STANDARD TERMS & CONDITIONS OF CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY ROAD

1. Definitions

In these conditions the following words and/or terms bear the meaning ascribed herein:

1.1 “Carrier” means Vehicle Delivery Services a division of Onelogix (Pty) Ltd and includes the Carrier’s servants and agents and any person or persons carrying any goods forming the subject matter of this contract under and in terms of a subcontract with the carrier.

1.2 “Consignor” means the owner of the goods or the person having lawful title to the goods or possession thereof and the duly authorised agent of the consignor.

1.3 “Consignment” means the goods forming the subject matter of this agreement, being motor vehicles transported under such vehicle’s own power, alternately on a vehicle carrier.

1.4 “Consignee” means the person to whom or in the event of no name being given by the consignor, the address at which the goods are to be delivered. In the absence of the person named by the consignor as the consignee, then any person representing himself to be duly authorised to accept delivery on behalf of the consignee and having the appearance of being a person authorised by the consignor or the consignee to accept delivery on behalf of the consignee.

2. No Variation of Conditions

It is hereby agreed that any consignment carried is accepted subject to the conditions contained in this agreement and no variation of this agreement will be of any force or effect unless reduced to writing and signed by the parties. The terms hereof shall supersede any other agreement, or terms of carriage, which may be the subject matter of any prior, or subsequent document entered into between the carrier and the consignor.
3. Exclusion of Common Law Liability

The Vehicle Delivery Services “Liability Conditions and Exclusions” are specifically included herein (copy available on request). It is specifically recorded and agreed that the carrier shall not be a carrier at Common Law, and that the terms of carriage are only undertaken in accordance with the terms and conditions set out herein. The carrier shall not be liable for the loss of or damage due to any intentional act or omission, or gross negligence of the carrier’s employees.

Neither party will be liable to the other party for consequential loss, special or indirect damages of any nature whatsoever which may be suffered arising out of this contract.

4. Quotations and Additional Costs

Transportation, clearing, storage and towing rates issued by the carrier to the consignor are generally governed under current scale of wages, railway or shipping rates and subject to annual review in line with operational and administration cost increases. Unless specified to the contrary in writing, quotations exclude customs duties, taxes, final clearing charges, towing charges and fines.

5. Increase of Quotations

5.1 In the event of the carrier being obliged to incur reasonable additional costs in the execution of its obligation in that it has to purchase and / or hire additional services, sub-contractors, equipment or materials, including licenses or permits, to enable the carrier to deliver a consignment, with or without prior notification to the consignor, then in such event the consignor hereby authorises the carrier to incur such costs on its behalf and agrees that it will be liable for such additional costs not initially quoted on and which amounts will be invoiced to the consignor along with the initially quoted charge. The Carrier will be entitled to recover the additional charges incurred in this matter.

5.2 The Carrier will be entitled to increase the amount quoted in the quotation for a consignment in the event of the consignor altering the quantity of the consignment.
5.3 In the event of the Carrier being obliged to deviate from the route selected by it, or to carry the consignment over another route, for any reason necessitating such detour, including but not limited to the following: adverse weather conditions, impassable or dangerous roads, bridges, pontoons, ferries, civil unrest or riots the carrier will be entitled to charge an additional sum over and above the quoted amount as a result of extra distance travelled including but not limited to tolls, liability cover or charges levied by lawful authorities. The consignor hereby authorises the carrier to alter its route as contemplated in this paragraph.

5.4 The consignor or consignee will be liable for storage charges and/or fines/demurrage charges incurred by the carrier or its agent in respect of the safekeeping of the consignment at any border post or other area nominated by the Carrier which amount will be payable upon collection/delivery of the consignment against the Carrier’s invoice.

6. Payment of Carrier’s Remuneration

Unless specially agreed upon between the parties, the Carrier’s remuneration will be payable in accordance with terms as set out by the Carrier’s Financial Controller at the time of the transport.

7. Carrier’s Lien

7.1 The Carrier shall have a general lien over all consignments carried and in the event of non-payment of any amount due by the consignor to the carrier determined by the Financial Controller. The Carrier’s general lien shall come in existence as soon as the carrier takes possession and control of the consignor’s goods and the general lien will persist until all amounts owing to the Carrier from time to time have been paid in full, whether or not the costs relate to the goods in the Carrier’s possession at the time. It is specifically agreed that all goods in the Carrier’s possession shall serve as security for payment of all and any amounts that may owe by the consignor to the Carrier. The Carrier’s general lien shall further endure until such a time that all amounts have been paid and the general lien shall not lapse as a result of delivery of any goods to a consignee. The Carrier shall be entitled to retrieve
the goods from a consignee in the event of the consignor defaulting on any payment obligations to the Carrier.

7.2 If the consignor does not affect payment of any amounts owing to the Carrier, the Carrier shall in addition to its general lien, specified in clause 7.1 above, be entitled to charge the consignor storage in respect of all goods in the Carrier’s possession, forming part of the Carrier’s general lien, which storage charges shall be market related and be calculated on a day to day basis.

8. Release of Obligations

In the event that the Carrier is unaware of the delivery address of the consignee or the address on the application is not correct; the Carrier will be released from all liability whatsoever in respect of the consignment. The Carrier shall be entitled to deliver the goods to the address of the consignee specified on the particular delivery documentation, alternatively the Carrier shall be entitled to deliver the goods to the closest branch of the South African Police Services, or Police Authorities should the consignment’s delivery address be outside the Borders of the Republic of South Africa.

9. Condition of Consignment at Time of Delivery to Carrier

The condition of the vehicle shall be deemed to be that as stated on the condition report at time of collection/delivery and this document shall be prima facie proof of the contents and condition of any vehicle at the time of delivery, loading/collection. On acceptance of the condition report by the consignor’s duly authorised representative, shall be deemed that the vehicle was collected/delivered in an undamaged condition and the consignor shall bear the burden of proving the contrary.

10. Liability for Damage to or Loss of Goods:

10.1 The Carrier shall have no liability in respect of damage to, or loss of the goods being carried and all goods are carried at the consignor’s sole and exclusive risk. On condition that the consignor has complied with all its obligations and provided the vehicle being transported is not excluded from the liability cover, the Carrier will ensure appropriate Liability Cover for the consignment on the consignors’ behalf against damage to, or loss of any goods.
10.2 The consignor shall pay to the Carrier a Liability Cover administration / handling fee as determined by the Carrier from time to time in respect of any individual consignment carried by the Carrier or alternatively in respect of any bulk consignment.

10.3 Liability of the Carrier in respect of any claim arising out of loss or damage to a delivered consignment, may not exceed the consignors invoiced value regardless of the circumstances giving rise to such loss or damage.

10.4 The Carrier excludes liability in circumstances where any damage to or loss of any consignment is occasioned as a result of a patent or latent defect in the vehicle.

10.5 Any remuneration awarded by the Carrier or its Insurer / Liability Cover Provider or Agent in terms of the VDS Claims Procedure arising as a result of damage or loss to any consignment shall be payable in the Currency and Country where the liability cover was acquired.

10.6 In circumstances where the consignor and/or consignee fails to pay the Liability Cover, administration / handling fee, or elects Not to accept Liability Cover over the consignment or part thereof, then the sole risk in respect of the carriage of any such consignment shall be borne by the consignor and the carrier is excluded from any liability arising from the transportation thereof.

10.7 The Carrier shall take out Liability Cover over the goods at the consignor’s invoice value. Liability Cover will be regarded as the “Dealer Billing Price” of the vehicle. In the event of a claim arising out of loss or damage to a consignment the consignor and/or consignee agrees to accept the remuneration offered by the Insurer and/or Liability Cover Provider or its agent in full and final settlement of damages or loss suffered without further liability by the carrier.

10.8 All claims will be handled in accordance with the Carriers’ Claims Procedure, a copy of which is available on request.
10.9 Should a vehicle be delivered to any Border on instruction of the consignor and if Liability Cover was taken out, the liability cover will lapse immediately on the signing of the Vehicle Delivery Services Delivery note by the consignor, consignee or its Agent.

10.10 The Carrier will not be liable for any loss and/or damages to any consignment with Liability Cover after 36 hours of being off loaded at any Border post for Customs clearing and/or inspection purposes. The Liability Cover will resume in accordance with the terms of the Liability Cover Provider once the consignment is returned to the Carrier’s custody for the duration to its final destination and Liability Cover will lapse immediately upon handover against a signed Proof of Delivery document presented by the carrier to the consignee or its Agent.

10.11 Should the consignor opt not to make use of the Carriers Liability Cover in respect of the specific goods, such goods shall be carried at the consignor’s Exclusive Risk and the carrier shall not be liable for any damages and/or losses sustained by the consignor whilst the goods are in the custody of the carrier, whether it is being stored, driven under its own power, or being transported on the carriers vehicle transporter.

10.12 Should a vehicle be driven under its own power by an employee, subcontractor or agent of the Carrier, such employee shall be deemed to be the consignor’s employee and agent, furthering the consignor’s interests in the transport of the specific goods.

10.13 The Carrier shall not be liable for payment of any damages to any third party as a result of the Carrier carrying the consignment on behalf of the consignor for any reason whatsoever and the consignor indemnifies the Carrier against any claims of whatever nature in this regard.

10.14 The Carrier and their Insurers reserve as their sole discretion, the right to decline Insurance cover for exotic / vintage vehicles.
11. Disclaimer Conditions

11.1 The Carrier shall be advised by the consignor / consignee of any damages to any vehicle/s transported by the carrier within a period of 24 hours from date of delivery of the consignment to the consignee and such damages shall be recorded on the Proof of Delivery document presented to the consignee or its nominated Agent at the time of delivery.

11.2 In the event of the Carrier rejecting liability in respect of any claim for damage to a transport vehicle/s, any action or suit for review must be instituted within 3 months of said disclaimer.

11.3 Should the consignor not institute action within a three-month period, the consignor shall not be entitled to proceed for recovery of any amounts against the Carrier in respect of the specific load and shall have no claim in respect of any alleged damages under any circumstances whatsoever.

11.4 The Carrier will not accept liability for any personal effects and loose articles placed in the vehicle for transportation.

11.5 The Carrier will not accept liability for mechanical failures and electrical defects that a consignment may encounter whilst driven under own power on to or off the car transporter. The onus rests upon the consignor to ensure sufficient fluid levels in respect of a consignment whether same is delivered under own power or carried prior to handover to the Carrier and the Carrier is exempt from liability of any claim or loss or damage arising due to the consignment not having sufficient fluids. The consignor has to ensure that the vehicle is in a clean condition before collection of the vehicle and ensure that the vehicle is fit for transportation. Any defects to the vehicle must be pointed out to the Carrier or its representative before handing the vehicle over to the Carrier.
12. Route

The consignment may be carried via any route at the sole discretion of the Carrier. It is recorded that the Carrier use predetermined routes and that all quotations are prepared in accordance with these standard routes. Should the Carrier however deviate from the route as a result of circumstances beyond its control, in its sole discretion, the Carrier shall be entitled to reasonable additional remuneration and expenses incurred as a result of the deviation, which the consignor agrees to pay immediately on presentation of an Invoice by the Carrier.

13. Limitation of Carrier’s Liability Resulting from Incorrect Address of Consignee or failure of consignee to take Delivery of the consignment.

The onus is upon the consignor to supply full and accurate delivery details to the carrier. The Carrier will not be responsible for any loss or damage in respect of incorrect delivery of the consignment due to incomplete or incorrect delivery details being supplied to the Carrier and, in the absence of gross negligence, the Carrier will not be liable for any loss or damage incurred as a result of the consignee, or his duly authorised agent, not being present to receive the consignment.

14. Limitation of Carrier’s Liability in Relation to Time of Delivery

The Carrier will deliver the consignment in terms of the times and dates of delivery as specified on the delivery documentation provided. The Carrier will not be liable for any delays in delivery of the consignment, including by, not limited to the detention thereof by any Border post Authority, customs or Traffic authority, carried or for any loss, damage or detention arising due to Carrier’s inability to delivery as a result of circumstances beyond its control.

15. Storage Charges on Failure by Consignor or Consignee to take Delivery

The Carrier will be entitled to charge the consignor storage charges at a reasonable rate (it will be presumed that the Carrier’s charges are reasonable until the contrary is proved by the consignor) in respect of any period during which the Carrier is obliged to store the goods carried by reason of the failure of the consignor or the consignee to take delivery thereof, when tendered by the Carrier for delivery or in the event of the
Carrier being unable to deliver the said consignment due to the fault of the consignor or consignee.

16. Special Limitation of the Carrier’s Liability

Notwithstanding the terms of this agreement, the Carrier will not be liable for:

16.1 The loss of a particular market;
16.2 Indirect or consequential damages;
16.3 Loss of value of vehicle after repairs and
16.4 Loss or damage arising from riots, civil commotion, strikes, lockouts or stoppage of work from whatever cause, whether partial or general.
16.5 Any glass claims whatsoever including windscreens and stone chip damage to any part of the vehicle which are excluded from the Carrier’s Liability Cover for used cars. No glass and stone chip claims will be entertained by the Carrier Liability Cover Providers.

17. Subcontractors

17.1 Where any consignment is consigned to any place beyond the limit of the Carrier’s usual delivery radius, the Carrier reserves the right at its discretion, to employ another carrier on the consignor’s behalf and at the consignor’s expenses in order to ensure the carriage of the said consignment to the address of the consignee, whether such carriage be affected by road or by whatever means.

17.2 In the event of the carrier electing to exercise its discretion as contemplated in clause 17.1 above, the Carrier will be entitled to agree to, and to accept any conditions of carriage imposed by any other carrier and the consignor will be deemed to have had knowledge of, and to have accepted, any such conditions of carriage, provided that the Carrier’s liability as defined herein will in no way be extended by any such conditions of carriage.
18. Domicilium Citandi Et Executandi

The consignor hereby appoints the address as given on the credit application as its domicilium citandi et executandi at which address it will accept notices in relation to these terms and conditions and any other agreement with the carrier. The consignor may change its elected address as contemplated herein by giving the carrier written notice of its new address.

19. Presumption as to Notices

Any notice required to be given by the carrier to the consignor will be deemed to have been validly given if posted to the domicilium citandi et executandi of the consignor and will be deemed to have been received by the consignor within 5 (five) days of the date of posting.

20. South African Laws

In the event of any dispute arising out of this agreement or the terms hereof, or the interpretation of the agreement, the laws of the Republic of South Africa shall apply.

21. Jurisdiction

The parties consent to the jurisdiction of the Magistrates Court in respect of any legal action which either of the parties may institute against the other, provided that such consent shall not be construed as excluding the right of either party to pursue legal action in the High Court of South Africa. Should either party institute action against the other, the successful party shall be entitled to recover all costs incurred on the scale of fees as between attorney and client.
ACCEPTANCE

I _______________________________ being duly authorised by the above Consignor do hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the terms and conditions, and hereby accept such terms and conditions.

Signed: ________________________________

Designation: ________________________________

Full name: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________