other person under the control or supervision of QR Network involved in the provision of Access Rights;

**“Quarter”** means each period of three (3) consecutive Months commencing 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October in each year, and **“Quarterly”** has a corresponding meaning;

**“Queensland Competition Authority”** or **“QCA”** means the authority established under the *Queensland Competition Authority Act 1997* (Qld);

**“Rail Safety Accreditation Unit”** or **“RSAU”** means the Rail Safety Accreditation Unit of the Department of Transport and Main Roads for the State;

**“Railway Manager”** has the meaning given to that term in the Transport Infrastructure Act;

**“Railway Operator”** means, as the context allows:

- (a) any party that holds rights of access to all or any part of the Infrastructure (including, but not limited to, the Access Holder), whether or not that party is an Accredited railway operator; and
- (b) any Accredited railway operator (including, but not limited to, the Operator);

**“Recovery”** means action to be taken in respect of any derailed, malfunctioning or immobilised Rollingstock for which the Access Holder and/or Operator is responsible to enable prompt

recommencement of Train Movements, including the subsequent retrieval of any such Rollingstock;

**“Reduction Factor”** means:

- (a) if:
- (i) a person (other than a Transferee) (“**New Access Holder**”) has executed an access agreement (or a variation to an existing access agreement); or
  - (ii) a Transferee has executed an access agreement (or a variation to an existing access agreement),

for access rights that QR Network could not have provided without using the whole or part of the Nominated Access Rights, and:

- (iii) QR Network’s provision of the access rights under that access agreement commenced:
  - (A) in relation to paragraph (a)(i), after it was given the Notice of Intention to Relinquish, but prior to the payment to it of the Relinquishment Fee; or
  - (B) in relation to paragraph (a)(ii), on and from the Relinquishment Date,

then:

- (iv) where:
  - (A) the relevant Train Services of the Access Holder and the Train services of the New Access Holder or Transferee are coal carrying Train services; and
  - (B) the Transferee’s or New Access Holder’s Train services that will use the Nominated Access Rights will operate predominantly in and have an unloading facility that is a nominated unloading facility for a Reference Train Service in, the same Individual Coal System as the Train Services of the Access Holder that used those Nominated Access Rights,

an amount calculated as follows:

$$TOP_B / TOP_A$$

where:

$TOP_A$  is the amount equivalent to the present value, calculated at the Discount Rate, of the payment of the Take or Pay amount that would have been payable for the remainder of the term of this Agreement (“**Remainder of the Original Term**”) if the Nominated Access Rights were not relinquished but the Operator did not operate the relevant Train Services; and

$TOP_B$  is the amount equivalent to the present value, calculated at the Discount Rate, of the payment of the Take or Pay amount that would be payable in accordance with the New Access Holder’s or Transferee’s Access Agreement (in relation to the whole or part of the Nominated Access Rights) if the New Access Holder’s or Transferee’s Train services using

the Nominated Access Rights were not operated by or for the New Access Holder or Transferee during the same period as the Remainder of the Original Term; or

- (v) if paragraph (a)(iv) does not apply, an amount calculated as follows:

A / B

where:

A is the annual train kilometres over that part of the Infrastructure that was utilised by the Access Holder (through the Operator) for the Train Services for which Access Rights are being relinquished and will also be utilised by the New Access Holder's or Transferee's Trains that are attributable to the New Access Holder's or Transferee's Train Services in respect of which access rights could not have been provided without using the whole or part of the Nominated Access Rights; and

B is the annual train kilometres over the Infrastructure attributable to the Train Services operated under the Nominated Access Rights,

provided that to the extent that the New Access Holder's or the Transferee's average contribution to Common Costs per train kilometre for its relevant Train service is less than the Access Holder's average contribution to Common Costs per train kilometre for its relevant Train Service, this amount will be decreased in proportion to that relative contribution; or

- (b) in all other circumstances, zero (0).

**“Reference Tariff”** means an access charge (including any system premium) applicable to a specified Reference Train Service over a specified part of the Infrastructure as specified in QR Network's Access Undertaking;

**“Reference Tariff Schedule”** means the schedule attached to QR Network's Access Undertaking which includes the Reference Tariffs and the details of the application of the Reference Tariffs for a particular Reference Train Service;

**“Reference Train Service”** means a notional Train service identified in respect of a Reference Tariff and conforming to certain criteria, including carrying a specified commodity type, operating between specified geographical areas and conforming to specified technical characteristics, operational characteristics and contract terms and conditions;

**“Reimbursable Item”** means an item of expense incurred by either Party in respect of which that Party is entitled under this Agreement to be reimbursed by the other Party;

**“Related Body Corporate”** has the meaning given to that term in the Corporations Act;

**“Relevant Escalation Date”** means the Escalation Date occurring immediately prior to the last day of the Billing Period for which the invoice for the Access Charges payable in respect of that Billing Period is being prepared;

**“Relevant Rollingstock”** means any Rollingstock of the Access Holder (or Operator) with a minimum value of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000) and which has been nominated as Relevant Rollingstock in Part 3 of **Schedule 4**;

**“Relevant Tax”** means any tax, charge, levy, duty, impost, rate, royalty or imposition which is imposed on QR Network by, or payable by QR Network to, any Authority but does not include any income tax, fringe benefits tax, capital gains tax or any tax that replaces any of those taxes;

**“Relinquishment Date”** has the meaning given to that term in Clause 3.3(a)(i)(B);

**“Relinquishment Fee”** means:

- (a) the amount equivalent to the present value, calculated at the Discount Rate, of the payment of the aggregate annual Take or Pay amount that would have been payable for the remainder of the Term if the Nominated Access Rights were not relinquished but the Access Holder did not operate the relevant Train Services less:
  - (i) if the Nominated Access Rights to be relinquished are for coal carrying Train Services operating in the Central Queensland Coal Region and are not to be transferred to a Transferee, the product of that amount and the greater of the Reduction Factor and 0.5; or
  - (ii) otherwise, the product of that amount and the Reduction Factor,

provided that:

- (b) if that calculation requires information about future events (for example, assumptions about Reference Train Services or Train Services), QR Network may make assumptions about those future events so as to calculate the maximum amount of aggregate annual Take or Pay that could potentially be payable (provided that QR Network will not make assumptions about the amount of future Reference Tariffs); and
- (c) where:
  - (i) the Reduction Factor is calculated in accordance with paragraph (a)(iv) of the definition of Reduction Factor; and
  - (ii) the Reference Tariff in relation to the Nominated Access Rights includes a system premium,

then the amount under paragraph (a) of this definition must be further adjusted by QR Network to account for any consequential increase in the system premium that would otherwise result in QR Network over recovering amounts from the Access Holder due to the application of the system premium; and

- (d) notwithstanding any other provision in this definition if:
  - (i) a calculation results in an amount that is less than zero (0); or
  - (ii) the Nominated Access Rights to be relinquished:
    - (A) are for coal carrying Train Services operating in the Central Queensland Coal Region; and
    - (B) are to be transferred to a Transferee for a period of less than two (2) years and only used by that Transferee for coal carrying Train Services operating in the Central Queensland Coal Region,

then the amount is deemed to be zero (0).

**“Removal Expert”** means the person for the time being holding the position of Safety Regulator or such other person as agreed between the Parties;

**“Restoration”** means the removal of any Obstruction, the rectification of any Incident and the prompt recommencement of Train Movements including all requisite repairs to the Infrastructure but does not include Recovery;

**“Review Date”** means the date determined as the Review Date pursuant to Clause 3.1.2 of **Schedule 3**;

**“Rollingstock”** means locomotives, carriages, Wagons, rail cars, rail motors, light rail vehicles, light inspection vehicles, rail/road vehicles, trolleys and any other vehicles which operate on or use a Track and where used in respect of the Access Holder’s (or Operator’s) Rollingstock includes Rollingstock which is owned, hired or leased by the Access Holder or Operator, supplied by a contractor of the Access Holder or Operator or is otherwise in the possession or control of the Access Holder or Operator;

**“Rollingstock Configuration”** means the description of the combinations of Rollingstock comprising a Train including identification number and gross mass of individual items of Rollingstock and the order in which those Rollingstock items are placed in the Train;

**“Rollingstock Interface Standards”** means the minimum standards relating to the interface between Rollingstock and the Infrastructure with which the Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations must comply in order for them to be able to be operated on the relevant parts of the Infrastructure agreed as part of the Interface Risk Assessment and included in the Interface Risk Management Plan;

**“Safety Regulator”** means the Chief Executive of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (or his or her delegate) operating in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Transport Infrastructure Act;

**“Safety Related Work”** means safety activity in one or more of the following:

- (a) driving and operation of Trains;
- (b) control of the movement of Trains;
- (c) the design, construction, repair, maintenance, upgrading, inspection and/or testing of Track, Rollingstock, civil and electric traction infrastructure, Signalling and/or Telecommunications Equipment; and
- (d) any other duties prescribed by QR Network as safety related work;

**“Safety Standards”** means all standards relating to safety, including occupational health and safety, established in published guidelines, industry practice or QR Network policies as specified in **Schedule 6** or varied in accordance with Clause 5.10 of this Agreement and all standards relating to safety, including occupational health and safety, prescribed by any Laws;

**“Safeworking Procedures”** means the procedures and systems, including supporting communications systems, for the safe operation of Trains and protection of worksites on the Infrastructure as specified in Part 1 of **Schedule 6** or varied in accordance with Clause 5.10 of this Agreement;

**“Schedule”** means a schedule to this Agreement and any other schedule which amends, replaces or substitutes a schedule to this Agreement issued from time to time by QR Network pursuant to Clause 22.20;

**“Scheduled Time”** means the time of arrival or departure for a Train Movement at specified locations on the Nominated Network as detailed in the Train Schedule or as amended or altered by QR Network from time to time on the day of operation pursuant to the Network Management Principles provided that such amendments or alterations do not result in a notice for cancellation by the Operator pursuant to Clause 5.3(d);

**“Sectional Running Times”** means the time period measured from the time a Train Service passes the signal controlling entry into a track section between two relevant specified locations on the Nominated Network to the time the Train Service arrives at the signal controlling entry into the next track section between two relevant specified locations on the Nominated Network, and does not include an allowance for Planned Dwell Times;

**“Security Amount”** means an amount equal to:

- (a) initially, the amount specified in Item 5 of the Reference Schedule; and
- (b) thereafter, as increased or decreased in accordance with Clause 2.4;

**“Security”** has the meaning given to that term in Clause 2.4(a);

**“Security Interest Rate”** means the “Cash Rate: average 11am rate” as published in the Australian Financial Review (or in the event that such a rate is not so quoted or published at or in respect of any relevant date, such other similar rate included in another publication agreed between the Parties) less 0.5%;

**“Serious Environmental Harm”** means serious environmental harm as defined in the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld);

**“Signalling and Telecommunications Equipment”** means all electronic, electrical and other equipment, including signalling systems, safety devices and communications facilities installed on or as part of the Infrastructure or on Rollingstock, for the purpose of compliance with Safeworking Procedures and to facilitate Train Control;

**“State”** means the State of Queensland;

**“Stowage”** means the short-term storage of Trains on the Nominated Network at locations specified by QR Network but does not include storage of individual items of Rollingstock or the long-term storage of Trains;

**“System Forecast”** means the forecast of G<sub>tk</sub> for the relevant Individual Coal System that is specified for the relevant Reference Train Service in the relevant Reference Tariff Schedule;

**“System G<sub>tk</sub>”** means the actual G<sub>tk</sub> achieved by all coal carrying Train services to the extent those Train services travel on the relevant Individual Coal System over the relevant period;

**“System Wide Requirements ”** means the Network Management Principles, the Possession Protocols, the Interface Coordination Plan, the Rollingstock Interface Standards, the Safeworking Procedures and Safety Standards, the QR Network Emergency Procedures and QR Network’s Investigation Procedures;

**“Take or Pay”** means the charge for contracted Train services where the contracted Train services are not used by the relevant Railway Operator, and for the Access Holder is calculated as ATP in Part 5 of Schedule 3;

**“Tax Invoice”** has the meaning given to that term in *A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999* (Cwth);

**“Term”** means the term of this Agreement, commencing on the Commencement Date and ending on the Termination Date;

**“Termination Date”** means the date specified in Item 3 of the Reference Schedule or such earlier date upon which this Agreement is terminated pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement;

**“Third Party”** means a person other than the Access Holder or QR Network;

**“Time at Depot”** means the period from when a Train Service arrives at the entry signal to the depot until it has completed all activities at the depot, is ready to depart the depot and has advised the relevant QR Network Train Controller accordingly;

**“Time at Mine”** means the time period from when a Train Service arrives at the entry signal to the specified mine loading facility until it has completed loading, has presented at the exit signal, is ready to depart the facility and has advised the relevant QR Network Train Controller accordingly;

**“Time at Unloading Facility”** means the time period from when a Train Service arrives at the entry signal to the specified unloading facility until it has completed unloading, presented at the exit signal, is ready to depart the facility and has advised the relevant QR Network Train Controller accordingly;

**“Track”** means the part of the Infrastructure comprising the rail, ballast, sleepers and associated fittings;

**“Train”** means any configuration of Rollingstock operating as a unit on Track;

**“Train Control”** means the management and monitoring of all Train Movements and of all other operation of Rollingstock on the Infrastructure and of any activities affecting or potentially affecting such Train Movements or Rollingstock operation including:

- (a) recording Train running times on Train diagrams and in QR Network’s information systems;
- (b) reporting of incidents occurring on the Rail Infrastructure;
- (c) managing incidents occurring on the Rail Infrastructure from within a Train Control centre;
- (d) field Incident management;
- (e) yard control services; and
- (f) exchanging information with Railway Operators;

**“Train List”** means the information required to be supplied by the Access Holder (or the Operator) in accordance with Part 2 of **Schedule 10** in respect of each individual Train Service to be operated on the Nominated Network;

**“Train Movement”** means the operation of a Train on the Infrastructure by the Operator, QR Network or any Railway Operator;

**“Train Schedule”** means the train diagrams, yard schedules, terminal schedules and any other form of train timetable prepared by QR Network prior to the day of operation in accordance with the Interface Coordination Plan showing the programmed times of arrival or departure for Train Movements at specified locations on the Infrastructure;



**“Train Service”** means the running of a Train between specified origins and destinations by the Operator (including any Stowage) in accordance with a Train Service Description;

**“Train Service Description”** means the description of a Train Service detailed in Part 1 of Schedule 1;

**“Train Service Levels”** means collectively the Nominated Weekly Train Services, the Nominated Monthly Train Services and the Nominated Annual Train Services specified in Schedule 1;

**“Transferee”** has the meaning given to that term in Clause 3.3(a)(i)(C);

**“Transport Infrastructure Act”** means the *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* (Qld);

**“Urgent Possession”** is similar to a Planned Possession, except that such a possession is required to correct problems that are considered potentially dangerous and as a result, the possession must be carried out between seven (7) days and three (3) Months from the detection of the problem;

**“Variation Notice”** has the meaning given to that term in Clause 3.2(a);

**“Wagon”** means any Rollingstock designed to carry any load other than passengers;

**“Weighbridge”** means a weighbridge or weightometer certified under the *Trade Measurement Act 1990* (Qld) as specified in Part 6A of Schedule 2; and

**“Year”** (when used with a capital) means the period from (and including) the first day of the Month in which the Commitment Date occurs to (but not including) the first anniversary thereof, and from every twelve (12) Month period thereafter except that the last year will end on the date of expiry or termination of this Agreement.

## 1.2 Interpretation

In this Agreement, unless expressed to the contrary:

- (a) the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
- (b) a gender includes all other genders;
- (c) where a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning;
- (d) a reference to:
  - (i) a person includes a firm, unincorporated association, corporation or other entity, government or statutory body and conversely;
  - (ii) a person includes its legal personal representative, successors and assigns;
  - (iii) conduct includes any omission and any representation, statement or undertaking, whether or not in writing;
  - (iv) conduct includes a benefit, remedy, discretion, authority or power;

- (v) an obligation includes a warranty or representation and a reference to a failure to observe or perform an obligation includes a breach of warranty or representation;
  - (vi) the words “include”, “includes” or “including” must be read as if they are followed by the words “without limitation”;
  - (vii) time is to local time in Queensland;
  - (viii) “A\$”, “\$” or “dollars” is a reference to the lawful currency of Australia;
  - (ix) this or any other document or agreement includes the document or agreement as varied, amended or replaced from time to time and notwithstanding any changes in the identity of the Parties;
  - (x) any thing (including any amount) is a reference to the whole or part or any part of it and a reference to a group of things or persons is a reference to any one or more of them;
  - (xi) a Clause is to a clause of the General Conditions of Contract to this Agreement;
  - (xii) a Schedule is to a schedule to this Agreement (as amended from time to time in accordance with this Agreement);
  - (xiii) any legislation or to any provision of any legislation includes any modification or re-enactment of it, any legislative provision substituted for it and all regulations and statutory instruments issued under it;
  - (xiv) any Authority, association or body whether statutory or otherwise shall, in the event of any such Authority, association or body ceasing to exist or being re-constituted, re-named or replaced or the powers or functions thereof being transferred to any other Authority, association or body, be deemed to refer respectively to the Authority, association or body established or constituted in lieu thereof or as nearly as may be succeeding to the powers or functions thereof; and
- (e) if there is any inconsistency between matters contained in a Schedule and any other provisions of the Agreement, the other provisions of the Agreement prevail. If there is any inconsistency between matters contained in QR Network’s Access Undertaking and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement prevail.

## **2. CHARGES**

### **2.1 Access Charges**

The Access Holder must pay to QR Network:

- (a) the Access Charges at the times and in the manner set out in this Agreement;
- (b) the charges for Ancillary Services (if any) calculated and payable in the manner set out in this Agreement;
- (c) any other charges or amounts payable in accordance with this Agreement; and

- (d) on demand and without prejudice to the rights, powers and remedies of QR Network under this Agreement or otherwise at Law, interest at the Default Rate calculated on daily balances and payable daily on any amount outstanding in respect of an invoice, including any disputed amount which is subsequently determined to be payable to QR Network, from the day after the invoice is due to be paid until the date that the amount outstanding is paid in full, and all interest payable but unpaid at the end of each Month shall be capitalised by QR Network and such capitalised amount shall itself bear interest at the Default Rate.

## 2.2 Invoicing

Unless agreed otherwise between the Parties:

- (a) QR Network will provide to the Access Holder an invoice for the Access Charges, charges for Ancillary Services (if any) and any other charges or amounts payable by the Access Holder under this Agreement as soon as practicable after the end of each Billing Period or, where this Agreement has expired or terminated on a date other than 30 June and the invoice is for annual Take or Pay charges, as soon as practicable after the first 30 June following that expiration or termination.
- (b) The first Billing Period will commence on the Commitment Date and end on the last day of the Month in which the Commitment Date falls, and each subsequent Billing Period during the Term will commence on the day following the last day of the immediately preceding Billing Period.
- (c) Subject to Clause 2.2(d), the Access Holder must pay to QR Network the amount of the invoice referred to in Clause 2.2(a) within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the invoice.
- (d) Where the Access Holder bona fide disputes an amount or amounts claimed in an invoice it shall give notice of that dispute (setting out in detail the grounds for its objection) to QR Network within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the invoice. Notwithstanding the Access Holder's objection to any amounts claimed in an invoice, the Access Holder must pay to QR Network the undisputed portion of the amount or amounts claimed in the relevant invoice together with 50% of the disputed portion within fourteen (14) days after receipt of the invoice.
- (e) Any dispute as to the amount claimed in an invoice shall be resolved by an expert in accordance with Clause 17.3. Upon resolution of such dispute in accordance with Clause 17.3:
- (i) the Access Holder must pay to QR Network the amount (if any) determined to be payable by the Access Holder to QR Network together with the interest on that amount calculated in accordance with Clause 2.1(d) within fourteen (14) days after being notified of the expert's determination; or
- (ii) QR Network must credit to the Access Holder in the form of a deduction from the invoice for Access Charges and other charges for the Billing Period immediately following a resolution in accordance with Clause 17.3 any amount found to have been overpaid by the Access Holder together with interest on that amount at the Default Rate calculated on daily balances from the date of payment of the amount overpaid to the date of such credit. Such interest payable but unpaid at the end of each Month shall be capitalised and such capitalised amount shall itself bear interest at the Default Rate.

- (f) When providing the Access Holder with an invoice which includes, in whole or part, an amount for an annual Take or Pay charge, QR Network shall provide the Access Holder with information on how QR Network determined the amount of the annual Take or Pay charge.

### 2.3 GST

- (a) Unless otherwise stated, all amounts payable or other consideration to be provided under this Agreement are exclusive of GST.
- (b) If a Party is required to pay GST on any amount payable or other consideration to be provided under this Agreement, then the other Party must pay to that Party an amount equal to the GST payable on the same date as the payment giving rise to the GST.
- (c) If the supply of a Reimbursable Item under this Agreement is subject to GST, then a Party must pay the other Party in respect of that Reimbursable Item the GST Inclusive Reimbursement.
- (d) Each invoice prepared pursuant to Clause 2.2(a) shall take the form of a Tax Invoice.
- (e) If the amount of GST paid or payable by a Party ('the supplier') on any supply under this Agreement differs from the amount on account of GST paid by the other Party ("recipient"), because the Commissioner of Taxation lawfully adjusts the value of taxable supply for the purpose of calculating GST, then the amount paid by the recipient will be adjusted accordingly by a further payment by the recipient to the supplier or the supplier to the recipient, as the case requires.

### 2.4 Obligation to Provide Security

- (a) The Access Holder must deliver to QR Network, prior to the operation of Train Services, and maintain during the Term security for the performance of the Access Holder's obligations under this Agreement in the form of:
- (i) an unconditional and irrevocable bank guarantee (or equivalent), for the Security Amount, in favour of QR Network issued by a bank holding a current Australian banking licence and with a credit rating acceptable to QR Network; or
  - (ii) any other security reasonably acceptable to QR Network,
- and containing such terms and conditions as are reasonably acceptable to QR Network ("**Security**").
- (b) Where the Access Holder has delivered a Security to QR Network in the form of cash, QR Network will pay interest to the Access Holder annually at the Security Interest Rate published on the day the Security is provided. The Security Interest Rate shall be reset on the first Business Day of each Month ("**Reset Date**") for that Month. Such interest shall be capitalised at each Reset Date and such capitalised interest shall itself bear interest at the Security Interest Rate.
- (c) The Access Holder may, with QR Network's consent, replace any Security provided by the Access Holder in accordance with this Clause 2.4 with replacement Security. If the Access Holder replaces any existing Security with a replacement Security then QR Network will release the existing Security in accordance with Clause 2.6(b).

- (d) The provision and continuance of the Security (or of any additional or replacement Security provided by the Access Holder in accordance with Clause 2.4(c) or Clause 2.4(f)) is a condition of the performance by QR Network of its obligations under this Agreement.
- (e) If at any time during the Term the Access Holder is not required to give QR Network a Security in accordance with this Agreement and QR Network does not hold a Security from the Access Holder, the Access Holder must provide a Security within fourteen (14) days after receipt of a notice from QR Network where:
- (i) an event of default by the Access Holder in regard to payment of any amount due under this Agreement has occurred, that event of default is not the subject of a bona fide dispute between the Parties and such default continues for seven (7) days after notice of such default from QR Network; or
  - (ii) in the event of an Assignment or at any time during the Term, if QR Network is reasonably of the opinion that the Access Holder is:
    - (A) no longer financially sound;
    - (B) no longer able to meet its debts as and when they fall due; or
    - (C) not otherwise capable of performing its obligations under this Agreement.
- (f) If at any time during the Term the Security held by QR Network is less than the Security Amount (including for reasons that QR Network has drawn on or applied the Security in accordance with Clause 2.5), the Access Holder must increase the Security by the amount determined by QR Network as required to ensure that the Security is for the Security Amount, and deliver to QR Network an additional or replacement Security to reflect the change within fourteen (14) days after receipt of notice from QR Network.
- (g) If the Access Holder considers its financial circumstances have changed such that a Security would no longer be required, the Access Holder may request QR Network in writing (but not more than once in any twelve (12) Month Period) to review the creditworthiness of the Access Holder and QR Network will undertake such a review.
- (h) Subject to Clauses 2.4(i) and (j), during each Year, QR Network may at any time, from time to time, review the amount of the Security taking into consideration the annual Take or Pay charges calculated on a year to date basis for the Access Holder – even though the annual Take or Pay charges are not yet payable (“**YTD Accrued Take or Pay**”). QR Network may, in its absolute discretion, determine that the Security Amount should be increased or decreased provided that:
- (i) the Security Amount will only be increased if the Access Holder’s YTD Accrued Take or Pay is greater than 66% of the Security Amount; or
  - (ii) if the Security Amount has previously been increased during that Year in accordance with this Clause 2.4(h), the Security Amount will only be decreased to the initial Security Amount if the Access Holder’s YTD Accrued Take or Pay is less than 25% of the initial Security Amount.

An increase of the Security Amount in accordance with Clause 2.4(h)(i) will equal, on any one occasion, an amount equivalent to the twelve (12) weeks of Access Charges determined as if the Access Holder made maximum use of its Access Rights.

- (i) If QR Network determines under Clause 2.4(h) that the amount of the Security should be:
  - (i) increased, the Access Holder must deliver to QR Network an additional Security for the amount of the increase, or a replacement Security for the revised Security Amount in exchange for the existing Security; or
  - (ii) decreased, the Access Holder must deliver to QR Network a replacement Security for the revised Security Amount in exchange for the existing Security,

within fourteen (14) days after QR Network gives notice of its determination in accordance with Clause 2.4(h).

- (j) If:
  - (i) the Security Amount has been increased in accordance with Clause 2.4(h) during a Year; and
  - (ii) after the payment by the Access Holder of the invoice for the last Billing Period of that Year, there are:
    - (A) no outstanding amounts due and payable by the Access Holder to QR Network in accordance with this Agreement in respect of any invoice for that Year; and
    - (B) no outstanding disputes between the Access Holder and QR Network as to any amount claimed in any invoice relating to that Year,

then the Security Amount will be reset to the initial Security Amount and the Access Holder must deliver to QR Network a replacement Security for the initial Security Amount in exchange for the existing Security as soon as reasonably practicable.

## **2.5 Exercise of Security**

A Security may be called upon by QR Network in any circumstances where QR Network suffers direct loss or damage as a result of default by the Access Holder under this Agreement and is entitled to be compensated for such loss or damage under this Agreement.

## **2.6 Return of Security**

QR Network must repay or return to the Access Holder (and where appropriate provide to the Access Holder any necessary releases in relation to) any Security provided by the Access Holder under Clause 2.4:

- (a) subject to QR Network's rights of recourse to the Security in Clause 2.5, promptly after the Termination Date;
- (b) on receipt of an additional or replacement Security provided by the Access Holder in accordance with Clause 2.4(c), 2.4(f), 2.4(i) or 2.4(j); or
- (c) following a review pursuant to Clause 2.4(g), QR Network, acting reasonably, finds that it is not necessary for the Access Holder to provide QR Network with a Security.

## 2.7 Weighbridges and Overload Detectors

- (a) Where an operational Weighbridge or Overload Detector is located en route between Origin and Destination the Access Holder must ensure that the Operator uses reasonable endeavours to operate its Trains over such Weighbridge or Overload Detector in a manner to facilitate weighing.
- (b) Where a Weighbridge or Overload Detector is located en route between Origin and Destination, the Party responsible for that Weighbridge or Overload Detector (as specified in Part 6 of **Schedule 2**) must use reasonable endeavours to ensure that:
  - (i) such Weighbridge or Overload Detector is available; and
  - (ii) Trains are operated in a manner that the Weighbridge or Overload Detector weighs the Trains.
- (c) QR Network may vary at any time the numbers and locations of Weighbridges and Overload Detectors, subject to providing reasonable notice to the Access Holder.
- (d) The Access Holder must ensure that the Operator uses reasonable endeavours to ensure that the mass of any Wagon or Train operated by it under this Agreement does not exceed the relevant Maximum Allowable Gross Tonnage.
- (e) In the event that any Wagon or Train operated by the Operator is determined by a Weighbridge or Overload Detector to be in excess of the relevant Maximum Allowable Gross Tonnage, the Access Holder must cause the Operator to reduce the gross mass to a level below the relevant Maximum Allowable Gross Tonnage. QR Network may direct a Train to a specific siding or location to allow such reduction and the Access Holder must cause the Operator to comply with such direction.
- (f) In the event that any Wagon operated by the Operator is determined to be in excess of the relevant Maximum Desirable Gross Tonnage, QR Network may:
  - (i) charge the Access Holder (and the Access Holder must pay) an Overload Charge (in accordance with Part 6 of **Schedule 3**) in respect of that Wagon; and
  - (ii) impose any Operational Constraints which QR Network considers to be reasonable in the circumstances.

QR Network will include the Overload Charge in the invoice for Access Charges for the Billing Period immediately following such determination for payment by the Access Holder.
- (g) The Weighbridges to be used by QR Network in the calculation of Access Charges are those specified in Part 6A of **Schedule 2**.
- (h) Where the Trains are weighed by an operational Weighbridge or Overload Detector, the Party responsible for the Weighbridge or Overload Detector as specified in Part 6B of **Schedule 2** must use reasonable endeavours to:
  - (i) keep a record of the gross mass of each loaded Wagon and Train (and the Access Holder must use reasonable endeavours to ensure such information is obtained from the operator of the Weighbridge or Overload Detector where the Weighbridge or Overload Detector is not owned or controlled by QR Network);

- (ii) provide such record to the party loading the Trains; and
  - (iii) provide such record to the other Party within fourteen (14) days of the end of each Month.
- (i) If either Party reasonably believes that any Weighbridge or Overload Detector may be inaccurate, that Party may by notice to the other Party require the accuracy of such Weighbridge or Overload Detector to be tested, and the Weighbridge or Overload Detector shall be deemed to have malfunctioned from the date of such notice until such testing has been carried out and/or the Weighbridge or Overload Detector has been recalibrated and the mass will be determined in accordance with Part 2 of **Schedule 3**. Testing will be carried out in accordance with the following procedure:
- (i) As soon as reasonably practicable the Party responsible for the Weighbridge or Overload Detector as specified in Part 6 of **Schedule 2** must ensure that a suitably qualified person conducts a test of the calibration of the Weighbridge or Overload Detector and makes any adjustments required to correct the calibration.
  - (ii) Except in the case of manifest error or fraud, the determination of the person conducting the test will be final and binding on the Parties.
  - (iii) Where the person conducting the test determines that the Weighbridge or Overload Detector is measuring within the tolerances specified in Part 6 of **Schedule 2**, the Weighbridge or Overload Detector will be treated as having been measuring accurately from the date on which the relevant notice was given pursuant to this Clause 2.7(i) and the Access Charges (including any Overload Charge) will be determined from that date according to Part 5 of **Schedule 3**. The invoice for Access Charges in respect of the Billing Period following such determination will be adjusted to appropriately account for the difference in payment of Access Charges arising from having treated the Weighbridge or Overload Detector as malfunctioning pursuant to this Clause 2.7(i).
  - (iv) The cost of conducting such test shall be met by:
    - (A) the Party responsible for the Weighbridge or Overload Detector as specified in Part 6 of **Schedule 2** in the event that the Weighbridge or Overload Detector is determined to be not measuring within the tolerances specified in Part 6 of **Schedule 2**; or
    - (B) the Party giving notice under this Clause 2.7(i) in the event that the Weighbridge or Overload Detector is determined to be measuring within the tolerances specified in Part 6 of **Schedule 2**.
- (j) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, neither Party will be liable to the other for any damage, loss, cost or expense that the other may suffer or incur as a result of that Party, in good faith, acting on the basis of any mass determined in accordance with this Agreement.
- (k) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, neither Party shall have any Claim against the other Party as a result of or arising from any delay to or cancellation of Train Services as a result of the operation of Clause 2.7(i).



### 3. TRAIN SERVICE ENTITLEMENTS

#### 3.1 Train Services

- (a) Without limiting any other provision of this Agreement, the Access Holder must not commence (or allow the Operator to commence) any Train Services unless and until the Access Holder has done each of the following in respect to those Train Services:
- (i) if applicable, delivered to QR Network the Security in accordance with Clause 2.4;
  - (ii) provided to QR Network a certificate of compliance for all of the Access Holder's and/or Operator's Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations in accordance with Clause 5.9 and QR Network has authorised such Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations;
  - (iii) demonstrated to QR Network that the Access Holder has entered into agreements in respect of the Private Facilities as required by Clause 5.11 (if applicable);
  - (iv) provided to QR Network a copy of the Operator's Emergency Response Plan which must be compatible with the QR Network Emergency Procedures;
  - (v) provided to QR Network an acceptable Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report in accordance with Clause 8.1;
  - (vi) implemented, or caused the Operator to implement, those elements of the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report, if applicable, which are to be implemented prior to the commencement of Train Services;
  - (vii) complied with the community liaison requirements referred to in Clause 8.6(a);
  - (viii) provided to QR Network evidence of the Operator's Accreditation as required by Clause 9.1(a);
  - (ix) conducted an Interface Risk Assessment in accordance with Clause 11(a);
  - (x) devised in collaboration with QR Network and the Operator an Interface Risk Management Plan and implemented, or caused the Operator to implement, the elements of such plan required to be implemented prior to the commencement of Train Services;
  - (xi) caused the Operator to develop the Operator's Safety Management System and incorporate into that system the elements and process referred to in Clause 11(a)(iii); and
  - (xii) taken out and/or caused the Operator to have taken out (as appropriate) the insurances required under Clause 13 and provided to QR Network evidence of that insurance as required by Clause 13.3.
- (b) QR Network will use all reasonable endeavours to cooperate with the Access Holder and/or Operator (as applicable) to facilitate the Access Holder's completion or compliance with Clause 3.1(a).

- (c) If the Access Holder has not done (or caused to be done) each of the acts, matters or things specified in Clause 3.1(a) for its initial Train Services by
- (i) the date specified in Item 6 of the Reference Schedule and QR Network has no reasonable expectation that the Access Holder can commence the operation of Train Services by the Commitment Date; or
  - (ii) by the Commitment Date
- then QR Network may, provided that QR Network has complied with Clause 3.1(b), notify the Access Holder in writing of its intention to terminate this Agreement, and if the Access Holder has not complied with all the requirements of Clause 3.1(a) by a date which is thirty (30) days after the date of the notice, QR Network may terminate this Agreement.
- (d) The Access Holder must cause the Operator to operate Train Services only in accordance with the Train Service Description and this Agreement. Unless acting under a QR Network Train Control Direction, the Access Holder must ensure that the Operator does not operate Train Services which do not comply with the Train Service Description without the prior written approval of QR Network, which approval may specify terms in addition to or varying the terms of this Agreement in respect of those Train Services, including the Access Charges applicable. The Access Holder must ensure that the Operator complies with such terms in operating the Train Services.
- (e) For the avoidance of doubt, the Access Holder acknowledges and agrees that it is only entitled to exercise its Access Rights under this Agreement through the Operator, and that it is the Operator, and not the Access Holder, that will operate the Access Holder's Train Services under this Agreement.

### 3.2 Reduction of Access Rights

- (a) If the Operator, for any reason other than the occurrence of a Force Majeure Event or the failure of QR Network to make the Access Rights available, does not operate, over any four (4) consecutive Quarters, at least ninety percent (90%) of the Train Services allowed under its Train Service Description for that period, then QR Network may within forty (40) Business Days, give the Access Holder written notice ("**Resumption Notice**") of:
- (i) that underutilisation;
  - (ii) that QR Network is considering reducing the Access Holder's Access Rights from a nominated date ("**Date of Resumption**") to the extent of that underutilisation; and
  - (iii) requesting the Access Holder to demonstrate a sustained requirement for the Access Rights that have not been utilised.
- (b) If a Resumption Notice is given to the Access Holder and:
- (i) the Access Holder has not demonstrated, to QR Network's reasonable satisfaction, a sustained requirement for the Access Rights that were not utilised; and

- (ii) QR Network is satisfied that it can demonstrate that it has a reasonable expectation of:
  - (A) a sustained alternative demand for the capacity used by the Access Rights in question; or
  - (B) receiving a commercial benefit sufficiently material to justify the resumption of the Access Rights in question,

then:

- (iii) QR Network must notify the Access Holder of whether QR Network has decided to proceed with the resumption and, if QR Network has decided to proceed, whether QR Network has decided to reduce the level of the resumption, or nominate a later date for the Date of Resumption, from that given in the Resumption Notice; and
  - (iv) if QR Network has decided to proceed with the resumption, the Access Holder's entitlement to operate Train Services (through the Operator) shall be reduced to the level specified in the Resumption Notice with effect on and from the Date of Resumption (except to the extent that those matters have been varied in accordance with Clause 3.2(b)(iii)).
- (c) If the Access Holder does not agree with the reduction of the Access Holder's entitlement proposed by QR Network pursuant to Clause 3.2(a), the Access Holder may, within twenty eight (28) days of receipt of the Resumption Notice, notify QR Network in writing that it disputes the proposed reduction in which case the Access Holder may refer the dispute for determination by an expert in accordance with Clause 17.3 of this Agreement. The expert will determine whether the conditions for a reduction in Access Rights set out in Clause 3.2(a) have been met and whether the Access Holder has demonstrated, to QR Network's reasonable satisfaction, a sustained requirement for that part of the Access Rights to which the reduction would apply. The reduction proposed in the Resumption Notice will not take effect until resolution of the dispute and then only to the extent that the reduction is consistent with the expert's determination.
  - (d) QR Network may withdraw the Resumption Notice at any time prior to the later of the Date of Resumption and fourteen (14) days following the resolution of the dispute.
  - (e) In the event that the Access Holder's entitlement to operate Train Services is reduced in accordance with this Clause 3.2, the Agreement (including the Base Access Charges) will be varied accordingly.
  - (f) The Access Holder shall have no claim or entitlement to compensation as a result of any reduction in Train Services pursuant to this Clause 3.2.

### 3.3 Relinquishment and Transfer of Access Rights

- (a) If the Access Holder wishes to relinquish some or all of its Access Rights, then provided that:
  - (i) the Access Holder has given to QR Network reasonable notice of its intention to relinquish such Access Rights ("**Notice of Intention to Relinquish**") which:
    - (A) specifies the Access Rights to be relinquished ("**Nominated Access Rights**");

- (B) specifies the date (“**Relinquishment Date**”) on which and the period for which the Nominated Access Rights are to be relinquished which Relinquishment Date must be no more than:
- (1) two (2) years after the giving of the Notice of Intention to Relinquish, where the Train Services under this Agreement (including those Train Services in relation to the Access Rights that are to be relinquished) operate in the Central Queensland Coal Region; or
  - (2) in any other case, six (6) Months after the giving of the Notice of Intention to Relinquish; and
- (C) if the Access Holder wishes to effect a transfer of all or part of the Nominated Access Rights to an existing or prospective Railway Operator (“**Transferee**”), specifies that fact and the identity of the Transferee and the Access Rights proposed to be transferred; and

(ii) the Access Holder pays to QR Network the Relinquishment Fee,

then, subject to the provisions of this Clause 3.3 being satisfied, from the later of the Relinquishment Date and the date of payment of the Relinquishment Fee, the Agreement (including the Base Access Charges) will be amended to reflect the relinquishment of the Access Rights. During the period between when the Notice of Intention to Relinquish is given and the later of the Relinquishment Date and the date on which the Relinquishment Fee is paid, the terms of the Agreement will continue to apply in respect of the Nominated Access Rights.

- (b) The Access Holder immediately prior to paying the Relinquishment Fee (but not less than 5 Business Days prior to the Relinquishment Date), must request QR Network to calculate the Relinquishment Fee and, if so requested, QR Network will, subject to Clause 3.3(c), notify the Access Holder as soon as reasonably practical of the Relinquishment Fee and how it was calculated.
- (c) If the calculation of the Relinquishment Fee changes during the period from the time QR Network notifies the Access Holder under Clause 3.3(b) to the Access Holder seeking to pay the Relinquishment Fee, then QR Network:
- (i) may refuse to accept that payment (and, if so, the Relinquishment Fee is deemed not to have been paid by the Access Holder); and
  - (ii) must advise the Access Holder of the correct Relinquishment Fee and the circumstances giving rise to the change in the calculation.
- (d) Where QR Network is negotiating an access agreement with an existing or prospective Railway Operator that, if executed, would reasonably be expected to result in a lessening of the Access Holder’s Relinquishment Fee QR Network will not unreasonably delay the process for negotiating and executing an access agreement with that existing or prospective Railway Operator.

- (e) To the extent that a Notice of Intention to Relinquish identifies a Transferee, QR Network will transfer to the Transferee the applicable Nominated Access Rights provided that:
- (i) the access rights sought by the Transferee are for the same type of Train Service Entitlement (i.e. cyclic traffic) as the Nominated Access Rights;
  - (ii) corresponding access rights are included in a new or varied access agreement with the Transferee;
  - (iii) QR Network's obligation to provide access, for all or part of the period specified in Clause 3.3(a)(i)(B), under that new or varied access agreement with the Transferee in respect of the relevant access rights commences on and from the later of the Relinquishment Date and the date on which the Relinquishment Fee is paid;
  - (iv) QR Network is satisfied that the new or varied access agreement has been developed in accordance with the requirements of QR Network's Access Undertaking;
  - (v) the Access Holder complies with Clauses 3.3(a) and (b); and
  - (vi) QR Network has sufficient capability in its Infrastructure so that it can do so without adversely affecting other Third Parties who are seeking access to QR Network's Infrastructure or its ability to comply with its obligations to Third Parties with existing rights to access Infrastructure.

### **3.4 Termination where all Access Rights reduced, relinquished or transferred**

Where Access Rights have been reduced, relinquished or transferred in accordance with this Agreement to the extent that there is no longer any Access Rights, QR Network will be entitled to terminate this Agreement.

### **3.5 Forecasts**

- (a) For the purposes of permitting QR Network to plan for the maintenance and upgrading of the Infrastructure, the Access Holder will, within thirty (30) days after being requested to do so by QR Network (such requests to be made not more than once in any six (6) Month period), provide to QR Network a forecast in writing representing the Access Holder's best estimate for the next six (6) year period specified by QR Network in its request of:
- (i) the number and frequency of Train Services it will require;
  - (ii) the gross tonnage it will transport (or cause the Operator to transport);
  - (iii) the average number of gross tonnes per Train it will transport (or cause the Operator to transport); and
  - (iv) any changes in Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configuration which will vary any of the above,

such forecast of the above information to be made up of:

- (i) a forecast for each Month of the first year of such period; and

- (ii) a forecast for each of the remaining five (5) years of such period.
- (b) QR Network will, within sixty (60) days after being requested to do so by the Access Holder (such requests to be made not more than once in any six (6) Month period), provide to the Access Holder forecasts of planned major Enhancements relating to the Nominated Network for each of the next six (6) years.
- (c) The information and/or forecasts provided pursuant to Clauses 3.5 (a) or (b) shall be prepared and supplied in good faith however the information and/or forecasts shall not be a representation or warranty as to the accuracy of the information and/or forecasts itself and the parties have no liability in any respect for the information and/or forecasting.

### 3.6 Reduction of Access Rights where insufficient capacity created

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, if QR Network grants access rights (“**Conditional Access Rights**”) to Railway Operators (including the Access Rights to the Access Holder under this Agreement) (“**Conditional Access Holders**”) that are conditional on the completion of particular Enhancements, then:
  - (i) after the commissioning of the last of the relevant Enhancements, QR Network will, subject to Clause 3.6(b), undertake an assessment of the change in the capacity of the Infrastructure arising as a result of those Enhancements (“**Change in Capacity**”); and
  - (ii) if:
    - (A) that assessment indicates that the Change in Capacity is less than the increase in the existing capacity of the Infrastructure that was expected to result from the Enhancements that QR Network was committed to construct at the time when the Conditional Access Rights were granted; and
    - (B) that Change in Capacity is not sufficient to provide all of the Conditional Access Rights to all of the Conditional Access Holders,
- then:
  - (C) the Conditional Access Rights of the Access Holder will be reduced on a pro rated basis against the Change in Capacity by reference to the proportion that its Conditional Access Rights bear to the aggregate of the Conditional Access Rights for all of the Conditional Access Holders; and
  - (D) QR Network will notify the Access Holder:
    - (1) of the assessment that has been undertaken; and
    - (2) of the reduction in its Conditional Access Rights (“**Access Rights Reduction**”) and the basis of that calculation.
- (b) QR Network may defer an assessment for the purposes of Clause 3.6(a) until such time as QR Network reasonably considers that the relevant Enhancements are fully

operational and the demand conditions are such that a reasonable assessment can be undertaken.

- (c) If the Access Holder is notified of a reduction in the Access Holder's Conditional Access Rights, then, subject to Clause 3.6(f), the Access Holder's Conditional Access Rights are reduced in accordance with that notice and this Agreement (including the Train Service Description) is taken to be amended to the extent necessary to give effect to that reduction.
- (d) Subject to Clause 3.6(e), any dispute between the Parties in connection with the operation of this Clause 3.6 (including the pro rating of the Access Holder's Conditional Access Rights) may be referred by either Party to the QCA for resolution in accordance with the dispute resolution provisions that apply in respect of the determination of disputes by the QCA under QR Network's Access Undertaking.
- (e) If QR Network is of the opinion that:
  - (i) a dispute which arises in connection with this Clause 3.6, or the outcome or consequences of that dispute, may be relevant to other Conditional Access Holders; or
  - (ii) a dispute which arises under a provision equivalent to this Clause 3.6 of an access agreement with another Conditional Access Holder, or the outcome or consequences of that dispute, may be relevant to the Access Holder under this Agreement,

then:

  - (iii) QR Network will invite the other Conditional Access Holders to participate in the dispute resolution process under this Agreement, or will invite the Access Holder to participate in the dispute resolution process under the relevant access agreement with the other Conditional Access Holder (as applicable); and
  - (iv) QR Network, the Access Holder and the other Conditional Access Holders will be bound by the outcome of the dispute irrespective of whether or not the Access Holder and the other Conditional Access Holders (as applicable) choose to actively participate in the dispute.
- (f) If the Access Holder is, in accordance with this Clause 3.6, a party to, or is invited to participate in, a dispute that has been referred to the QCA in connection with the operation of this Clause 3.6, then:
  - (i) a reduction of the Access Holder's Conditional Access Rights in accordance with this Clause 3.6 will not take effect until the resolution of that dispute and then only to the extent that the reduction is consistent with the QCA's determination; and
  - (ii) QR Network's obligations under this Agreement to the extent of the Access Holder's Access Rights Reduction are suspended until the resolution of that dispute.
- (g) This Clause 3.6 only applies to the extent that it is not inconsistent with QR Network's Access Undertaking and does not oblige QR Network to do or not to do anything that would cause QR Network to fail to comply with QR Network's Access Undertaking.

## **4. DAY TO DAY TRAIN MOVEMENTS**

### **4.1 Train Control**

QR Network will provide and will have exclusive responsibility for Train Control in respect of the Nominated Network.

### **4.2 Train Control Rights and Obligations**

- (a) QR Network must exercise Train Control by the issue of QR Network Train Control Directions to the Operator and the Access Holder's Staff consistent with the Network Management Principles.
- (b) In exercising Train Control QR Network shall have regard to the safe conduct of rail operations on the Infrastructure and:
  - (i) may delay, alter or add a Train Service;
  - (ii) may cancel, re-route or re-schedule a Train Service;
  - (iii) may alter the Scheduled Times for Train Services in the Train Schedule; and
  - (iv) may impose any Operational Constraint on the Nominated Network consistent with Clause 6.2.
- (c) The Access Holder must:
  - (i) ensure the Operator complies with QR Network Train Control Directions;
  - (ii) ensure the Access Holder's Staff comply with QR Network Train Control Directions;
  - (iii) ensure that Train drivers are contactable by the QR Network Train Controller to receive QR Network Train Control Directions;
  - (iv) notify the QR Network Train Controller as soon as the Operator becomes aware that it is not possible for the Operator or the Access Holder's Staff to comply with a QR Network Train Control Direction or the Operator or the Access Holder's Staff have not complied with a QR Network Train Control Direction; and
  - (v) notify the QR Network Train Controller as soon as the Operator becomes aware of any changes or delays in Train Services or any circumstances which have affected or may affect Train Control including the ability of any Train Service to conform to its Scheduled Times.

### **4.3 Train Control Communications**

The Access Holder must ensure all Trains are equipped with or have available means of communication to permit the Access Holder's Staff to comply with this Agreement (including the Rollingstock Interface Standards and the relevant Safeworking Procedures).



## 5. TRAIN OPERATIONS

### 5.1 Compliance

- (a) To the extent relevant to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, the Access Holder must observe and comply with, and/or cause the Operator to observe and comply with (as applicable):
- (i) all applicable Laws;
  - (ii) the conditions of the Operator's Accreditation;
  - (iii) the lawful requirements of relevant Authorities;
  - (iv) the Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations authorised in accordance with Clause 5.9;
  - (v) the Train Service Description (subject to the Network Management Principles);
  - (vi) the description of the relevant Reference Train Service except as otherwise specified in this Agreement;
  - (vii) QR Network Train Control Directions;
  - (viii) the Safeworking Procedures and Safety Standards;
  - (ix) the Network Management Principles;
  - (x) the Interface Coordination Plan;
  - (xi) to the extent applicable, the QR Network Emergency Procedures;
  - (xii) the Operator's Emergency Response Plan;
  - (xiii) the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report;
  - (xiv) subject to the provision of reasonable notice specifying relevant requirements, the relevant requirements of the Environmental Authorities held by QR Network from time to time and the permits, approvals and licences in respect of facilities to which access is provided by QR Network to the Access Holder;
  - (xv) the Interface Risk Management Plan (including the Rollingstock Interface Standards);
  - (xvi) subject to the provision of reasonable notice specifying relevant licences and permits and their applicability to the Access Holder to the extent applicable to the Access Holder all licences and permits affecting the operations of QR Network; and
  - (xvii) to the extent applicable to the Access Holder the terms of QR Network's Access Undertaking (including the ring fencing obligations) in effect from time to time.

- (b) To the extent relevant to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, QR Network must observe and comply with:
- (i) all applicable Laws;
  - (ii) the conditions of its Accreditation;
  - (iii) the lawful requirements of relevant Authorities;
  - (iv) to the extent applicable, QR Network Train Control Directions;
  - (v) the Safeworking Procedures and Safety Standards;
  - (vi) to the extent applicable, the Train Service Description (subject to the Network Management Principles);
  - (vii) the Network Management Principles;
  - (viii) the Interface Coordination Plan;
  - (ix) QR Network's Emergency Procedures;
  - (x) the Interface Risk Management Plan;
  - (xi) all licences and permits affecting the operations of QR Network; and
  - (xii) the terms of QR Network's Access Undertaking (including the ring fencing obligations) in effect from time to time.
- (c) QR Network must ensure that as far as practicable:
- (i) the Network Management Principles;
  - (ii) the Safeworking Procedures and Safety Standards; and
  - (iii) QR Network's Emergency Procedures
- will be applied consistently for all Railway Operators on the Nominated Network.

## **5.2 Compliance with Scheduled Time**

- (a) QR Network must use reasonable endeavours to, and the Access Holder must cause the Operator to use reasonable endeavours to:
- (i) operate Train Services in accordance with the relevant Daily Train Plan unless otherwise permitted by the Network Management Principles, varied in the circumstances specified in this Agreement or otherwise agreed between the Parties (such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld); and
  - (ii) otherwise comply with all other Scheduled Times.
- (b) A Train Service shall be deemed to operate in accordance with its Scheduled Time if it does not vary more than three (3) minutes from the Scheduled Time.

### 5.3 Alterations to Train Services

- (a) The Access Holder must ensure that if the Operator does not propose to operate a Train Service the Operator must, prior to the scheduled operation of the Train Service, advise QR Network of the cancellation of such Train Service and the reason for such cancellation.
- (b) In the event that a Train Service is unable to operate in accordance with its Scheduled Time then, provided that the Access Holder has complied with Clause 5.2(a), QR Network will use its reasonable endeavours to provide an alternative Scheduled Time for the relevant Train Service provided that QR Network will be under no obligation to alter the scheduled times for other Train Movements.
- (c) In the event that for any reason the Operator does not operate a Train Service at its Scheduled Time in the Train Schedule or at any other Scheduled Time advised by QR Network in accordance with Clause 5.3(b), QR Network may authorise the operation of another Train Movement at that Scheduled Time.
- (d) In the event that a Train Service is for any reason unable to commence to operate in accordance with its Scheduled Time and following bona fide consultation between QR Network and the Operator it is not possible for QR Network to provide an alternative Scheduled Time reasonably acceptable to both parties, such Train Service may be cancelled by either QR Network or the Operator giving notice to the other party as soon as practicable.

### 5.4 Notification

- (a) QR Network must notify the Operator's Controller (such notification to include where relevant the anticipated effect on the relevant Train Service) as soon as reasonably practicable after QR Network discovers or becomes aware of any circumstances including Obstructions (other than those circumstances of which the Operator is aware or ought to have been aware) which:
  - (i) have materially affected, or could potentially materially affect, the ability of any Train Service to comply with its Scheduled Time; or
  - (ii) have affected, or could potentially affect, the security or safety of a Train Service or the Access Holder's Staff.
- (b) QR Network must at the earliest possible time after becoming aware of the relevant changes advise the Operator's Controller from time to time of changes to advices previously provided pursuant to Clause 5.4(a).
- (c) The Operator must inform QR Network of any failure to comply with:
  - (i) any applicable Laws relevant to the Operator's Train Services;
  - (ii) QR Network Train Control Directions; and
  - (iii) the Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations authorised in **Schedule 4**.

### 5.5 Operator to Supply Information

The Access Holder must provide to QR Network, and at all times maintain operable, all necessary software, hardware and associated communication links to establish, to QR Network's reasonable satisfaction, an interface with QR Network's information systems and must provide information to

QR Network in relation to each Train Service prior to operation on the Nominated Network in accordance with paragraph 2.1 of Part 2 of **Schedule 10**. The interface with QR Network's information systems will be subject to any controls specified by QR Network to protect the integrity and confidentiality of the systems and the information contained therein.

## 5.6 Performance Levels

- (a) The Performance Levels which apply to the performance by the respective Parties of their obligations under this Agreement are set out in Part 1 of **Schedule 5**. A failure by either Party to achieve the relevant Performance Level will not constitute a breach of this Agreement and the only consequences of such failure as between the Parties shall be the consequences set out in this Clause 5.6.
- (b) If the Operator does not comply with the Operator Performance Level then the Access Holder must pay to QR Network the amount determined in accordance with **Schedule 5** as part of the invoice issued by QR Network for Access Charges and other charges for the Billing Period immediately following QR Network becoming entitled to that amount. Where there is no next Billing Period, the Operator must pay such amount to QR Network within fourteen (14) days after receipt of a Tax Invoice from QR Network.
- (c) If QR Network does not comply with the QR Network Performance Level then QR Network will credit to the Access Holder the amount determined in accordance with **Schedule 5** by way of a deduction from the invoice issued by QR Network for Access Charges and other charges for the Billing Period immediately following the Access Holder becoming entitled to that amount. Where there is no next Billing Period, QR Network must pay such amount to the Access Holder within fourteen (14) days after receipt of a Tax Invoice from the Access Holder.
- (d) The Parties must, if requested by either Party, meet to review the Performance Levels subject to such review not occurring within six (6) Months after the Commitment Date or any previous review of the Performance Levels. If either Party notifies the other that it considers that the Performance Levels are no longer appropriate, the Parties may agree on varied Performance Levels and any associated variations to the Agreement including the Base Access Charges and the Train Service Description. If the Parties are unable to agree to such variations, then the existing Performance Levels shall continue to apply unless varied by QR Network in accordance with the provisions of Clause 5.6(e).
- (e) In the event that the Access Holder and/or the Operator
  - (i) does not comply in any material respect with the Train Service Description; and
  - (ii) the Access Holder fails to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of QR Network when requested to do so, that the Access Holder will consistently comply with the Train Service Description for the remainder of the Term
 then, following consultation with the Access Holder, QR Network will be entitled to:
  - (iii) vary the Train Service Description to a level it reasonably expects to be achievable by the Access Holder for the remainder of the Term having regard to the extent of previous compliance with the Train Service Description (ignoring, for the purpose of assessing previous compliance, any non-compliance to the extent that the non-compliance was attributable

to a Railway Operator (other than the Access Holder) or to QR Network);  
and

- (iv) vary the Agreement (including, without limitation, the Operator Performance Level and the Base Access Charges) to reflect the impact of the change in the Train Service Description.
- (f) The Access Holder shall be entitled to dispute any variation proposed by QR Network pursuant to Clause 5.6(e) and such dispute will be referred to an expert for resolution in accordance with Clause 17.3.

## **5.7 Interface Coordination Plan**

- (a) QR Network and the Access Holder agree to comply with the Interface Coordination Plan in exercising their rights and performing their obligations under this Agreement.
- (b) QR Network will provide the Operator with that information identified in paragraph 3(f) of Part 1 of **Schedule 10** relevant to the Operator's operation of Train Services.

## **5.8 Operation of Trains and Rollingstock**

The Access Holder is responsible for the safe operation of its Rollingstock on the Nominated Network and must ensure that at all times whilst the Operator is operating on the Nominated Network:

- (a) the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations comply with the Interface Risk Management Plan (including the Rollingstock Interface Standards);
- (b) the Operator operates only authorised Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations as specified in **Schedule 4**; and
- (c) all loading and unloading of the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock is undertaken in a manner that:
  - (i) is consistent with the requirements of **Schedule 4** and the Rollingstock Interface Standards;
  - (ii) does not affect the safe operation of the Rollingstock; and
  - (iii) ensures that all items on or in the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock remain secured in position during transit.

## **5.9 Authorisation of Rollingstock & Rollingstock Configurations**

- (a) Prior to the operation of any Train Services the Access Holder must:
  - (i) cause the Operator to implement the control measures devised in the Interface Risk Management Plan relevant to assessing the compatibility of the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations with the Nominated Network; and
  - (ii) without limiting Clause 5.9(a)(i), provide to QR Network a certificate by a suitably qualified person whom both QR Network and the Access Holder accept as being competent to provide such certification as to the compliance of the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock and Rollingstock

Configurations with the Interface Risk Management Plan (including the Rollingstock Interface Standards) and the Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations the subject of that certificate shall then, subject to QR Network's reasonable satisfaction with the certificate provided, be authorised by QR Network and included in **Schedule 4** as the authorised Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations.

- (b) If requested to do so by QR Network, the Access Holder must provide to QR Network (or procure the certifying party to provide to QR Network) relevant documentation (including reports on trials and/or commissioning tests) demonstrating that the Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations comply with the Interface Risk Management Plan including the Rollingstock Interface Standards.
- (c) Where QR Network is not satisfied, on the basis of documentation provided by the Access Holder or the certifying party in accordance with Clauses 5.9(a) and (b), that the Rollingstock and/or Rollingstock Configurations comply with the terms of the Interface Risk Management Plan, either Party may refer the adequacy of the documentation and whether the Rollingstock and/or Rollingstock Configurations comply with the terms of the Interface Risk Management Plan for resolution by an expert in accordance with Clause 17.3.
- (d) In the event that during the Term the Access Holder (or Operator) wishes to:
  - (i) modify any of the Access Holder's or Operator's authorised Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations; or
  - (ii) have additional Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations authorised for use on the Nominated Network,

then prior to using any such modified or additional Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations on the Nominated Network:

- (i) the Access Holder must notify QR Network (giving details of the relevant modification or additional Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations);
- (ii) if QR Network considers it reasonably necessary to do so, the Access Holder must conduct (or cause to be conducted) a supplementary Interface Risk Assessment jointly with QR Network in accordance with Clause 11 (and the provisions of that Clause shall apply if there is any dispute between the Parties in relation to the conduct of the supplementary Interface Risk Assessment);
- (iii) the Access Holder must provide to QR Network a certificate of compliance in respect of the modified or additional Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations in accordance with Clauses 5.9(a) to (c);
- (iv) the Interface Risk Management Plan shall be amended to reflect any changes agreed or determined in accordance with this Clause 5.9(d), and the Parties shall make any other amendments to this Agreement (including QR Network varying the Base Access Charges) which may be reasonably necessary to reflect the authorisation and use of the modified or additional Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations on the Nominated Network; and
- (v) QR Network must advise the Access Holder of any variations to the Base Access Charges payable by the Access Holder as a result of the

authorisation of such modified or additional Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations. If the Access Holder disputes the variations to the Base Access Charges advised by QR Network in accordance with this Clause, either Party may refer the dispute to the QCA for determination in accordance with Clause 17.6.

#### 5.10 Amendments to System Wide Requirements

- (a) QR Network may, acting reasonably, amend a System Wide Requirement by the issue of a notice (“**Amendment Notice**”):
  - (i) on safety grounds, at any time without the consent of the Access Holder subject to providing reasonable notice of the proposed amendment and consulting with the Access Holder prior to its implementation;
  - (ii) if required pursuant to a Material Change; and
  - (iii) in any other circumstance, subject to negotiating the Access Holder’s agreement to such proposed amendment prior to its implementation in accordance with this Clause 5.10 (the Access Holder’s agreement not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed).
- (b) The Amendment Notice issued by QR Network pursuant to Clause 5.10(a) must include details of the proposed amendments to the extent reasonably necessary so as to properly inform the Access Holder of the terms of the proposed amendments and to enable the Access Holder to assess the consequences and impact for the Access Holder (and the Operator) of the proposed amendments and details of the proposed implementation date.
- (c) In respect of any amendment proposed pursuant to Clause 5.10(a)(iii), the Access Holder shall provide advice to QR Network as to whether:
  - (i) the proposed amendments will materially impact on the Access Holder’s operations to such an extent as to fundamentally frustrate the Operator’s operation of Train Services under this Agreement over a sustained period of time notwithstanding the Access Holder’s entitlement to reach agreement with QR Network in terms of the funding of any material financial impact pursuant to Clause 5.10(e)(ii); or
  - (ii) the Access Holder will suffer a net material financial impact (that is, a net cost) equivalent to 1% or greater of the annual Access Charges directly as a result of the proposed amendments.
- (d) Where the Access Holder has provided advice to QR Network pursuant to Clause 5.10(c)(i) and has satisfied QR Network, acting reasonably, within thirty (30) days of receipt by QR Network of that advice, that the Operator’s operation of Train Services under this Agreement will be fundamentally frustrated over a sustained period of time directly as a result of the proposed amendments notwithstanding the Access Holder’s entitlement to reach agreement with QR Network in terms of the funding of any net material financial impact pursuant to Clause 5.10(e)(ii), QR Network will not implement the proposed amendments. In the event that the Access Holder is unable to so satisfy QR Network, QR Network may implement the proposed amendments at any time except that:
  - (i) in the event that the circumstances outlined in Clause 5.10(c)(ii) exist, such implementation shall be subject to Clause 5.10(e); or

- (ii) in the event that the Access Holder disputes QR Network's finding, either Party may refer the dispute for determination by an expert in accordance with Clause 17.3 and QR Network will not implement the proposed amendments pending the determination of the expert.
- (e) Where the Access Holder has provided advice to QR Network pursuant to Clause 5.10(c)(ii) that the relevant circumstances exist then:
  - (i) within thirty (30) days of providing such advice the Access Holder shall provide to QR Network further advice of such net material financial impact including estimates of any additional costs, savings, benefits or detriments to be obtained or suffered or reasonably expected to be obtained or suffered, by the Access Holder directly as a result of implementing the proposed amendments and the Access Holder shall warrant that any estimates given by it are accurate on the basis of the information reasonably available to it and sufficiently detailed to enable QR Network to reasonably assess such net material financial impact; and
  - (ii) the Parties will negotiate in good faith to agree appropriate financial arrangements between them with respect to such net material financial impact and, failing agreement within a further thirty (30) day period, either Party may refer the matter of appropriate financial arrangements to an expert for determination in accordance with Clause 17.3 and QR Network will not implement the proposed amendments pending the expert's determination.
- (f) In making his determination the expert must have regard to, except in circumstances where consequences are otherwise provided under this Agreement, the costs and benefits accruing to the Access Holder but excluding any costs associated with other entitlements of QR Network under this Agreement.
- (g) The Access Holder shall use all reasonable endeavours to minimise the net material financial impact suffered by it due to the proposed amendments.
- (h) Notwithstanding Clause 5.10(e), where any System Wide Requirement is varied on safety grounds, each Party will fund its own costs of implementing the proposed amendments including the equipping of Rollingstock with new or additional equipment such as Signalling and Telecommunications Equipment or making any other modification to Rollingstock.
- (i) At any time following a determination pursuant to Clause 5.10(e), QR Network may elect not to proceed with the proposed amendments.
- (j) The Parties must account to each other in respect of the contributions agreed or determined pursuant to Clause 5.10(e)(ii) following completion of the implementation of the proposed amendments and subsequent modifications to the Access Holder's or Operator's systems, equipment or Rollingstock as required by the amendments.
- (k) Where QR Network implements the proposed amendments in accordance with this Clause 5.10, the relevant System Wide Requirement will be altered accordingly following completion of the implementation of the proposed amendments. The Parties must (and the Access Holder must cause the Operator to) undertake all necessary action and make all necessary amendments to the Interface Risk Management Plan, the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report and/or the Operator's Emergency Response Plan in response to the relevant amendments including providing QR Network with a further certificate of compliance where the Access



Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations require modification as a result of a change to a System Wide Requirement. QR Network will allow a reasonable period for the Access Holder and/or Operator to amend its procedures and plans to comply with any such amended System Wide Requirement, except in the case of emergency circumstances for safety reasons where QR Network may require immediate compliance.

- (l) In the event that QR Network undertakes an Enhancement, QR Network will only be required to vary the Rollingstock Interface Standards to reflect the impact of the Enhancement where the Parties have agreed as to the level and method of contribution to the funding of the Enhancement by the Access Holder.

### **5.11 Private Facilities**

Prior to the commencement of any Train Services, the Access Holder must demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of QR Network that the Access Holder has entered into agreements with the owners or operators of the Private Facilities to enable the Operator to operate Train Services in the manner contemplated in this Agreement ("**Private Facilities Agreements**"). The Access Holder must use reasonable endeavours to maintain the Private Facilities Agreements in full force and effect for the period the Private Facilities are required for the operation of Train Services.

## **6. INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT**

### **6.1 Management and Control of the Nominated Network**

QR Network is responsible for the management of the Nominated Network and shall retain control over all activities on the Nominated Network.

### **6.2 Maintenance of the Nominated Network**

- (a) QR Network must carry out Maintenance Work on the Nominated Network such that, subject to any agreed criteria and the Network Management Principles:
  - (i) the Infrastructure is consistent with the Rollingstock Interface Standards; and
  - (ii) the Operator can operate Train Services in accordance with their Scheduled Times.
- (b) QR Network may impose either temporarily or permanently such Operational Constraints as it considers necessary for the protection of any person or any property (including the Infrastructure) or to facilitate the performance of Maintenance Work or Enhancements provided that in exercising its rights under this Clause 6.2(b) QR Network must:
  - (i) use its reasonable endeavours to minimise disruption to Train Services (including giving as much notice as possible and, where possible, providing alternate Scheduled Times having regard to the reasonable requirements of the Operator); and
  - (ii) comply with the relevant procedures specified in the Interface Coordination Plan.

- (c) Except to the extent that an Operational Constraint resulted from a breach by QR Network of this Agreement, any delays or cancellations of Train Services caused by or resulting from Operational Constraints shall not constitute a default by QR Network of its obligations under this Agreement and QR Network will not be liable for any Claims suffered or incurred by or made or brought by or against the Access Holder or Operator as a result of or arising from the imposition of such an Operational Constraint.
- (d) The Access Holder must (and must cause the Operator to) notify QR Network as soon as is reasonably practicable of any damage to or disrepair or failure in operation or function of any part of the Infrastructure of which the Access Holder or Operator (as applicable) becomes aware.
- (e) The Access Holder must provide reasonable cooperation to QR Network in relation to the timetabling of Planned Possessions provided that any such Planned Possessions are consistent with the Network Management Principles and implemented in accordance with the Possession Protocols.

### 6.3 Inspection by Access Holder

- (a) Subject to Clause 6.3(b), the Access Holder may, prior to the initial commencement of Train Services, at its cost and risk, inspect the Infrastructure and circumstances surrounding the Infrastructure comprising the Nominated Network including, but not limited to, fencing and level crossing protection in order to satisfy itself as to the standard of the Infrastructure and assess the operational, environmental and safety risks associated with operation of Train Services on the Infrastructure.
- (b) Any inspection by the Access Holder under Clause 6.3(a) shall be subject to:
  - (i) the Access Holder providing reasonable written notice to QR Network of its requirement to inspect the Infrastructure and conducting that inspection at reasonable times;
  - (ii) any such inspection being conducted in the presence of a representative of QR Network; and
  - (iii) such other reasonable conditions as may be imposed by QR Network on such inspection including, but not limited to, compliance with QR Network's Safeworking Procedures and Safety Standards,

and shall be conducted in such a manner as to not cause any disruption to any Train Movements or to the undertaking of Maintenance Work or Enhancements.

## 7. INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

### 7.1 Operator's Emergency Response Plan

- (a) Prior to the commencement of any Train Services (including any new or varied Train Services) the Access Holder must cause the Operator to develop and submit to QR Network a plan (the "**Operator's Emergency Response Plan**") which:
  - (i) contains the set of procedures developed by the Operator which are adequate for dealing with an Incident including all actions to be taken to minimise or alleviate any threat or danger to any person or property;

- (ii) without limiting Clause 7.1(a)(i) includes the matters outlined in Part 3 of **Schedule 6** relevant to the Operator's use of the Nominated Network; and
  - (iii) must at all times during the Term be compatible with the QR Network Emergency Procedures and this Agreement.
- (b) If QR Network is not reasonably satisfied that the Operator's Emergency Response Plan complies with Clause 7.1(a), QR Network must notify the Access Holder and if the Parties cannot agree on a mutually acceptable course of action to address QR Network's concerns within fourteen (14) days after the date of QR Network's notice, either Party may refer the matter to an expert in accordance with Clause 17.3. The expert will be required to determine whether or not the Operator's Emergency Response Plan:
- (i) is compatible with the QR Network Emergency Procedures and this Agreement; and
  - (ii) otherwise complies with Clause 7.1(a).

If the expert determines that the Operator's Emergency Response Plan:

- (i) is not compatible with the QR Network Emergency Procedures and this Agreement, he must determine how the non-compliance should be rectified and the Access Holder must cause the Operator to rectify the Operator's Emergency Response Plan accordingly; or
  - (ii) is compatible with the QR Network Emergency Procedures and this Agreement, the Operator's Emergency Response Plan must be treated as complying with Clause 7.1(a).
- (c) The Access Holder must ensure that any amendments to the Operator's Emergency Response Plan comply with the requirements contained in Clause 7.1(a).
- (d) If the Operator intends to amend the Operator's Emergency Response Plan, the Access Holder must cause the Operator to notify QR Network of that fact, providing QR Network with details of the proposed amendments and the reasons for them. Within ten (10) days after receipt of that notice QR Network must notify the Access Holder if QR Network disputes any such proposed amendments, in which case any such dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures set out in Clause 7.1(b).
- (e) No amendment to the Operator's Emergency Response Plan to the extent that it relates to the Operator's operations on the Nominated Network will be effective until it has been made in a manner permitted by this Clause 7.1.
- (f) The Access Holder must be able to demonstrate to QR Network that procedures are in place which ensure compliance by the Operator with any reporting requirements in the Operator's Emergency Response Plan and, to the extent relevant, the QR Network Emergency Procedures and that they are being observed.
- (g) The Access Holder must ensure that at all times sufficient members of the Access Holder's Staff are appropriately qualified to participate in Investigations and that the names and positions of those members of the Access Holder's Staff are maintained in the Operator's Emergency Response Plan.

## 7.2 Obstructions

The Access Holder must not (and must ensure that the Operator does not) cause any Obstruction or permit to continue any Obstruction caused by the Access Holder or Operator.

## 7.3 Notification

- (a) The Access Holder must cause the Operator to notify the QR Network Train Controller as soon as reasonably practicable after the Operator or the Access Holder's Staff discover or become aware of:
  - (i) any Obstruction (including all Incidents) or any breach or suspected breach of Safeworking Procedures; or
  - (ii) anything which the Operator observes may cause or contribute to the occurrence of an Incident or Obstruction.
- (b) QR Network must notify the Access Holder of all Incidents involving the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock.

## 7.4 Management of Incident Response

- (a) QR Network will be responsible for the overall coordination and management of the response to an Incident (including notifying all relevant emergency services) so that Restoration and Recovery are effected as soon as practicable.
- (b) The Access Holder must (or must cause the Operator to) arrange Recovery and cooperate with and assist QR Network in Restoration. The Access Holder will be responsible for effecting timely Recovery in accordance with the Operator's Emergency Response Plan. Where QR Network reasonably believes that more timely recommencement of Train Movements can be achieved by QR Network, then QR Network may, subject to using reasonable efforts to consult with the Access Holder, take such action as is reasonably necessary (including the use of a Railway Operator's Rollingstock to clear the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock) and recover such reasonable direct costs incurred by QR Network in doing so. The Access Holder must pay to QR Network such reasonable direct costs incurred by QR Network.
- (c) If an Incident occurs the Access Holder will (or will cause the Operator to) as soon as reasonably practicable notify QR Network and:
  - (i) take action as soon as reasonably practicable in respect of an Incident to prevent or minimise the occurrence of injury to any person or damage to any property (including environmental damage) where there is an imminent risk of such injury or damage but otherwise take no action without the prior approval of QR Network, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld; and
  - (ii) comply with the directions of QR Network in respect of the coordination and management of Restoration and Recovery.
- (d) (i) Both Parties must use all reasonable endeavours to ensure (and the Access Holder must cause the Operator to use all reasonable endeavours to ensure) that any property damage or delays to the recommencement of Train Movements arising from Restoration or Recovery are minimised provided that QR Network, subject to QR Network using reasonable efforts to consult with the Access Holder, will have the right to take such action (including to

give directions to the Access Holder and the Operator and the Access Holder's Staff and to remove or require the Access Holder or Operator to remove any of their Rollingstock) as QR Network considers reasonably necessary to recommence Train Movements as soon as practicable and, subject to Clause 7.4(d)(ii) and (iv), QR Network shall have no liability for any damage to or loss of freight or Rollingstock caused by such actions.

- (ii) Where pursuant to Clause 7.4(d)(i) QR Network seeks to remove or require the Access Holder or Operator to remove any Relevant Rollingstock where QR Network considers such removal reasonably necessary to recommence Train Movements as soon as practicable and such removal would reasonably be expected to cause material damage to or materially increase the damage to the Relevant Rollingstock, QR Network and the Access Holder must:
  - (A) use all reasonable efforts to consult and agree on the removal of the Relevant Rollingstock as soon as reasonably practicable and at least within a period of six (6) hours after the occurrence of the Incident or such longer period as the Parties may agree; and
  - (B) if the Parties do not consult or reach agreement within a period of six (6) hours or such longer period as agreed, they will refer the decision to the executive general manager of QR Network and the chief executive officer of the Access Holder who must in good faith seek to agree a course of action within two (2) hours of the referral to them or such longer period as the Parties may agree.
- (iii) Where the executive general manager of QR Network and the chief executive officer of the Access Holder, do not consult or do not agree within the specified period in Clause 7.4(d)(ii)(B), QR Network must refer its proposed course of action with respect to the removal of the Relevant Rollingstock to the Removal Expert who shall assess whether, having regard to:
  - (A) the potential to further damage the Relevant Rollingstock;
  - (B) the impact on QR Network's ability to effect Restoration; and
  - (C) the time critical nature of the decision,
 the course of action proposed by QR Network is reasonable.
- (iv) QR Network shall be entitled to progress with the proposed course of action unless the Removal Expert assesses that QR Network's proposed course of action is unreasonable.
- (e) QR Network may, where it is reasonable and practicable in the circumstances to do so, issue a QR Network Train Control Direction to the Operator to provide assistance with clearing any Network Incident including providing Rollingstock, where appropriate, for use by or under the direction of QR Network and undertaking any variation in the operation of a Train Service (including coupling its Rollingstock with Rollingstock of QR Network or another Railway Operator). The Access Holder must cause the Operator to comply with any such QR Network Train Control Direction. The Access Holder may recover from QR Network (on behalf of the Operator) such reasonable direct costs incurred by the Operator in complying with this Clause 7.4(e) as agreed and failing agreement within thirty (30) days after notice by the Access Holder to QR Network as determined by an expert in accordance with Clause 17.3.

- (f) In assessing the costs to be recovered under Clause 7.4(b) or Clause 7.4(e) for the use of Rollingstock, regard shall be had to any industry or other agreement covering such costs and any payments facilitated by such agreement.
- (g) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement QR Network will not be liable for any delays, cancellation of Train Services or Claims suffered or incurred by or made or brought by or against the Access Holder or the Operator as a result of complying with a request by QR Network pursuant to Clause 7.4(e).

## 7.5 Investigations

- (a) In the event of an Incident, an Investigation into the Incident in the circumstances set out in **Schedule 8** must be commenced as soon as practicable unless otherwise agreed between the Parties and must be conducted in the manner and by the persons prescribed in **Schedule 8**.
- (b) Each Party must cooperate and ensure their respective staff cooperate fully with any Investigation and the Parties must consult in good faith in relation to the implementation of any recommendations arising from an Investigation in accordance with the requirements of **Schedule 8**.

## 8. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION

### 8.1 Environmental Management

- (a) The Access Holder must, prior to the commencement of any Train Services (including any new or varied Train Services):
  - (i) cause a suitably qualified person reasonably acceptable to both Parties to prepare a report (“**Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report**”) containing an environmental investigation component and an environmental risk management component which respectively identify:
    - (A) possible risks of Environmental Harm arising out of the proposed use of the Nominated Network by the Operator, including risks associated with those matters identified in Part 3 of **Schedule 6**; and
    - (B) the manner in which the Operator proposes to address the possible risks of Environmental Harm identified in the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report as well as the roles and responsibilities, including financial responsibility, for the control measures proposed and an audit regime,

provided that if the Operator has an existing Environmental Management System it proposes to use in connection with the proposed Train Services on the Nominated Network, the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report should also detail the extent to which the Operator believes its existing Environmental Management System addresses the risks identified in the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report; and

- (ii) provide a copy of the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report to QR Network for its consideration and, if requested by QR Network, a copy of the relevant parts of the Operator's existing Environmental Management System referred to in the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report.
- (b) If the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report discloses areas of risk which, in the reasonable opinion of QR Network, cannot be adequately managed by the proposals set out in the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report or, in the reasonable opinion of QR Network, fails to identify and adequately deal with additional relevant environmental risks, then QR Network may give notice to that effect to the Access Holder within thirty (30) days after the date on which the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report was received by QR Network (or such other period as the Parties, acting reasonably, may agree), detailing the risks not so adequately managed or not so identified or adequately dealt with. If QR Network does not give such notice, the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report shall be included in Part 1 of **Schedule 9** and amendments made to the Agreement (including variations to the Base Access Charges) if applicable.
- (c) If QR Network gives notice pursuant to Clause 8.1(b) the Access Holder may respond, by a date agreed by the Parties, with a written proposal which demonstrates how the Access Holder proposes to manage those risks ("**Access Holder's Proposal**"). The Access Holder's Proposal must:
- (i) contain an investigation of the areas of risk and/or additional relevant environmental risks referred to in Clause 8.1(b);
  - (ii)
    - (A) specify risk abatement or attenuation measures which the Access Holder proposes to undertake in relation to them; and/or
    - (B) specify how the Access Charges might contain a component reflecting the cost to QR Network of assuming all or some portion of the risk;
  - (iii) in relation to paragraph (ii)(A) specify a timeframe for implementation of those measures; and
  - (iv) specify details of any public consultation the Access Holder proposes to undertake in connection with the implementation of any such measures.
- (d) QR Network may, acting reasonably, accept or reject all or part of the Access Holder's Proposal.
- (e) If QR Network accepts the Access Holder's Proposal, then it will be incorporated into and form part of the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report which shall be included in Part 1 of **Schedule 9** and amendments made to the Agreement (including variations to the Base Access Charges) if applicable.
- (f) If the Access Holder fails to submit to QR Network an Access Holder's Proposal by the date agreed by the Parties or if QR Network rejects all or part of the Access Holder's Proposal, QR Network may advise the Access Holder of the risks not adequately managed or not identified or adequately dealt with, and then either Party may refer the issue of whether the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report and/or the Access Holder's Proposal does or does not adequately manage or does or does not identify or adequately deal with the relevant environmental risks to an expert in accordance with Clause 17.3.

- (g) If the expert determines that the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report and/or Access Holder's Proposal does adequately manage the risks or identifies and adequately deals with the risks, then the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report as modified by the Access Holder's Proposal (if applicable) will be accepted, included in Part 1 of **Schedule 9** and amendments made to the Agreement (including variations to the Base Access Charges) if applicable.
- (h) If the expert determines that the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report and/or Access Holder's Proposal does not adequately manage the risks or does not identify and adequately deal with the risks, then provided the Access Holder amends the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report in accordance with the expert's determination and/or recommendations within the time frame specified by the expert, the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report as amended will be accepted and included in Part 1 of **Schedule 9** and amendments made to the Agreement (including variations to the Base Access Charges) if applicable.
- (i) If the expert determines that the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report and/or Access Holder's Proposal does not adequately manage the risks or does not identify and adequately deal with the risks and the Access Holder fails to amend the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report in accordance with the expert's determination and/or recommendations within the time frame specified by the expert, QR Network may terminate this Agreement.
- (j) The Parties agree to implement the determination of the expert.

## **8.2 Environmental Management System**

- (a) The Access Holder must cause the Operator to, prior to the commencement of any Train Services (including any new or varied Train Services), have in place an Environmental Management System. The Environmental Management System prepared by the Operator must:
  - (i) have regard to the issues raised in the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report and contain procedures for implementing the risk management proposals identified in it. The Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report includes the results of any expert determination referred to in Clause 8.1(f) or any amendment of the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report arising from the recommendations of any environmental audit or review conducted pursuant to Clause 8.7;
  - (ii) address all legislative requirements, including the requirements of the Environmental Authorities held by QR Network from time to time that are relevant to the Train Services to be operated by the Operator under this Agreement; and
  - (iii) identify systems (including audit systems) and procedures to address all relevant environmental risks and ensure compliance with all Environmental Laws.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of any Train Services (including any new or varied Train Services), QR Network will ensure that the elements of the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report which QR Network is responsible for



implementing are incorporated into QR Network's Environmental Management System.

### **8.3 Carriage of Dangerous Goods on Train Services**

- (a) The Access Holder must ensure that where Dangerous Goods are to be carried on a particular Train Service:
  - (i) all requirements of the Dangerous Goods Code are fully complied with (including placement of relevant, accurate and current documentation on Trains);
  - (ii) QR Network is advised of the details of the Dangerous Goods (including a description and the applicable Dangerous Goods United Nations (UN) Number) prior to the operation of a Train as part of the Train List; and
  - (iii) any authorisation or prior approvals required under the Dangerous Goods Code have been obtained and are available for inspection by QR Network if so requested.
- (b) The Access Holder must ensure that, where there is any likelihood of Train Services carrying Dangerous Goods and before any Dangerous Goods can be carried on Train Services, the Operator's Emergency Response Plan prepared in accordance with Clause 7.1 includes procedures for responding to an Incident involving Dangerous Goods of the type to be carried.

### **8.4 Noise Management during Train Services**

- (a) In addition to any noise attenuation or management measures which may form part of or be identified in the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report, the Access Holder shall contribute to, as reasonably determined by QR Network, the costs incurred by QR Network in taking noise abatement measures on or adjacent to the Nominated Network considered reasonably necessary by QR Network where the Noise Planning Levels are, or but for the taking of these measures by QR Network, would be exceeded during the Term.
- (b) If, during the Term, the Noise Planning Levels are reduced such that noise from the Nominated Network exceeds the new Noise Planning Levels, QR Network may elect, in its absolute discretion, to implement noise abatement measures on the Nominated Network to ensure compliance with the new Noise Planning Levels. The Access Holder shall contribute to the cost of those noise abatement measures as reasonably determined by QR Network.
- (c) If the Access Holder disputes any determination made by QR Network in accordance with this Clause 8.4 regarding the contribution of costs, either Party may refer that dispute to an expert in accordance with Clause 17.3.

### **8.5 Spillage of Contaminating Materials**

- (a) Where:
  - (i) the activities of the Access Holder or Operator under this Agreement result in any release, spillage or leakage of any Contaminating Material, or QR Network is reasonably of the opinion that those activities are causing or likely to cause contamination or Environmental Harm, and QR Network

reasonably considers that action is required to prevent, mitigate or remedy that contamination or Environmental Harm; or

- (ii) QR Network is given a direction, notice or order by a relevant Authority that some action is required to prevent, mitigate or remedy any actual or threatened contamination or Environmental Harm resulting from, or contributed to by, the activities of the Access Holder or Operator under this Agreement,

then QR Network may notify the Access Holder of the action which is required and the Access Holder must at its cost, as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving such notice, implement such action or cause such action to be implemented.

- (b) If, in QR Network's reasonable opinion, any action pursuant to Clause 8.5(a) ought best be undertaken by QR Network, then QR Network may elect to undertake such action and the Access Holder shall pay to QR Network the costs incurred by QR Network in doing so.
- (c) If the Access Holder disputes any action taken by QR Network in accordance with this Clause 8.5, either Party may refer the dispute to an expert in accordance with Clause 17.3 and if the expert determines the dispute in favour of the Access Holder, QR Network will reimburse the Access Holder for the costs incurred by the Access Holder as a result of the actions taken by the Access Holder at QR Network's request (or, if applicable, QR Network will bear the costs incurred by QR Network in accordance with Clause 8.5(b) and shall not be able to recover those costs from the Access Holder) to the extent determined by the expert.

## **8.6 Community Liaison and Environmental Complaint Procedures**

- (a) Prior to the commencement of any Train Services the Access Holder and/or Operator shall take all steps necessary to comply with all relevant community liaison requirements required by Law, any Authority or reasonably required by QR Network, and shall invite QR Network to be represented at any community meetings organised by the Access Holder and/or Operator.
- (b) In the event that QR Network, the Access Holder or the Operator receives noise complaints or other complaints dealing with environmental issues in relation to the Nominated Network, both QR Network and the Access Holder shall inform each other of those complaints as soon as reasonably practicable and shall cooperate in investigating and responding to those complaints.

## **8.7 Audit and Review of Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report**

- (a) The Access Holder will provide QR Network with copies of those parts of any environmental audits undertaken by or on behalf of the Access Holder (or Operator) in respect of its Train Services on the Nominated Network.
- (b) QR Network will provide the Access Holder with copies of those parts of QR Network's environmental audits that are relevant to the operation of the Access Holder's Train Services on the Nominated Network.
- (c) If QR Network becomes aware of:
  - (i) any inadequacy of the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report due to:

- (A) any change in Environmental Laws of relevance to the operation of Train Services on the Nominated Network; or
  - (B) any conduct on the part of the Access Holder or Operator which causes or threatens to cause Serious Environmental Harm or Material Environmental Harm; or
- (ii) any non-compliance by the Access Holder or Operator with the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report,

then, in addition to any other rights QR Network may have under this Agreement, QR Network may by notice to the Access Holder direct the Access Holder to undertake a review of the adequacy of the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report and/or the Access Holder's or Operator's compliance with it. The review will only deal with:

- (i) the extent to which the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report appears not to address a change in Environmental Laws of relevance to the operation of Train Services on the Nominated Network; or
- (ii) the conduct causing or threatening to cause Serious Environmental Harm or Material Environmental Harm; or
- (iii) the extent of non-compliance by the Access Holder or Operator with the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report,

whichever is applicable in the circumstances.

- (d) If directed by QR Network to undertake a review in accordance with Clause 8.7(c), the Access Holder will ensure the review is carried out and will provide QR Network with a copy of the review report within a reasonable time after the review has been completed (and in any case, not later than three (3) Months after the notice from QR Network requiring the review).
- (e) The Access Holder must implement (or cause to be implemented) the reasonable recommendations arising from each review under this Clause 8.7, and the Parties shall amend the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report and this Agreement (including any variations to the Base Access Charges) as appropriate.
- (f) Either Party may refer any dispute as to the nature or extent of any amendments to the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report or this Agreement that ought to be made to an expert for resolution in accordance with Clause 17.3.

## **8.8 Notification**

- (a) The Access Holder must advise (and must cause the Operator to advise) QR Network of any failure by the Access Holder or Operator to comply with the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report and the Operator's Environmental Management System to the extent relevant to this Agreement as and when the Access Holder or Operator becomes aware of such failure and provide details of how it intends to address the non-compliance. The Access Holder must remedy (or cause the Operator to remedy) such non-compliance as soon as practicable having regard to the nature of the non-compliance, the reasonable interests of QR Network and any action required by the Environmental Protection Agency.

- (b) QR Network must advise the Access Holder of any failure by QR Network to comply with the Environmental Investigation and Risk Management Report and QR Network's Environmental Management System to the extent relevant to this Agreement as and when QR Network becomes aware of such failure. QR Network must remedy such non-compliance as soon as practicable having regard to the nature of the non-compliance, the reasonable interests of the Access Holder and any action required by the Environmental Protection Agency.
- (c) The Access Holder must advise (and must cause the Operator to advise) QR Network of any failure to comply with their obligations under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld) , including any notices or directions relating to the operation of Train Services that they receive from the Environmental Protection Agency. Failure by the Access Holder or the Operator to comply with its obligations under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (Qld), where that failure causes or threatens to cause Serious Environmental Harm, entitles QR Network to terminate in accordance with Clause 20.
- (d) QR Network will notify the Access Holder of any changes to any Environmental Authorities held by QR Network or variations to any other environmental information provided by QR Network to the Access Holder relevant to the operation of Train Services.

## **9. ACCREDITATION**

### **9.1 Evidence of Accreditation**

- (a) The Access Holder must on or before the commencement of any Train Services provide to QR Network evidence of the Operator's Accreditation (including all conditions and/or variations).
- (b) QR Network must have and maintain Accreditation to the extent required to perform its obligations under this Agreement and, if requested to do so in writing by the Access Holder, must provide to the Access Holder copies of documentation evidencing currency, renewal or amendment of QR Network's Accreditation within five (5) days of such request. The Access Holder must ensure that the Operator has and maintains Accreditation to the extent required to operate the Train Services under this Agreement and, if requested to do so in writing by QR Network, provide to QR Network copies of documentation evidencing currency, renewal or amendment of the Operator's Accreditation within five (5) days of such request.
- (c) QR Network will notify the Access Holder as soon as possible of any notice from an Authority affecting or likely to affect QR Network's Accreditation and will provide a copy of that notice to the Access Holder on request. The Access Holder will cause the Operator to notify QR Network as soon as possible of any notice from an Authority affecting or likely to affect the Operator's Accreditation and to provide a copy of that notice to QR Network on request.

## **10. ACCESS HOLDER'S STAFF**

### **10.1 Safety of Staff**

The Access Holder and the Operator will be fully responsible and liable for the health and safety of the Access Holder's Staff and the personal property of the Access Holder's Staff, and the Access Holder indemnifies and releases QR Network to the extent permitted by law from any

liability in relation to the Access Holder's Staff except to the extent that such liability is caused by the wilful default or negligence of QR Network or QR Network's Staff.

## **10.2 Qualifications of Access Holder's Staff**

The Access Holder must:

- (a) ensure that all risks associated with Safety Related Work (including the competence of all Access Holder's Staff to safely and properly discharge their duties related to the exercise of the Access Holder's rights or performance of its obligations under this Agreement) are addressed in the Interface Risk Assessment;
- (b) ensure that all Access Holder's Staff hold and keep current all qualifications and accreditations required under any Law and as specified in Part 2 of **Schedule 9** and undertake any additional training from time to time in order to keep current such qualifications and accreditations;
- (c) meet all costs of any training and/or testing required to meet the requirements of this Clause 10.2; and
- (d) keep QR Network advised of the names and position titles of all Access Holder's Staff engaged in Safety Related Work on the Nominated Network and ensure that all Safety Related Work is performed only by those Access Holder's Staff whose details have been provided to QR Network in accordance with this Clause 10.2 and who satisfy the requirements of this Clause 10.2.

## **10.3 Entry onto Land**

The Access Holder must ensure that the Access Holder's Staff do not enter upon the Land in a manner inconsistent with the Interface Coordination Plan, the Interface Risk Management Plan or the Operator's Emergency Response Plan without the prior written approval of QR Network and that, in the event such approval is given, the relevant Access Holder's Staff comply with all conditions of the approval and hold the necessary qualifications and accreditations.

## **11. INTERFACE RISK MANAGEMENT**

- (a) Prior to the commencement of any Train Services (including any new or varied Train Services):
  - (i) the Access Holder must conduct an Interface Risk Assessment jointly with QR Network and the Operator in order to:
    - (A) identify all reasonably foreseeable Interface Risks to the Access Holder, the Operator, QR Network and all persons and property and evaluate the possibility of the Interface Risks occurring and the safety and commercial consequences of those Interface Risks;
    - (B) agree the applicable controls and measures to adequately address the Interface Risks identified (including any training required for the Operator's Staff) and the Party responsible for implementation of such controls and measures and ensuring their on-going effectiveness;
    - (C) agree an audit, inspection and review regime;

- (D) agree the applicable Safeworking Procedures and Safety Standards having regard to existing QR Network and industry practices;
  - (E) agree the Rollingstock Interface Standards (or, if already agreed, agree variations to the Rollingstock Interface Standards); and
  - (F) agree any consequential changes to the provisions of the Agreement, including the applicable Access Charges;
- (ii) the Parties must incorporate the above agreed outcomes, as applicable, into:
- (A) the Interface Risk Management Plan which shall be included in Part 2 of **Schedule 9**;
  - (B) Part 1 of **Schedule 6**;
  - (C) **Schedule 3**; and
  - (D) the relevant provisions of the Agreement; and
- (iii) the Access Holder must cause the Operator to develop the Operator's Safety Management System which must incorporate:
- (A) the risks identified and the controls and measures and other elements included in the Interface Risk Management Plan that the Access Holder or Operator is responsible for implementing; and
  - (B) necessary processes for ensuring that the Access Holder, the Operator, their Rollingstock, Rollingstock Configurations and Train Services at all times comply with the requirements of this Agreement, including the agreed Interface Risk Management Plan.
- (b) If the Parties are unable to agree any element of the Interface Risk Assessment or the Interface Risk Management Plan (including the Rollingstock Interface Standards), each Party may give notice in writing to the other Party of the dispute ("**Dispute Notice**") whereupon either Party may refer the matter in dispute ("**Dispute**") to an expert for resolution in accordance with Clause 17.3. If the matter is not referred to an expert for resolution within fourteen (14) days after a Party gives a Dispute Notice to the other Party, then at any time thereafter:
- (i) if the matter has not been referred to the Safety Regulator in accordance with Clause 11(b)(ii) or the QCA in accordance with Clause 11(b)(iii), either Party may still refer the matter to an expert for resolution in accordance with Clause 17.3;
  - (ii) if the matter has not been referred to an expert in accordance with Clause 11(b)(i) or to the QCA in accordance with Clause 11(b)(iii), and in the opinion of the Safety Regulator the matters in dispute are solely related to safety issues, then either Party may refer the matter to the Safety Regulator through any process the Safety Regulator considers appropriate; and
  - (iii) if the matter has not been referred to an expert in accordance with Clause 11(b)(i) or to the Safety Regulator in accordance with Clause 11(b)(ii), then either Party may refer the matter to the QCA (acting with the advice of the Safety Regulator) for resolution in accordance with Clause 17.6,

provided that if the matter is in the first instance referred to an expert for resolution (whether this occurs during or after the relevant fourteen (14) day period) and either Party is not satisfied with the determination of the expert, then notwithstanding Clause 17.3(i), either Party may, within twenty-one (21) days after the expert makes the determination, refer the matter for resolution by the Safety Regulator under Clause 11(b)(ii) or the QCA under Clause 11(b)(iii). Any determination made by the QCA or the Safety Regulator (whether or not following a determination by an expert) shall be final and binding on the Parties.

If an expert, the Safety Regulator or the QCA is called upon under this Clause to make a determination the effect of which would be to establish the content of any aspect of the Interface Risk Management Plan, then the expert, Safety Regulator or the QCA (as the case may be) shall comply with any guiding principles for the resolution of a Dispute under this Clause that may from time to time be determined by the Safety Regulator.

Where a Dispute is referred to the QCA in accordance with this Clause, the QCA shall seek the advice of the Safety Regulator on any aspect of the Dispute that either Party to the Dispute or the QCA considers to be a safety related matter. The QCA shall not make any decision that is inconsistent with any advice it receives from the Safety Regulator to the extent that the advice relates to any aspect of safety. The QCA will provide to the Parties a copy of any advice it receives from the Safety Regulator.

Where the QCA seeks advice from the Safety Regulator in relation to a Dispute, the costs of the Safety Regulator shall be borne by the Parties in such proportion as the QCA determines.

- (c) Prior to the commencement of any of the Access Holder's Train Services, QR Network must incorporate the elements of the Interface Risk Management Plan it has agreed to be responsible for implementing into QR Network's safety management system.
- (d) The Parties must advise each other of any failure to comply with the Interface Risk Management Plan as and when the Party becomes aware of such non-compliance, including details of the nature of the non-compliance and how the Party has rectified or intends to rectify the non-compliance.
- (e) If at any time during the Term, either Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the Interface Risk Management Plan is no longer effective either in managing the Interface Risks it was intended to manage or in managing new or varied Interface Risks (including if the Train Service Description changes), the Parties must conduct a further joint Interface Risk Assessment to review the Interface Risks which are no longer effectively managed by the current Interface Risk Management Plan or the new or varied Interface Risks (as the case may be).
- (f) Where a Party has reasonable grounds to believe that the other Party (or the Operator) has not or is not complying with any aspect of the Interface Risk Management Plan (including the Rollingstock Interface Standards) then, in accordance with the provisions of Clause 12, that Party may conduct or require the conduct of an inspection or audit of the relevant aspect of the Access Holder's Train Services or the Nominated Network (as applicable).
- (g) The Parties shall amend the Interface Risk Management Plan and this Agreement (including making any variations to the Base Access Charges) if, subsequent to an audit or inspection of the Interface Risk Management Plan, the Parties agree that such amendment is required having regard to the findings of such inspection or audit and, failing agreement, either Party may refer the issue of the need for such amendment to an expert for determination in accordance with Clause 17.3.

- (h) Where QR Network and the Access Holder agree that training of the Access Holder's Staff is required as a control or part of a control to a particular Interface Risk identified in the Interface Risk Assessment, and the Access Holder and/or the Operator can only obtain that training from QR Network, QR Network will provide the Access Holder and/or the Operator with that training and be entitled to recover from the Access Holder a reasonable commercial charge for providing such training.

## 12. INSPECTION AND AUDIT RIGHTS

### 12.1 Rights of Inspection and Audit

In addition to the rights of inspection and audit specified in Clauses 6 and 11(f) and subject to the provisions of this Clause 12, either Party may conduct or require the conduct of an inspection or audit relevant to assessing the other Party's (or Operator's) compliance with the Interface Risk Management Plan (including the Rollingstock Interface Standards) and the Safeworking Procedures and Safety Standards periodically as specified in the Interface Risk Management Plan.

### 12.2 Inspection of Trains and Rollingstock

- (a) Where QR Network reasonably believes that the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations do not comply with:
- (i) the authorised Rollingstock and Rollingstock Configurations as specified in **Schedule 4**;
  - (ii) the Interface Risk Management Plan (including the Rollingstock Interface Standards); or
  - (iii) any applicable Laws relevant to the Access Holder's Train Services,
- and QR Network cannot otherwise determine whether this is the case, QR Network may inspect any Trains or Rollingstock which is utilised or intended to be utilised in the operation of Train Services or require the Access Holder to have an inspection conducted and for this purpose QR Network or QR Network's Staff will be entitled at any time to enter and ride on the Trains or Rollingstock.
- (b) QR Network shall have the right to require any of the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock (either loaded or empty) to be available at such location as QR Network may reasonably require, including locations on the Infrastructure but not on the Nominated Network, for weighing, measurement or other inspection at any reasonable time specified by QR Network.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 2.7, if any of the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock is reasonably considered by QR Network to be loaded in excess of the limits specified in **Schedule 4** or in an unsafe or insecure manner, then QR Network may at any time require the Operator to discontinue the Train Service or to remove the excess or adjust the load at the Access Holder's expense. If the Operator fails to immediately remove the excess or adjust the load, QR Network may arrange for its removal or adjustment and the Access Holder will be responsible for all resultant costs incurred by QR Network.



### 12.3 Notice of Inspection or Audit

The Party requiring the conduct of an inspection or audit must give the other Party reasonable prior written notice of such inspection or audit except in the case of emergencies or if an event or circumstance referred to in Clauses 19 or 20 has occurred and such notice shall include the following:

- (a) details of the inspection or audit to be carried out;
- (b) the name of the person conducting the inspection or audit;
- (c) the timing and expected duration of the inspection or audit;
- (d) the location of the inspection or audit;
- (e) the grounds upon which the Party requires the inspection or audit; and
- (f) the Party's requirements of the other Party in relation to the inspection or audit.

### 12.4 Conduct of Inspection or Audit

- (a) Any inspection or audit carried out pursuant to this Agreement may be conducted by the relevant Party, its appointed representative or by a suitably qualified person reasonably acceptable to both Parties, provided that if the inspection or audit would require access to commercially sensitive information of a Party and that Party has a legitimate commercial reason for wanting to withhold access to that information from the other Party, then the inspection or audit shall be conducted by a suitably qualified independent person reasonably acceptable to both Parties who shall be given access to the commercially sensitive information by the Party the subject of the inspection or audit but who shall be prohibited from disclosing that commercially sensitive information to the other Party.
- (b) The Access Holder shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure that QR Network, its appointed representative or the person appointed to conduct an inspection or audit are entitled to enter and be upon land and premises (whether or not owned or leased by the Access Holder) on which the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock is located from time to time (which location is specified in a notice pursuant to Clause 12.3) for the purposes of carrying out any inspection or audit or exercising any other right under this Agreement.
- (c) In exercising any right of inspection or audit under this Agreement, a Party must not interfere unreasonably with the other Party's or the Operator's Trains and Rollingstock or Train Movements on the Nominated Network and must use its reasonable endeavours to avoid damage or injury and to minimise any disruption to the other Party's or the Operator's business activities.
- (d) Subject to Clause 12.4(e), a Party conducting an inspection or audit ("**Inspecting Party**") will not be liable for any delays or cancellation of Train Services or Claims suffered or incurred by or made or brought by or against the other Party as a result of the exercise by the Inspecting Party of its rights under this Clause 12 provided the Inspecting Party complies with Clause 12.4(c).
- (e) The Access Holder will be liable for and will indemnify QR Network in respect of any Claim made against QR Network by another Railway Operator as a result of a delay or cancellation of a Train service of that other Railway Operator as a result of the exercise by the Access Holder of its inspection or audit rights under this Clause 12,

provided that the Access Holder will not be liable for, or be required to indemnify QR Network in respect of, any such Claim where:

- (i) the Access Holder has complied with Clause 12.4(c) in exercising its inspection or audit rights; and
- (ii) the inspection or audit reveals that QR Network is in breach of its obligations under this Agreement.

#### **12.5 Cooperation by the Parties**

Each Party shall provide (and the Access Holder shall cause the Operator to provide) all reasonable assistance required by the other Party in conducting any inspection or audit under this Agreement, including allowing a Party, its appointed representative or person appointed to conduct an inspection or audit to discuss any relevant matter with QR Network's Staff or the Access Holder's Staff (as applicable). A member of QR Network's Staff or the Access Holder's Staff (as applicable) may be present at the inspection or audit.

#### **12.6 Costs of Inspection or Audit**

- (a) The Party who conducts or requires the conduct of an inspection or audit under Clause 6 or an agreed periodic audit shall bear the reasonable costs of conducting the inspection or audit.
- (b) The Party whose operations are inspected or audited under Clause 11(f) or Clause 12.2 shall bear the reasonable costs of conducting the inspection or audit unless it is demonstrated that the stated grounds for requiring the conduct of the inspection or audit did not exist. In circumstances where the stated grounds for such inspection or audit have not been demonstrated to exist, the Party that required the conduct of the inspection or audit shall bear the costs of conducting such inspection or audit.

#### **12.7 Copies of Reports**

The Parties must provide each other with a copy of any report of any inspection or audit undertaken pursuant to this Clause 12 in respect of its compliance (or the compliance of the Operator) with the Interface Risk Management Plan (including the Rollingstock Interface Standards).

#### **12.8 Consequences of Inspection or Audit**

Unless otherwise agreed, where a Party requires the conduct of an inspection or an audit under Clauses 11(f) or 12.2(a)(ii) of this Agreement, that Party will be liable to the other Party in respect of loss or damage (including damages for Consequential Loss) arising from the conduct of the inspection or audit if, and only if, no reasonable person in the position of the Party who required the conduct of the inspection or audit could have formed the view that the stated grounds for such inspection or audit existed, provided that the other Party must use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate the loss or damage arising from the conduct of the inspection or audit. The Party who required the conduct of the inspection or audit shall bear the burden of establishing that a reasonable person in its position could have formed that view.

#### **12.9 Parties' Obligations**

An inspection or audit by a Party under this Agreement shall not relieve the other Party of its obligations under this Agreement or at Law.

### **13. INSURANCE BY ACCESS HOLDER**

#### **13.1 Maintain Insurance Policies**

The Access Holder must, and/or (as appropriate) must cause the Operator to, prior to the commencement of Train Services at their expense take out and subsequently maintain current at all times during the Term insurance with a Corporation licensed to conduct insurance business in Australia (or otherwise reasonably acceptable to QR Network) those policies of insurance required by this Agreement.

#### **13.2 Required Insurance Policies**

The Access Holder must take out and maintain, and/or (as appropriate) must cause the Operator to take out and maintain, insurance for the risks and on the terms specified in **Schedule 7**.

#### **13.3 Disclosure of Insurance Policies**

The Access Holder must provide, and cause the Operator to provide, to QR Network evidence of the insurance policies effected pursuant to this Clause 13 or, if requested by QR Network, copies of such insurance policies, to QR Network's reasonable satisfaction:

- (a) at least fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of Train Services;
- (b) upon renewal of each insurance policy during the Term; and
- (c) whenever reasonably requested to do so in writing by QR Network.

#### **13.4 Failure to Disclose Insurance Policies**

If the Access Holder or Operator, whenever required to do so under this Agreement, fails to produce to QR Network evidence to the reasonable satisfaction of QR Network of insurances that have been effected or maintained by it, QR Network may:

- (a) effect and maintain the insurance and pay the premiums and any amount so paid will be a debt due from the Access Holder to QR Network; and/or
- (b) terminate this Agreement pursuant to Clause 20.1(g).

#### **13.5 Minimum Terms of Policies**

Each of the policies of insurance effected in accordance with this Agreement must, to the extent permitted by Law:

- (a) note the interests of the Access Holder or Operator (as applicable), any contractor and QR Network;
- (b) not contain any exclusions, endorsements or alterations to the accepted policy wording that adversely amends the cover provided without the written consent of QR Network (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed); and
- (c) include the terms and be for the amounts referred to in **Schedule 7**.

**13.6 Access Holder Not to Render Policy Void**

The Access Holder must not, and must ensure that the Operator does not, render any of the insurances effected in accordance with this Clause 13 void or voidable or liable to refusal of any claim.

**13.7 Compliance**

The Access Holder must, and must cause the Operator to, at all times comply with the terms and conditions of all insurance policies effected pursuant to this Clause 13.

**13.8 Notice of Potential Claims**

In addition to any other obligation on the Access Holder pursuant to this Agreement, the Access Holder must, and must cause the Operator to, notify QR Network as soon as practicable after the occurrence of any claim under any insurance policy required by this Agreement, notify QR Network of that event in reasonable detail and thereafter keep QR Network informed of subsequent developments concerning any claim.

**13.9 Access Holder to pay all excess/deductibles**

The Access Holder must in respect of any claims by it or any other insured for which it is responsible (including the Operator), pay and bear, or must cause the Operator to pay and bear (as appropriate), all excesses/deductibles provided for in any insurances effected in accordance with this Clause 13.

**13.10 Settlement of Claims**

Upon settlement of a claim under any policy required by this Agreement covering damage to Infrastructure the monies received must be paid to QR Network unless the Access Holder has already partially or totally indemnified QR Network for the relevant damage, in which case the monies shall be paid to the Access Holder or Operator (as applicable) but only to the extent that QR Network has been indemnified.

**14. INDEMNITIES AND LIABILITIES****14.1 Indemnity by Access Holder**

Subject to Clause 14.3, the Access Holder is solely liable for and releases, indemnifies and will keep indemnified QR Network, its directors and QR Network's Staff against all Claims of any nature suffered or incurred by or made or brought against QR Network, its directors or QR Network's Staff due to or arising out of this Agreement in respect of any loss of or damage to or destruction of real or personal property (including property of QR Network) or personal injury to or death of any person in each case caused by or (to the extent of the contribution) contributed to by the wilful default or any deliberate or negligent act or omission of the Access Holder or Access Holder's Staff.

**14.2 Indemnity by QR Network**

Subject to Clause 14.3, QR Network is solely liable for and releases, indemnifies and will keep indemnified the Access Holder, its directors and Access Holder's Staff against all Claims of any nature suffered or incurred by or made or brought against the Access Holder, its directors or the Access Holder's Staff due to or arising out of this Agreement in respect of any loss of or damage to or destruction of real or personal property (including property of the Access Holder) or personal

injury to or death of any person in each case caused by or (to the extent of the contribution) contributed to by the wilful default or any deliberate or negligent act or omission of QR Network or QR Network's Staff.

#### **14.3 Liability to Third Parties**

Notwithstanding Clause 14.1 or Clause 14.2, the Access Holder is solely liable for and releases, indemnifies and will keep indemnified QR Network, its directors and QR Network's Staff against all Claims due to or arising out of this Agreement in respect of damage to or loss of any property or personal injury to or death of any person where such person or property is being transported on Train Services except to the extent that such damage, loss, injury or death is caused by or contributed to (to the extent of the contribution) by the wilful default or any deliberate or negligent act or omission of QR Network or QR Network's Staff. Unless otherwise agreed, the Access Holder shall extend to QR Network or cause the Operator to extend to QR Network any exclusion or limitation of liability afforded by the Operator's conditions of carriage with its or the Access Holder's customers and shall provide to QR Network details of the Operator's conditions of carriage relevant to QR Network's liability in place from time to time.

#### **14.4 Liability from Infrastructure Standard**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, QR Network will not be liable to the Access Holder or Operator and the Access Holder or Operator will not have or make any Claim against QR Network in respect of any loss of or damage to real or personal property, including property of the Access Holder or Operator, or personal injury to or death of any person or any other damage, expense, injury, cost or loss whatsoever arising out of or in connection with the standard of the Infrastructure or any failure of or defect in the Infrastructure except to the extent that such loss, damage, injury, cost or expense results directly from the failure of QR Network to perform its obligations under Clause 6.2(a).

#### **14.5 Defence of Claims**

The Parties shall render each other, and the Access Holder shall cause the Operator to render, all reasonable assistance in the defence of any Claim made against a Party by a Third Party arising out of any Incident or other event giving rise to a Claim.

#### **14.6 Continuation of Indemnities**

The releases and indemnities contained in this Clause 14 for the benefit of either Party continue in full force and effect as to any Claims occurring or arising from any act occurring during the Term notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement whether by expiration of time or otherwise.

#### **14.7 Determination of Liability**

In the event of an Incident involving the Access Holder or any other event which results or could result in a Claim by or against the Access Holder, Operator or QR Network, liability as between the Access Holder and QR Network shall for the purposes of this Clause 14 be determined:

- (a) as agreed between the Parties;
- (b) failing such agreement within one (1) Month of either Party giving notice to the other requiring agreement on liability, by a loss adjuster appointed pursuant to Clause 14.8; or
- (c) where the amount of the Claim exceeds the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) and either Party is dissatisfied with the report of the loss adjuster, by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

## 14.8 Loss Adjuster

Where a matter is to be referred to a loss adjuster in accordance with Clause 14.7 then the following provisions of this Clause shall apply:

- (a) The loss adjuster shall be appointed by the Parties, or in default of such appointment within fourteen (14) days after the need to appoint a loss adjuster, by the President of The Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters Australasian Division.
- (b) In any event, the loss adjuster shall:
  - (i) be a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Chartered Loss Adjusters or have equivalent qualifications and experience;
  - (ii) have no interest or duty which conflicts or may conflict with his function as a loss adjuster, he being required to fully disclose any such interest or duty before his appointment; and
  - (iii) not be an employee of the Access Holder, Operator or QR Network or of a Related Body Corporate of any of them.
- (c) The loss adjuster appointed pursuant to this Clause 14.8 shall not be permitted to act until he has given written notice of the acceptance of his appointment to both Parties.
- (d) Any loss adjuster appointed pursuant to this Clause 14.8 shall be required to undertake to keep confidential all matters coming to his knowledge by reason of his appointment and the performance of his duties.
- (e) Any person nominated as a loss adjuster hereunder shall be deemed to be and shall act as an expert and not an arbitrator and the law relating to arbitration including without limitation, the Commercial Arbitration Act 1990 (Qld) shall not apply to him or his determination or the procedures by which he may reach his determination.
- (f) Each Party must ensure to the best of its ability that the loss adjuster is given the opportunity to interview any employee, agent or contractor (including employees, agents or contractors of the Operator) involved in or with knowledge of the Incident or event giving rise to the Claim or with any other relevant information that may be of use to the loss adjuster.
- (g) Each Party must make available to the loss adjuster any files, documents, data, recordings or other information that may be of use to, or is requested by, the loss adjuster for the purposes of his investigation.
- (h) The loss adjuster will determine the quantum of the relevant Claim and the liability of the Access Holder and/or QR Network in respect of such Claim and shall provide a copy of his report on such matters to each of the Parties within a reasonable time after his appointment.
- (i) In the absence of manifest error, the decision of the loss adjuster shall be final and binding upon the Parties where the total claims arising from the Incident or event giving rise to the Claim are equal to or less than the sum of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00).

## 14.9 Costs

The costs of the loss adjuster shall be borne by the Parties in such proportions as liability is determined by the loss adjuster or where the liability is determined by a Court, in such proportions as liability is determined by the Court.

## 14.10 Relationship with Operator

- (a) Nothing in this Agreement creates or constitutes any contract between QR Network and the Operator.
- (b) The Access Holder is responsible for all conduct of the Operator under this Agreement. Any act or omission of the Operator shall be deemed to be an act or omission by the Access Holder for the purposes of this Agreement.
- (c) In no event will QR Network be liable to the Operator for any loss or damage suffered or incurred by the Operator except to the extent that QR Network would have been liable to the Access Holder had the loss or damage suffered or incurred by the Operator instead been suffered or incurred by the Access Holder, and taking into account the limitations upon liability contained in this Agreement. The Access Holder shall indemnify and shall keep indemnified QR Network, its directors and QR Network's Staff against any additional liability to the Operator
- (d) QR Network acknowledges and agrees that the Access Holder may engage more than one Operator to operate Train Services contemplated by this Agreement provided that where there is more than one Operator to be so appointed:
  - (i) the Access Holder must provide to QR Network the name and contact details (and any other information reasonably required by QR Network) for each Operator so appointed;
  - (ii) the Access Holder must notify QR Network which Train Services are to be operated by each Operator, and must advise QR Network in advance of any subsequent change in the allocation of Train Services between Operators;
  - (iii) references in this Agreement to the "Operator" shall be construed to mean each of the Operators in respect of Train Services operated (or to be operated) by them or, where the context requires, shall be construed to mean any one or more of the Operators.
- (e) QR Network acknowledges and agrees that the Access Holder may from time to time change the Operator for all or any part of the Train Services contemplated by this Agreement provided that:
  - (i) the Access Holder must provide to QR Network the name and contact details (and any other information reasonably required by QR Network) for each new Operator so appointed;
  - (ii) the Access Holder must notify QR Network which Train Services are to be operated by each new Operator; and
  - (iii) for the avoidance of doubt, references in this Agreement to the "Operator" shall be construed to include the new Operator in respect of the Train Services operated (or to be operated) by it.

- (f) Where:
- (i) a new Operator is appointed by the Access Holder in place of, or in addition to, an existing Operator or Operators, or an Operator is removed by the Access Holder; or
  - (ii) the Access Holder makes any change in the allocation of Train Services between Operators

QR Network and the Access Holder shall negotiate and agree any amendments to this Agreement (including the Schedules) that may be necessary to reflect the relevant appointment, removal or change in allocation.

- (g) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Clause 14.10 entitles the Access Holder to make any change in Operators, or in the allocation of Train Services between Operators, where this would result in the use of Access Rights in addition to those granted to the Access Holder under this Agreement unless QR Network has first agreed to amend this Agreement to provide for the grant of additional Access Rights to the Access Holder to facilitate the change.

## **15. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

### **15.1 No Liability for Consequential Loss**

Except as otherwise expressly provided in Clauses 12.8 and 19.3(b), neither Party shall in any circumstances be liable to the other for (and the indemnities in Clauses 14.1 and 14.2 shall not extend to) any Consequential Loss.

### **15.2 Limitation on Claims**

Neither Party shall make any Claim against the other in respect of the neglect or default of that Party under the Agreement unless:

- (a) notice of the Claim has been given to the other within twelve (12) Months of the occurrence of the event or circumstance out of which such Claim arises; and
- (b) the amount of the Claim exceeds ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) in respect of any one event or cause of action or series of related events or causes of action (provided that if this condition is satisfied then the Party may proceed for the full amount of the Claim and is not limited to only so much of the Claim as exceeds the required threshold of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00)).

### **15.3 Claims in respect of non-provision of Access**

The Access Holder shall not have or make any Claim against QR Network in respect of the non-provision of Access or cancellation of any Train Service unless, and shall only have a claim to the extent that:

- (a) a Train Service is cancelled as a result of a failure by QR Network to make the Infrastructure available for the Access Holder to operate the Train Service at the Scheduled Time in the Train Schedule and QR Network was unable to schedule the Train Service at a reasonable alternative time; and



- (b) the failure by QR Network to make the Infrastructure available was a result of a breach of this Agreement by QR Network, or negligence on the part of QR Network; and
- (c) the failure by QR Network to make the Infrastructure available is not attributable to:
  - (i) the Access Holder or the Operator;
  - (ii) another Railway Operator (other than QR Network);
  - (iii) a Force Majeure Event;
  - (iv) Major Periodic Maintenance of (including Enhancements to) the Infrastructure scheduled in a manner consistent with the Network Management Principles; or
  - (v) any action taken by QR Network, acting reasonably, in response to an emergency or a genuine safety risk; and
- (d) either:
  - (i) the Parties have not agreed upon and implemented a performance and adjustment regime for the purposes of Clause 5.6 and **Schedule 5** and the total number of Train Services cancelled in a Billing Period as a result of a failure by QR Network to make the Infrastructure available exceeds the Allowable Threshold; or
  - (ii) the Parties have agreed upon and implemented a performance and adjustment regime for the purposes of Clause 5.6 and **Schedule 5**, but the non-provision of Access or cancellation of Train Services is of a magnitude which is beyond the scope of that performance and adjustments regime.

#### **15.4 Claims in respect of delays to Train Movements**

Neither Party (the “**Affected Party**”) shall have or make any Claim against the other Party (the “**Defaulting Party**”) in respect of delays to Train Movements unless, and shall only have a Claim to the extent that:

- (a) the delay was a result of a breach of this Agreement by the Defaulting Party, or negligence on the part of the Defaulting Party; and
- (b) the delay is not attributable to:
  - (i) the Affected Party (or the Operator where the Access Holder is the Affected Party);
  - (ii) another Railway Operator (other than the Defaulting Party);
  - (iii) a Force Majeure Event;
  - (iv) Major Periodic Maintenance of (including Enhancements to) the Infrastructure scheduled in a manner consistent with the Network Management Principles; or

- (v) any action taken by QR Network, acting reasonably, in response to an emergency or a genuine safety risk; and
- (c) either:
  - (i) the Parties have not agreed upon and implemented a performance and adjustment regime for the purposes of Clause 5.6 and **Schedule 5**; or
  - (ii) the Parties have agreed upon and implemented a performance and adjustment regime for the purposes of Clause 5.6 and **Schedule 5**, but the delays are of a magnitude which is beyond the scope of that performance and adjustments regime.

## 16. MATERIAL CHANGE

### 16.1 Meaning of Material Change

In this Clause 16:

- (a) **“Material Change”** means a:
  - (i) Change in Relevant Taxes;
  - (ii) Change in Law;
  - (iii) change in the funding from governments in respect of that part of the Nominated Network specified in Part 4 of **Schedule 2**; or
  - (iv) matter deemed to be a Material Change under Clause 22.18(b); and
- (b) **“Net Financial Effect”** means the net effect in financial terms of a Material Change on QR Network in relation to performing its obligations or exercising its rights under this Agreement including any offsetting benefits or adverse effects directly or indirectly connected to the Material Change. Any change in the funding from governments in respect of the Nominated Network which is adverse to QR Network shall, to the extent that change affects the financial position of QR Network, be deemed to be an additional cost to QR Network of performing its obligations under this Agreement.

### 16.2 Adjustment for a Material Change

- (a) If there is no Reference Tariff applicable to the relevant Train Service under this Agreement then:
  - (i) if at any time after the date of this Agreement a Material Change occurs which affects the financial position of QR Network or the cost to QR Network of performing its obligations under this Agreement, QR Network may notify the Access Holder giving details of the Net Financial Effect of the Material Change;
  - (ii) within fourteen (14) days after receipt of a notice under Clause 16.2(a)(i), the Parties shall meet and negotiate in good faith any appropriate adjustments to the amounts payable under this Agreement in order to remove as far as practicable the Net Financial Effect of the Material Change and return QR Network to the position it would have been in had it not been for the Material

Change. If the Parties do not reach agreement within twenty (20) days of QR Network's notice, the matter will be referred to an expert for determination in accordance with Clause 17.3.

- (b) If a Reference Tariff is applicable to the relevant Train Service under this Agreement then the relevant Reference Tariff Schedule will provide for the consequences of Material Change.

### **16.3 Parties Obligations**

The Parties' obligations under this Agreement will continue notwithstanding the existence of a Material Change.

## **17. DISPUTES**

### **17.1 Method**

If any claim, dispute or question ("**Dispute**") arises under this Agreement or in relation to the Access Rights then unless otherwise expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement such Dispute shall be resolved in accordance with this Clause 17 and either Party may give to the other Party to the Dispute a notice in writing ("**Dispute Notice**") specifying the Dispute and requiring that it be dealt with in the manner set out in this Clause 17.

### **17.2 Chief Executive Resolution**

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, the Parties hereby agree that any Dispute shall be referred in the first instance and in any event within five (5) Business Days of the Dispute Notice to the executive general manager of QR Network (or his nominee) and the chief executive officer of the Access Holder (or his nominee) for the purposes of this Clause 17.2 for resolution.
- (b) If the Dispute is not resolved within ten (10) Business Days, the relevant Dispute may by agreement between QR Network and the Access Holder be referred for resolution by an expert in accordance with Clause 17.3 or by arbitration in accordance with Clause 17.4.

### **17.3 Expert**

Where any matter may be referred to an expert pursuant to Clause 17.2 or is required by this Agreement to be referred to an expert then except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement, the matter must be referred for determination by a person:

- (a) who is appointed by the Parties, or in default of such appointment within ten (10) Business Days after either Party giving notice in writing to the other Party requiring the appointment of an expert then that person is to be nominated at either Party's request by:
  - (i) if the Parties agree that the Dispute is of a financial nature, the President for the time being of CPA Australia;
  - (ii) if the Parties agree that the Dispute is of a non-financial nature, the President for the time being of the Engineers Australia – Queensland Division; and
  - (iii) in any other case, by the President for the time being of the Queensland Law Society Incorporated;

- (b) who has appropriate qualifications and practical experience having regard to the nature of the Dispute;
- (c) who has no interest or duty which conflicts or may conflict with his function as expert, he being required to fully disclose any such interest or duty by written notice to the Parties before his appointment;
- (d) who is not an employee of the Access Holder, Operator or QR Network or of a Related Body Corporate of any of them;
- (e) who shall not be permitted to act until he has given written notice to both Parties that he is willing and able to accept the appointment;
- (f) who shall have regard to the provisions of this Agreement and consider all submissions (including oral submissions by either Party provided that such oral submissions are made in the presence of the other Party), supporting documentation, information and data with respect to the matter submitted by the Parties or submitted by the Parties as soon as reasonably practicable at his request and who must provide both Parties with a copy of his determination in the form of a report within a reasonable time after his appointment;
- (g) who shall be required to undertake to keep confidential all matters coming to his knowledge by reason of his appointment and performance of his duties;
- (h) who shall be deemed to be and shall act as an expert and not an arbitrator and the law relating to arbitration (including, without limitation, the *Commercial Arbitration Act 1990* (Qld)) shall not apply to him or his determination or the procedures by which he may reach his determination;
- (i) whose decision, in the absence of manifest error, shall be final and binding upon the Parties; and
- (j) whose costs (and the costs of any advisers to the expert) shall be borne by the Parties in equal shares with each Party bearing its own costs of participating in the dispute resolution process (unless otherwise agreed by the Parties).

Any determination made by an expert must be consistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

#### **17.4 Arbitration**

The Parties may agree to refer any Dispute to arbitration by a single arbitrator sitting in Brisbane agreed upon between the Access Holder and QR Network and failing agreement upon such arbitrator within fourteen (14) days after the date of written notice from one Party to the other requiring the appointment of an arbitrator then to an arbitrator appointed by the President of the Institute of Arbitrators. Every such reference shall be an arbitration within the meaning of the *Commercial Arbitration Act 1990* (Qld) and subject to the provisions relating to arbitration contained in that Act.

#### **17.5 Determination by Court**

If any Dispute is not resolved in accordance with Clause 17.2 nor referred to an expert in accordance with Clause 17.3, nor referred to arbitration by agreement of the Parties in accordance with Clause 17.4, nor referred to the QCA in accordance with Clause 17.6, then the Dispute shall be referred to the courts of the State.

## **17.6 Queensland Competition Authority (QCA)**

The Parties may agree to refer and where required by this Agreement shall refer any Dispute to the QCA.

## **18. FORCE MAJEURE**

### **18.1 Claim of Force Majeure**

If by reason of a Force Majeure Event occurring either Party is wholly or partially unable to carry out its obligations under this Agreement (other than an obligation to pay monies), that Party must, as soon as it becomes aware of the Force Majeure Event, give to the other Party prompt written notice of the Force Majeure Event together with full particulars of all relevant matters including:

- (a) details of the Force Majeure Event and that part of the Nominated Network affected;
- (b) details of the obligations affected;
- (c) details of the action that the Party has taken to remedy the situation and details of the action that the Party proposes to remedy the situation; and
- (d) an estimate of the time during which the Party will be unable to carry out its obligations due to the Force Majeure Event.

No Party will be obliged to settle any strike, lockout or other labour dispute on terms not acceptable to it.

### **18.2 Suspension of obligations**

If by reason of a Force Majeure Event affecting all or any part of the Nominated Network either Party is delayed or prevented from carrying out, whether wholly or in part, its obligations under this Agreement (other than an obligation to pay monies) then the obligations of that Party will be suspended during that time and to the extent that the performance of such obligations is prevented or hindered by the Force Majeure Event.

### **18.3 Duty to Mitigate**

Each Party will use (and the Access Holder will cause the Operator to use) all reasonable diligence to remedy or overcome the effect of the Force Majeure Event as soon as possible and will attempt to identify alternative viable means of providing the Access Rights affected and to mitigate the effect of the Force Majeure Event.

### **18.4 End of period of Force Majeure**

Subject to Clauses 18.5 and 18.6, the suspension of the obligations of the Parties due to a Force Majeure Event ends when the Party that issued the notice of the Force Majeure Event is able to resume full performance of its obligations under this Agreement at which time it must issue a notice to the other Party advising that it intends to recommence the performance of its obligations and must thereafter recommence the performance of its obligations.

### **18.5 Termination for Loss or Damage to Nominated Network**

- (a) In the event that any part of the Nominated Network specified in Part 2 of **Schedule 2** is damaged or destroyed by a Force Majeure Event and in QR Network's reasonable

opinion the cost of repairing such damage or replacing that part of the Nominated Network is not economic on the basis of the then and committed future utilisation of that part of the Nominated Network, QR Network may by written notice advise the Access Holder of:

- (i) the estimated cost of effecting the necessary repairs or replacement; and
  - (ii) QR Network's intention to not repair or replace the relevant part of the Nominated Network unless the Access Holder and any other Railway Operator using that part of the Nominated Network pay the amounts specified by QR Network towards the cost of effecting the necessary repairs or replacement.
- (b) If the Access Holder gives notice to QR Network advising that it will bear the whole, or that part requested by QR Network, of the cost of necessary repairs or replacement, then QR Network will proceed with the repairs or replacement within a reasonable time after receipt by QR Network from the Access Holder of payment of the relevant amount subject to reaching agreement with any other Railway Operator using the affected part of the Nominated Network. Where the Access Holder pays to QR Network the whole of the estimated cost, QR Network must, upon completion of the necessary repairs or replacement, refund to the Access Holder any amount by which the amount paid by the Access Holder exceeds the actual cost and the Access Holder shall pay to QR Network the amount by which the actual cost exceeds the amount paid by the Access Holder.
- (c) If within sixty (60) days after receipt of a notice from QR Network under Clause 18.5(a) the Access Holder has not given notice to QR Network pursuant to Clause 18.5(b) indicating that it will pay the whole, or that part requested by QR Network, of the cost of the necessary repairs or replacement, QR Network shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by giving not less than thirty (30) days notice in writing to the Access Holder, without prejudice to any of the rights of the Parties accrued prior to the date of such termination.

## **18.6 Termination after extended Force Majeure Event**

If by reason of a Force Majeure Event a Party ("affected Party") is rendered unable to perform its obligations under this Agreement for a period of more than three (3) consecutive Months, the Parties must meet in an endeavour to identify any alternative viable means to provide the suspended Access Rights and failing an alternative means being agreed upon within one (1) Month of the end of the three (3) Month period the other Party may terminate this Agreement by thirty (30) days written notice to the affected Party and the provisions of this Agreement relating to termination set out in Clauses 20.4 and 20.5 apply without prejudice to any of the rights of the Parties accrued prior to the date of such termination.

## **19. SUSPENSION**

### **19.1 Right of Suspension**

- (a) QR Network may, by notice in writing to the Access Holder prior to or immediately following the suspension, suspend the right of the Access Holder to operate some or all of the Train Services upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events or circumstances:

- (i) the Access Holder fails to pay when due any amount payable under this Agreement and such default continues for seven (7) days after notice from QR Network to the Access Holder of the default;
- (ii) the Access Holder (or Operator) fails to meet or comply with:
  - (A) any of its obligations under Clauses 5, 7, 8 or 11 (with the exception of Clauses 5.1(a)(v), 7.3 and 8.6) of this Agreement and QR Network is of the reasonable opinion that such failure either:
    - (i) adversely affects or is likely to adversely affect the entitlements of any Railway Operator (other than the Access Holder or Operator) or other users of the Infrastructure (including Infrastructure Service Providers); or
    - (ii) has caused or is likely to cause an increased risk to the safety of any person or material risk to property; or
  - (B) the Train Service Description and QR Network is of the reasonable opinion that such failure either:
    - (i) adversely affects or is likely to adversely affect the entitlements of any Railway Operator (other than the Access Holder or Operator) or other users of the Infrastructure (including Infrastructure Service Providers) and that QR Network has sought to avoid such adverse effects by rescheduling Trains and changing Train priority in accordance with the Network Management Principles provided that QR Network will not be obliged to take any action that may cause any additional cost or risk to QR Network or an adverse impact on any Railway Operator (other than the Access Holder or Operator); or
    - (ii) has caused or is likely to cause an increased risk to the safety of any person or material risk to property;
- (iii) an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to the Access Holder;
- (iv) the Operator's Accreditation is suspended, cancelled or amended so that it cannot perform its obligations generally under this Agreement;
- (v) the Access Holder or Operator fails to comply with the requirements of a notice given by QR Network (within the reasonable time specified in that notice) requiring the Access Holder or Operator to cease conduct which in the reasonable opinion of QR Network is causing or threatening to cause Serious Environmental Harm or Material Environmental Harm;
- (vi) the Access Holder or Operator fails to effect or maintain the insurances required under Clause 13.2 of this Agreement and such default continues for seven (7) days after notice from QR Network to the Access Holder of the default;

- (vii) the Access Holder fails to establish, maintain or replace the Security as required under this Agreement and such default continues for seven (7) days after notice from QR Network to the Access Holder of the default;
- (viii) the Access Holder or Operator fails to provide, prior to the departure of the Train pursuant to Clause 5.5, information that is reasonably required by QR Network in relation to the relevant Train in accordance with Part 2 of **Schedule 10**;
- (ix) the Access Holder purports to Assign any of its rights or interests in this Agreement other than as permitted in this Agreement;
- (x) the Access Holder is in default of the due performance of any other obligation under this Agreement, and such default continues for thirty (30) days after notice from QR Network to the Access Holder of the default;
- (xi) the events or circumstances referred to in Clause 20.1(b), (c) or (f) exist.

Such suspension shall continue until such time as the Access Holder has remedied the relevant default, or caused the Operator to remedy the relevant default and, where appropriate, taken action to prevent its recurrence.

- (b) QR Network may suspend the right of the Access Holder to operate any Train Services on the Nominated Network in the event of breach or, acting reasonably, anticipated breach by the Access Holder or Operator of:
  - (i) any Laws relating to rail safety relevant to the operation of Train Services;
  - (ii) QR Network Train Control Directions given in a manner not inconsistent with the Network Management Principles;
  - (iii) Safeworking Procedures; or
  - (iv) Safety Standards,

and QR Network is of the reasonable opinion that such breach has caused or such anticipated breach is likely to cause, an increased risk to the safety of any person or material risk to property.

Such suspension may be effected by notice in writing prior to or immediately following the suspension and shall continue until such time as the breach is rectified or, in the event of anticipated breach, the Access Holder has demonstrated that it and the Operator are in compliance. The Access Holder must ensure that upon such suspension the relevant Access Holder's Staff immediately ceases to perform functions on the Nominated Network until such time as the suspension is lifted by QR Network.

- (c) QR Network may suspend the operation of the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations:
  - (i) for actual non-compliance with applicable Laws, the authorisation under **Schedule 4** for the Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations involved or the Rollingstock Interface Standards specified in the Agreement where the Access Holder and/or the Operator has failed to rectify such non-compliance within a reasonable period of time; or



- (ii) for actual non-compliance or (acting reasonably) anticipated non-compliance with applicable Laws, the authorisation under **Schedule 4** for the Rollingstock or Rollingstock Configurations involved or the Rollingstock Interface Standards specified in the Agreement where such non-compliance creates a risk to the safety of any person or a material risk to property.

Such suspension may be effected by notice in writing to the Access Holder prior to or immediately following the suspension and shall continue until the Access Holder and/or Operator has rectified the non-compliance or, in the event of anticipated non-compliance, the Access Holder has demonstrated that it and the Operator are in compliance.

## **19.2 Details of Suspension**

Where QR Network has a right under this Clause 19 to suspend rights of the Access Holder, the notice of suspension given in writing by QR Network to the Access Holder must set out:

- (a) the rights of the Access Holder which are affected by the suspension;
- (b) the reasons for the suspension; and
- (c) the actions the Access Holder and/or Operator must take to have the suspension lifted.

## **19.3 Effect of Suspension**

- (a) The suspension of any rights does not affect or suspend any other obligation of the Access Holder, including the obligation to pay Access Charges under this Agreement and shall be without prejudice to QR Network's other rights and remedies in respect of that or any other default.
- (b) Where QR Network suspends some or all of the Access Holder's Train Services, QR Network will be liable to the Access Holder in respect of loss or damage (including damages for Consequential Loss) arising from the suspension if, and only if, no reasonable person in QR Network's position could have formed the view that the stated grounds for the suspension existed, provided that the Access Holder must use all reasonable endeavours to mitigate the loss or damage arising from the suspension. QR Network shall bear the burden of establishing that a reasonable person in QR Network's position could have formed that view.

## **20. TERMINATION**

### **20.1 Termination by QR Network**

Without limiting any rights of termination contained elsewhere in this Agreement or otherwise existing at Law, QR Network may, by notice in writing to the Access Holder, immediately terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events or circumstances:

- (a) the Access Holder fails to pay when due any amount payable under this Agreement and such default continues for thirty (30) days after notice from QR Network to the Access Holder of the default;
- (b) the Access Holder or Operator fails to comply in any material respect with:

- (i) any obligations under Clauses 5, 7, 8 or 11 (with the exception of Clauses 7.3 and 8.6) of this Agreement; or
- (ii) any QR Network Train Control Direction within the control of the Access Holder or Operator, any Safeworking Procedures or Safety Standard,

and such default continues for, or the Access Holder or the Operator has failed to take reasonable action to prevent recurrence of the default within, thirty (30) days after notice from QR Network to the Access Holder of the default;

- (c) the Access Holder or Operator fails to comply in any material respect with the Train Service Description and fails to demonstrate to the reasonable satisfaction of QR Network, within sixty (60) days after notice from QR Network to do so, that the Access Holder or Operator will consistently comply with the Train Service Description for the remainder of the Term provided that QR Network, acting reasonably, has determined not to vary the Train Service Description having regard to relevant factors including:
  - (i) the impact on other users of the Infrastructure (including Infrastructure Service Providers); and
  - (ii) the efficient utilisation of the Infrastructure;
- (d) an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to the Access Holder and such default continues for a period of sixty (60) days;
- (e) the Operator's Accreditation is suspended, cancelled or amended so that it cannot lawfully operate the Train Services or otherwise perform the Access Holder's obligations generally under this Agreement, and such default continues for thirty (30) days after notice from QR Network to the Access Holder of the default;
- (f) where the Environmental Protection Agency gives the Access Holder or Operator a direction, notice or order about the conduct of the Access Holder and/or Operator in relation to the operation of Train Services which causes or threatens to cause Serious Environmental Harm and the Access Holder or Operator fails, within the time:
  - (i) specified in the relevant direction, notice or order, or in any stay or other court order made in relation to such direction, notice or order; or
  - (ii) otherwise agreed to by the Environmental Protection Agency,

to

  - (iii) comply with the direction, notice or order, as modified by any court order (if applicable); or
  - (iv) take other measures (including, for example, agreeing to implement an environmental management program) acceptable to the Environmental Protection Agency in relation to the requirements of the direction, notice or order,

and such failure continues for thirty (30) days after notice by QR Network to the Access Holder or Operator to remedy such failure;

- (g) the Access Holder or Operator fails to effect or maintain the insurances required under Clause 13.2 of this Agreement and such default continues for thirty (30) days after notice from QR Network to the Access Holder of the default;
- (h) the Access Holder fails to establish, maintain or replace the Security as required under this Agreement and such default continues for thirty (30) days after notice from QR Network to the Access Holder of the default;
- (i) the Access Holder purports to Assign any of its rights or interests in this Agreement other than as permitted by this Agreement;
- (j) the Access Holder is in default of the due performance of any other obligation under this Agreement, and such default continues for sixty (60) days after notice from QR Network to the Access Holder of the default,

provided that QR Network has first exercised its corresponding right of suspension under Clause 19.1.

## **20.2 Termination by the Access Holder**

Without limiting any rights of termination contained elsewhere in this Agreement or otherwise existing at Law, the Access Holder may, by notice in writing to QR Network, immediately terminate this Agreement upon the occurrence of any one or more of the following events or circumstances:

- (a) an Insolvency Event in relation to QR Network occurs and such default continues for a period of sixty (60) days;
- (b) QR Network's Accreditation is cancelled such that it cannot perform its obligations generally under this Agreement, and such default continues for thirty (30) days after notice from the Access Holder to QR Network of the default;
- (c) QR Network fails to pay when due any amount payable under this Agreement and such default continues for thirty (30) days after notice from the Access Holder to QR Network of the default;
- (d) QR Network is in default of the due performance of any other obligation under this Agreement and such default continues for sixty (60) days after notice from the Access Holder to QR Network of the default.

## **20.3 Grounds for Termination to be specified**

A notice of termination given under Clauses 20.1 or 20.2 must set out the grounds for the termination.

## **20.4 Obligations and other rights upon termination or expiration**

- (a) Neither termination of this Agreement by a Party pursuant to this Clause 20 nor expiration of this Agreement prejudices:
  - (i) a Party's right to make a Claim or recover damages or avail itself of other remedies under this Agreement or at Law; or
  - (ii) either Party's rights to recover monies due to it under this Agreement.

- (b) Upon termination of this Agreement QR Network and the Access Holder shall be released from all further obligations or liabilities under this Agreement except in respect of any antecedent breach of this Agreement on their respective parts. Any liability in respect of such antecedent breach shall be limited in the manner provided in this Agreement.

## **20.5 Removal of Rollingstock following termination**

- (a) Immediately on expiration of the Term, and as soon as practicable following termination of this Agreement for any other reason the Access Holder must, at the Access Holder's cost, remove (or cause the Operator to remove) all of the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock from the Nominated Network.
- (b) If the Access Holder fails to remove (or cause to be removed) the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock from the Nominated Network, QR Network may serve notice on the Access Holder demanding the removal of Rollingstock within a specified time.
- (c) If the Access Holder fails to have removed any of the Access Holder's or Operator's Rollingstock from the Nominated Network the subject of the notice of demand within the time specified in the notice of demand issued by QR Network in accordance with Clause 20.5(b), QR Network is entitled to remove the Rollingstock and recover the reasonable costs of removal from the Access Holder.
- (d) The Access Holder is liable, and will indemnify QR Network, for any costs incurred by QR Network in relation to any damage or obstruction caused to the Infrastructure or the Nominated Network by the Access Holder or Operator in removing any Rollingstock in accordance with this Clause.
- (e) The Access Holder and/or Operator shall comply with all reasonable directions issued by QR Network in relation to the removal of the Rollingstock in accordance with this Clause.

## **21. ASSIGNMENT**

### **21.1 Assignment by QR Network**

QR Network may Assign the whole or any part of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior consent of the Access Holder provided that QR Network procures the Assignee to covenant with the Access Holder by deed to be bound by and to perform the obligations of QR Network under this Agreement to the extent of the rights and obligations Assigned to the Assignee. Upon the Assignee entering into that deed QR Network will be released and discharged from further liability under this Agreement in respect of the obligations which the Assignee has undertaken under that deed to be bound by and to perform.

### **21.2 Assignment by the Access Holder**

- (a) Subject to the following provisions of this Clause 21.2, the Access Holder shall not Assign its rights or obligations, or any part thereof, under this Agreement without the prior written consent of QR Network, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld.
- (b) The Access Holder may, provided it is not in default in the performance or observance of any of its obligations under this Agreement, Assign the whole of its rights and obligations under this Agreement to:

- (i) a Related Body Corporate of the Access Holder which is capable of performing the obligations of the Access Holder under this Agreement provided that the Access Holder shall remain liable for the performance of the duties, responsibilities and obligations assumed by the Assignee and provided however that performance by the Assignee will pro tanto discharge the Access Holder from liability for performance of those duties, responsibilities and obligations that are Assigned; or
  - (ii) a person other than a Related Body Corporate of the Access Holder with the prior written consent of QR Network, provided that such consent will not be unreasonably withheld if QR Network is satisfied that such person:
    - (A) is financially sound; and
    - (B) is otherwise capable of performing the obligations of the Access Holder under this Agreement.
  - (c) Any Assignment by the Access Holder of its rights or obligations under this Agreement will be conditional upon and will not take effect until the Assignee covenants with QR Network by deed, in such terms as QR Network may reasonably require, to be bound by and to perform the obligations of the Access Holder and Operator under this Agreement.
  - (d) Except where the Access Holder is a company the shares in which are quoted by the Australian Stock Exchange Limited, any change in shareholding of the Access Holder altering the effective control of the Access Holder will be deemed to be an Assignment of this Agreement.
  - (e) The Access Holder shall not:
    - (i) register, record or enter in its books any transfer of any share or shares in the capital of the Access Holder;
    - (ii) deal with any beneficial interest in any such share or shares;
    - (iii) issue any new share or shares; or
    - (iv) take or attempt to take any action having the effect:
      - (A) of altering the control of the Access Holder; or
      - (B) that the shareholders of the Access Holder at the date of this Agreement together beneficially hold or control less than 51% of the voting rights of capital in the Access Holder,
- until the requirements of this Clause 21.2 have been complied with.

### 21.3 Charging

A Party (“**Chargor**”) may create a Charge over all of its rights under this Agreement in favour of a recognised financial institution (“**Chargee**”) to secure financial accommodation provided to the Chargor in relation to its obligations under this Agreement, provided that the Chargee shall first covenant in writing in favour of the other Party (“**Non-Charging Party**”), pursuant to a deed in such terms as the Non-Charging Party may reasonably require, that in relation to the exercise of any power of sale or other right or remedy under the Charge granted to the Chargee, the Chargee and any person (including any receiver or receiver and manager or agent) claiming

through the Chargee will comply with the provisions of this Clause 21 as if it were originally a party hereto, and will not exercise any power of sale of the rights and/or obligations of the Chargor under the Agreement except in accordance with this Clause 21.

## **22. GENERAL**

### **22.1 Variation/Amendment**

Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement any variation or amendment to this Agreement must be in writing signed by both Parties.

### **22.2 Confidentiality**

The Parties shall comply with the provisions of the confidentiality deed set out in **Schedule 12**.

### **22.3 Intellectual Property**

All material supplied or made available by one Party (“the Supplier”) to the other Party remains the intellectual property of the Supplier and cannot be reproduced nor used for any purpose other than the purpose for which it was supplied without the approval of the Supplier.

### **22.4 Entire Agreement**

- (a) This Agreement, the Schedules and other documents referred to in the Schedules constitute the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties as to the subject matter of this Agreement.
- (b) All previous negotiations, understandings, representations, warranties, memoranda or commitments in relation to, or in any way affecting, the subject matter of this Agreement are merged in and superseded by this Agreement and are of no force or effect whatever and no Party will be liable to any other Party in respect of those matters.
- (c) No oral explanation or information provided by any Party to another:
  - (i) affects the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement; or
  - (ii) constitutes any collateral agreement, warranty or understanding between any of the Parties.

### **22.5 Non-merger**

Each representation, covenant and obligation under this Agreement continues in full force and effect until such representation, obligation or covenant is satisfied or completed.

### **22.6 Authority to enter into Agreement**

- (a) The Parties represent and warrant to and covenant with each other that they have full power to enter into and perform their obligations under this Agreement and that this Agreement constitutes valid and binding obligations on the Parties respectively enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- (b) If this Agreement is executed by an attorney the attorney states, by such execution, that as at the time of such execution the attorney has received no notice of the revocation of the power of attorney pursuant to which the attorney has executed this Agreement.

## 22.7 Interpretation not to disadvantage a Party

In the interpretation of this Agreement no rules of construction shall apply to the disadvantage of one Party on the basis that that Party put forward this Agreement or any part thereof.

## 22.8 Relationship

- (a) The relationship between the Parties is entirely contractual and nothing in this Agreement creates or is to be taken to create any partnership, joint venture or relationship of employer and employee between the Parties or any of them.
- (b) This Agreement is for the exclusive benefit of the Parties and does not create any rights in any Third Parties.

## 22.9 Notices

### (a) Form of Notice

Any notice, demand, invoice, certification, process or other communication authorised or required to be given by a Party to another under this Agreement (other than a QR Network Train Control Direction or a direction from the QR Network Commander) (“**Notice**”) must be in writing and signed by an authorised officer of that Party and may, if so agreed by QR Network, be in electronic form.

### (b) Method of Service

A Notice may be given by:

- (i) being personally delivered on a Party;
- (ii) being left at the Party’s current address for service;
- (iii) being sent to the Party’s current address for service by pre-paid ordinary mail;  
or
- (iv) being sent by facsimile transmission to the Party’s current facsimile number for service provided that a copy of the notice is then delivered by one of the means described above.

### (c) Deemed Notice

A Notice is deemed given if:

- (i) personally delivered, upon delivery;
- (ii) posted to an address in Australia, three (3) days after posting;
- (iii) sent by facsimile, on the next day after being sent if following transmission the sender receives a transmission report indicating that the facsimile was sent to the addressee’s facsimile number.

**(d) Addresses for Service**

(i) Each Party's address for service is:

**QR Network:**

Address: Floor 21, 127 Creek Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000

Facsimile 07 – 3235 3439

Attention: Executive General Manager, QR Network Pty Ltd

**Access Holder**

Address: [\*\*\*]

Facsimile: [\*\*\*]

Attention: [\*\*\*]

(ii) A Party may from time to time change its particulars of service by giving written notice of that change to the other Party.

**22.10 Certificate**

A certificate signed by any duly authorised officer of QR Network as to a matter or as to a sum payable to QR Network in connection with this Agreement is prima facie evidence of the matter stated in it or the sum payable.

**22.11 Costs**

Subject to any express provision in this Agreement to the contrary, each Party bears its own legal and other expenses relating directly or indirectly to the preparation of, and performance of its obligations under, this Agreement.

**22.12 Stamp Duty**

- (a) The Access Holder is, as between the Parties, liable for and must duly pay all stamp duty (including any fine or penalty) on or relating to this Agreement and any document executed under or in connection with it.
- (b) If QR Network pays any stamp duty (including any fine or penalty) on or relating to this Agreement or any document executed under or in connection with it, the Access Holder must reimburse QR Network the amount paid upon demand.

**22.13 Waiver and Exercise of Rights**

- (a) A single or partial exercise or waiver of a right relating to this Agreement does not prevent any other exercise of that right or the exercise of any other right.
- (b) No failure or delay by either Party to exercise any right or remedy under this Agreement may be construed or operate as a waiver or be evidence of delay, laches or acquiescence in equity or at law in respect of such right or remedy.



- (c) A waiver or consent by any Party of any default or breach of any term of this Agreement does not constitute a waiver of succeeding defaults or breaches of the same or any other term.
- (d) A Party's election not to exercise any rights under this Agreement does not prejudice any other rights which that Party may have against the other Party arising out of any failure by the other Party to comply with this Agreement.

#### **22.14 Computation of Time**

Where time is to be reckoned by reference to a day or event, that day or the day of the event will be excluded.

#### **22.15 Severance of invalid or illegal terms**

- (a) If any term of this Agreement, or its application to any Party, person or circumstance is or becomes invalid, void, voidable or otherwise unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, then:
  - (i) that term or its application to such Party, person or circumstance is severable from this Agreement;
  - (ii) the remainder of this Agreement, excluding the severed part, remains in force and any term which includes the severed part applies to such Party, person or circumstance without reliance on the part severed; and
  - (iii) to the extent permissible by law, the Parties must agree to replace the severed term, effective from the date of severance, with a valid and enforceable term which so far as possible achieves the same purpose, object or effect as the invalid, void, voidable or otherwise unenforceable term was intended to achieve and does not cause any substantial reduction in the benefits of either Party or material re-allocation of risks between the Parties.
- (b) The Parties must act reasonably and in good faith in seeking an agreement under this Clause as to a replacement term. If the Parties cannot agree upon a replacement term, this Agreement is continued in accordance with Clause 22.15(a)(i) and (ii).

#### **22.16 Rights Cumulative**

Subject to any express provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the rights of any Party under this Agreement are cumulative and are in addition to any other rights of that Party.

#### **22.17 Approvals and Consents**

Subject to any express provision in this Agreement to the contrary, a Party may conditionally or unconditionally give or withhold any consent to be given under this Agreement.

#### **22.18 Ownership of Land**

The Access Holder acknowledges that the land identified in Part 5 of **Schedule 2**:

- (a) is not owned or controlled by QR Network; and

- (b) is not land the entry to which is included within the definition of “Access” in QR Network’s Access Undertaking (as those provisions are amended, varied or replaced from time to time),

and agrees that in respect of that land owned or controlled by another person (“**Landowner**”) then:

- (c) the Access Holder will comply (and will cause the Operator to comply) with the requirements of the Landowner in relation to that land as notified to the Access Holder by QR Network from time to time;
- (d) if, after the date of this Agreement, there is a change in the costs incurred by QR Network due to the requirements of the Landowner in respect of that land, then that change shall be deemed to be a Material Change; and
- (e) if QR Network’s rights in respect of that land are terminated for any reason other than the default of QR Network of any agreement that affects QR Network’s use of that land or other than by agreement with the Landowner, then QR Network may by notice to the Access Holder suspend and/or terminate the Access Rights insofar as they relate to that part of the Nominated Network which is situated on that land.

#### **22.19 Implementation of Agreement**

Each Party must promptly execute all documents and do all such acts and things as is necessary or desirable to implement and give full effect to the provisions of this Agreement.

#### **22.20 Schedules**

In the event that the content of a Schedule requires variation or replacement in accordance with this Agreement, QR Network shall issue to the Access Holder a replacement Schedule which shall upon issue be substituted for and replace the relevant Schedule in this Agreement. Nothing in a Schedule shall be varied in any way except by the issue of a replacement Schedule by QR Network in accordance with this Clause.

#### **22.21 Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

This Agreement shall be interpreted according to the Laws for the time being in force in the State and each of the Parties submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State and the jurisdiction of all courts competent to hear appeals therefrom and waives any right to object to any proceedings being brought in those courts.

#### **22.22 Most Favoured Nation Status**

- (a) If the Access Holder believes on reasonable grounds that:
- (i) QR Network has entered into an access agreement with another Railway Operator for a Train service that transports the same specified commodity in the same specified geographic area as a Train Service provided in accordance with this Agreement (“**Like Train Service**”); and
- (ii) the Access Charge applicable to the Like Train Service has been developed in contravention of the limits on price differentiation set out in QR Network’s Access Undertaking,

the Access Holder may provide written notification to QR Network which must include the reasons why the Access Holder considers this to be the case.

- (b) Within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notification, QR Network must advise the Access Holder:
- (i) whether or not QR Network agrees that the access agreement with the other Railway Operator is for a Like Train Service and, if not, the reasons why QR Network considers this to be the case;
  - (ii) if QR Network agrees that the access agreement with the other Railway Operator is for a Like Train Service, whether or not QR Network agrees that the access charge applicable to the Like Train Service has been developed in contravention of the limits on price differentiation set out in QR Network's Access Undertaking and, if not, the reasons why QR Network considers that the access charge applicable to the Like Train Service has not been developed in contravention of the limits on price differentiation; and
  - (iii) if QR Network agrees that the access charge applicable to the Like Train Service has been developed in contravention of the limits on price differentiation then within sixty (60) days of advice provided pursuant to Clause 22.22(b) QR Network must advise the Access Holder:
    - (A) whether or not QR Network has been able to vary the access charge applicable to the Like Train Service such that it no longer contravenes the limits on price differentiation set out in QR Network's Access Undertaking; or
    - (B) if QR Network has not been able to vary the access charge applicable to the Like Train Service that QR Network agrees to the reduction of the Access Charge payable by the Access Holder including the amount of the proposed reduced Access Charge.
- (c) If the Access Holder does not agree with QR Network's response to its notification, the dispute shall be referred to an expert for resolution in accordance with Clause 17.3.
- (d) If:
- (i) another Railway Operator provides QR Network with notification that it believes that some or all of the Access Holder's Train Services are a Like Train Service to a Train service operated by the other Railway Operator, and that the Access Charge has been developed in contravention of the limits on price differentiation set out in QR Network's Access Undertaking; and
  - (ii) QR Network agrees that this Agreement is for a Like Train Service and that any Access Charge under this Agreement has been developed in contravention of the limits on price differentiation set out in QR Network's Access Undertaking,

then QR Network has the right by notice to the Access Holder to vary the Access Charge such that it no longer contravenes the limits on price differentiation set out in QR Network's Access Undertaking.

**EXECUTION**

Executed in Queensland

**SIGNED** for and on behalf of )

**QR NETWORK PTY LTD** )

in the presence of: )

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Witness

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Signature

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**[the ACCESS HOLDER]** )

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Print Name

**Note:** QR Network will require the Access Holder to execute this Agreement either:

- (a) under seal; or
- (b) under s127(i) of the Corporations Act; or
- (c) under a duly executed Power of Attorney.