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1.6 By applying for an order, requesting a quotation or entering into an agreement, the User accepts the applicability of the General Terms and Conditions.

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2.6 The use of any Publication shall be solely governed by the law of the Netherlands. The competent Court is the district court Midden-Nederland in The Netherlands.

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3.1. A subscription is realised after B9 Publishing accepts a request thereof and after receipt of the payment by B9 Publishing.

3.2. Subscriptions are valid for a period of twelve months or the period indicated at the moment of appli-

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3.3. Subscriptions are strictly personal and every Subscriber receives an access code consisting of an existing personal e-mail address and a password, unless otherwise agreed in writing.

3.4. The Subscriber is responsible for correctness of the information provided in the application for a Subscription.

3.5. The Subscriber guarantees that the access code will only be used by the Subscriber and will not be provided to any third party. The Subscriber ensures that the access code shall not be made known to a third party or be used by third parties. The Subscriber is fully liable in case of use of the access code by a third party, including damages and financial obligations. The aforementioned use is attributed to the Subscriber.

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4.1. All offers of B9 Publishing are one-off, non-committal and only valid during the indicated period. B9 Publishing can only be bound by an offer in case the acceptance of this offer is confirmed by B9 Publishing within the indicated period.

4.2. B9 Publishing is allowed to unilaterally change its prices and tariffs at any time, taking into account a period of a minimum of thirty (30) days. In case of an interim price or tariff increase, a User is authorised to terminate a current agreement.

4.3. Delivery dates merely serve as an indication.

4.4. All prices and tariffs are exclusive of VAT, unless indicated otherwise.

4.5. Subscription fees and other tariffs are due in advance, unless specifically stated otherwise. All other payments are due within 14 days after the invoice has been sent and are without any discount or compensation

4.6. Upon exceeding any payment period, the User is legally in default without requiring a reminder or notice of default from B9 Publishing. In such a case the User is due to pay the legal interest for trade transactions, unless the User is not a professional User, in which case the legal interest for non commercial transactions is to be used. Additionally, all (possible) extrajudicial costs and collection costs to be made by B9 Publishing are to be paid by the User.

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5.2. B9 Publishing preserves the right to refuse placement of an advertisement and the right to take down an advertisement at any time without explanation being required.

5.3. In case of a mention as Sponsor or IP-Specialist:

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(b) Both the firm and the User are responsible for the mention and publication to be correct and lawful and indemnify B9 Publishing against all possible claims from third parties, damages and costs.

(c) The mention as a Sponsor or IP-Specialist remains valid for a period of twelve months or the period indicated at the moment the agreement was made.

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6.3. B9 Publishing and its Authors are not liable for damages of any nature related to or resulting from actions or decisions based on any information contained in a Publication, including any advertisement.

6.4. In the case B9 Publishing is found to be liable, for whatsoever reason, then the liability is limited to a maximum of the invoice value (excluding VAT) of the part of the agreement from which the liability arises.

6.5. If B9 Publishing is held liable by a third party in connection with any act or omission of a User, the User will fully indemnify and compensate B9 Publishing.

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7.2. All intellectual property rights are reserved and nothing of a Publication may be published or reproduced, including storage in an automated file, unless it is authorised by law or necessary for normal use permitted in these General Terms and Conditions.

7.3. In the event of any breach of intellectual property rights of B9 Publishing, the User is obliged to compensate all damage, loss of profit and costs of B9 Publishing.

8. Secrecy - personal information

8.1. Parties are mutually obliged not to disclose any confidential information that comes to their knowledge in the context of the execution of an agreement. Parties will take all reasonable precautions to protect confidential information.

8.2. Personal information will be used in a confidential and a careful manner, in accordance with applicable law and in accordance with the applicable privacy statement.

9. Transfer

9.1. Users are not entitled to assign rights and obligations under an agreement in whole or in part to a third party, without prior written consent of B9 Publishing.

9.2. B9 Publishing is entitled to assign rights and obligation under an agreement in whole or in part to a third party (a) in connection with the collection of outstanding claims or (b) in connection with the transfer of a part of the activities of B9 Publishing

10. Suspension and termination

10.1. If a User does not fulfil a payment or otherwise wholly or partially fails to fulfil an obligation, B9 Publishing is always entitled to suspend or terminate access to a Publication, placement of an Advertisement or the fulfilment of any other obligation, without any reminder or notice of default, notwithstanding the full chargeability of the agreed prices and rates.

10.2. If a failure to fulfil a contractual obligation has taken or will take more than 4 weeks, B9 Publishing is entitled to wholly or partially terminate the current agreements with immediate effect, without being liable for any damage.

10.3. B9 Publishing is entitled to wholly or partially terminate an agreement without prior written communication, if in respect of the User (a) bankruptcy, suspension of payments or an extrajudicial debt settlement is requested or granted, (b) the company is wholly or partly discontinued or transferred, (c) any seizure is imposed on its goods, including an interlocutory freezing order, executory seizure and fiscal seizure. In these cases B9 Publishing is not liable for any compensation. Any claims of B9 Publishing on the User will be claimable immediately and fully.

10.4. In the event of the termination of an agreement by dissolution or termination with mutual consent, all payment obligations will be claimable immediately and fully.

10.5. Provisions which by their nature continue after (interim) termination or dissolution of the agreement (including among other things the provisions on intellectual property rights, applicable law and competent court), will remain valid termination after the termination of the agreement.

11. Other provisions

11.1. B9 Publishing has the right to unilaterally make interim amendments to these General Terms and Conditions. B9 Publishing will make amendments known at least thirty (30) days before they enter into force.

11.2. These General Terms and Conditions and all agreements governed by these General Terms and Conditions shall be solely governed by the Law of the Netherlands.

11.3. All disputes regarding these terms and conditions and all agreements governed by these General Terms and Conditions will be submitted solely to the competent court in the district of Midden-Nederland, unless another court has jurisdiction pursuant to a mandatory provision.