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## Introduction

### General

- 1 This edition of the Guide to the Design and Build Contract for use in Scotland has been issued in conjunction with the 2016 edition of the contract (DB/Scot 2016).
- 2 DB/Scot 2016 is primarily appropriate for larger works where the Employer has defined his requirements and where the Contractor is not only to carry out the works, but also to complete the design for them in accordance with those requirements. It retains the provisions designed to meet the needs of both private and public sectors and allows for the works to be carried out in sections.
- **3** For the purpose of contract administration, DB/Scot 2016 requires the appointment of an Employer's Agent; that agent may be either an external consultant or an appropriate member of the Employer's staff.

#### 2016 edition changes

- 4 The principal changes in the 2016 edition of DB/Scot are:
  - The change of the dispute resolution default position from court proceedings to arbitration;
  - The introduction of a pro forma testing clause;
  - the incorporation, with minor changes, of the provisions of the SBCC Public Sector Supplement 2011 relating to Fair Payment, Transparency and Building Information Modelling;
  - adjustments to reflect the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 ('the 2015 CDM Regulations');
  - the inclusion of provisions to reflect relevant aspects of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 (the "Procurement Act") and the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 ('PC (Scotland) Regulations');
  - an extension of (Works) Insurance Option C to allow alternative solutions to the problems for tenants and domestic homeowners of obtaining Existing Structures cover for Contractors, accompanied by consolidation within the main text of the previous general provisions of Insurance Options A, B and C relating to evidence of insurance, insurance claims and reinstatement work;
  - revisions and simplification of the section 4 payment provisions, including introduction of a procedure for prompt
    assessment of Loss and Expense claims, the establishment for Fair Payment purposes of Interim Valuation
    Dates that are also to apply at sub-contract and sub-subcontract levels, further flexibility in relation to Fluctuations
    Provisions and consolidation in a single sub-section of the notice requirements of the Housing Grants,
    Construction and Regeneration Act 1996, as amended ('the Construction Act');
  - inclusion of provisions for the grant of Performance Bonds and Parent Company Guarantees;
  - extension of the optional provisions for Collateral Warranties from sub-contractors to include Third Party Rights from them;
  - minor updating and clarification of the SBCC IPR provisions.
- 5 Together with minor consequential amendments and in common with other SBCC contracts DB/Scot 2016 also:
  - introduces minor updates in terminology: the Articles remain in their existing format but reference to them has been dropped from the Agreement heading; and 'Site Manager' supersedes 'Person in charge';
  - includes an updating of the wording of clause 1.8 (Effect of Final Statement), as part of a review that, in the case
    of certain other contracts and sub-contracts, was already reflected in their 2011 editions;
  - includes a new clause 1.10 (Consents and approvals); this eliminates the need for multiple iterations of the requirement that particular consents or approvals are not to be unreasonably delayed or withheld. (The giving of consent by either party to an assignation of rights by the other remains entirely discretionary.)

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