Terms and Conditions for the Delivery of Control Units

1. Scope, Order of Priority

1.1 These Terms and Conditions for the Delivery of Control Units (“Terms and Conditions”) only apply to business transactions with companies, legal entities under public law and special funds under public law.

1.2 The delivery of control units (“Delivery”) and the performance of related customization services (“Customization”; Delivery and Customization collectively “Contract Services”) by Vector Informatik GmbH (“Vector”) to the customer shall be governed exclusively by the Terms and Conditions of Vector. The customer’s standard terms and conditions of business shall only apply to the extent that Vector has expressly consented to them in writing; this requirement of consent shall in particular also apply even if Vector performs the Contract Services without reservation despite being aware of the customer’s terms and conditions of business.

1.3 The specific content and scope of the Contract Services as well as the remuneration payable for them will be set forth in the Individual Contract. “Individual Contract” means any mutually corresponding declarations, made expressly or impliedly, insofar as they relate to the Contract Services. Individual Contracts are formed, in particular, but not limited to, through offer(s) and/or order confirmation(s) on the one hand and the corresponding order(s) on the other.

1.4 Unless these Terms and Conditions expressly provide otherwise, in the event of any inconsistencies between these Terms and Conditions and the provisions of the Individual Contract, the following order of precedence shall apply, whereby the first-mentioned contractual part shall take precedence over the contractual parts mentioned thereafter:

(1) The Individual Contract
(2) These Terms and Conditions

2. Quality, Intended Use, Test Obligation

2.1 The agreed quality of the control unit is exclusively determined by the technical specifications described in the Individual Contract. The control unit is only suitable for series use in a vehicle or other system of the customer (collectively “Customer System”) if this is expressly agreed in the Individual Contract. A defect-free Customer System is the prerequisite for the control unit to have the agreed quality and suitability.

2.2 Unless the parties have expressly agreed that the control unit must be suitable for use in series production, the customer may only use it in prototypical applications for evaluation and development purposes (“Prototype Control Units”). In this case, customer and Vector do not agree on a specific quality for the use of the prototype ECUs in series production, nor do they expect the prototype ECUs to be suitable for such use. The customer acknowledges that Prototype Control Units, although basically functional, have not been sufficiently tested and/or verified as to be made available on the market for purposes other than evaluation or development; this shall apply regardless of whether or not they are integrated in the Customer System. In particular, Prototype Control Units may behave unpredictably and may not provide all functions and/or meet all quality requirements which are necessary according to the state of the art in science and technology to ensure safe use.

2.3 It is the sole responsibility and risk of the customer to test the interactions between the control unit and the parameterization, configuration and/or software used by the customer for the control unit, the Customer System as well as the environmental and other conditions to which
the control unit and the Customer System will probably be exposed, according to the state of the art in science and technology. This applies in particular before using the control unit in areas that pose a risk to life, limb or property or that could lead to considerable financial losses.

3. **Regulatory Requirements, Approval Procedures**

Unless expressly agreed otherwise in the Individual Contract, the customer is solely responsible for ensuring that all regulatory requirements of the respective target market regarding market access of the control unit are met vis-à-vis the competent authorities. Accordingly, it is the customer’s responsibility to take all measures required by the respective prescribed approval procedure (e.g. self-declaration procedure, certification procedure) for the approval and operation of the control unit and its provision on the market, regardless of whether the control unit is integrated in the customer system or not.

4. **Intellectual Property, Rights of Use**

4.1 Vector unconditionally reserves all intellectual property rights in technical specifications, drawings and other documents (collectively “**Documentation**”) as well as the intellectual property rights in the control unit, the control unit software and the underlying know-how.

4.2 The customer may only use and pass on the Documentation and the control unit software if this is expressly agreed in the Individual Contract and these Terms and Conditions. In particular, the customer may not modify, reverse engineer, decompile or disassemble the control unit software. This shall not apply to the extent that mandatory law provides otherwise.

4.3 Vector will deliver the control unit software together with the associated control unit not as source code, but solely as object code. Vector grants the customer the non-exclusive, non-transferable, worldwide and perpetual right to parameterize and configure the control unit software and to use the control unit software for prototypical applications for evaluation and development purposes of the customer as an integral part of the control units that Vector has delivered together with the control unit software.

4.4 To the extent that suitability of the control unit for series use is expressly agreed in the Individual Contract, the customer will be entitled to exercise the aforementioned rights also for series use and to distribute the control unit software as an integral part of the control units that were delivered together with control unit software.

4.5 The customer may have the rights stated in Section 4.3 exercised by Customer Contractors for a limited period of time and for the specific purpose of integrating the control units into the Customer System. “**Customer Contractors**” means third parties who (a) have been engaged by the customer for the purpose of performing services; (b) are subject to confidentiality obligations that are as restrictive as those agreed between the customer and Vector; (c) are not competitors of Vector; and (d) have been bound by the customer to return or destroy the control unit software to the customer after performance of the services. “**Competitors**” are companies that offer products or services, which in terms of their characteristics and intended use, are from a purchaser’s perspective substantially interchangeable with products or services offered by Vector, or that would easily be able to become a supplier of such products or services within a short period of time.

4.6 If Customization is agreed upon in the Individual Contract, Vector will grant the customer with respect to (a) the customized control unit software, the rights of use that are set forth in Sections 4.2 to 4.4; and (b) other results of the Customization, the non-exclusive, non-transferable, worldwide and perpetual right to use such results and the associated
Documentation to the extent necessary for the use of the control unit that is the subject of the Customization.

4.7 Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the Terms and Conditions, the customer may use control unit software based on AUTOSAR Specifications and/or AUTOSAR Software Implementations only for Automotive Applications and/or Derived Applications. This applies regardless of whether the control unit software was customized for the customer or not. “Automotive Applications” means use-cases related to engine-powered, land-based, non-railed vehicles, such vehicles intended for primary transportation purposes. “Derived Applications” means use-cases that are neither an Automotive Application nor in a field of use of products or services that falls into the categories of ultra-hazardous activities including, but not limited to, aerospace and aviation, nuclear power, chemical and/or biological reactors, petrochemical industry or military (except for military marine transportation vessels).

4.8 The Contract Services may contain open source software and/or other third-party software (collectively “Third-Party Software”), which is subject to specific license terms (“Third-Party Terms”). To the extent required by the Third-Party Terms, the Third-Party Terms shall, in the event of any inconsistencies, apply in addition to and take precedence over the Terms and Conditions and the Individual Contract; Section 1.4 shall not apply in this respect. In this case, Vector will make reference to the Third-Party Software and the applicable Third-Party Terms and will provide or otherwise make available the Third-Party Terms to the customer together with the Contract Services.

5. Claims for Defects (Mängelansprüche)

5.1 A prerequisite for the assertion of customer’s claims for defects against Vector is that the defect must (i) have been present at the time of the passing of the risk; (ii) not have been caused by other components in the Customer System; (iii) be reproducible; and (iv) have been reported in writing (e.g., by e-mail) by the customer to Vector immediately upon discovery, stating the information relevant for the detection of the defect.

5.2 To the extent that Vector is obligated to subsequent performance (Nachértüllung), the following shall apply:

5.2.1 Vector will provide subsequent performance either by remedying the defect (“Remedy”) or, at Vector's reasonable discretion, by rendering Contract Services which are free from defects (“Replacement”).

5.2.2 If the control unit software is not executable due to defects, and if this prevents its serial use at the Customer's site, Vector will, upon customer’s request, provide a workaround solution before final subsequent performance. Vector will remedy any other defects in the control unit software by delivering an update, bug fix or other measures at the time scheduled by Vector for proper version maintenance.

5.2.3 In case of defective Third-Party Software, Vector will be obliged to subsequent performance (Nachértüllung) only to the extent that updates, bug fixes or other measures for the subsequent performance (Nachértüllung) are available to Vector and Vector is authorized to pass on such measures to the customer.

5.3 The limitation period for claims for defects (“Warranty Period” (Gewährleistungsfrist)) is (a) 24 (twenty-four) months from the date of passing of the risk; or (b) the duration of the statutory period if this period cannot be shortened by contract.

5.4 In the event of Remedy or Replacement, the Warranty Period shall not be restarted or extended. However, the Warranty Period will not end before the expiry of one year after the date of
Remedy or Replacement ("Suspension of Expiry"). The Suspension of Expiry shall not apply (a) to a Contract Service if a Remedy or Replacement has already been made for the respective Contract Service; and (b) in case of a Remedy for parts of the respective Contract Service which have not been remedied.

5.5 Section 5.4 shall not apply to liability for (a) damage to the customer arising from customer’s injury to life or limb or customer’s damage to health, which is caused by a negligent or intentional breach of duty by Vector or one of its legal representatives (gesetzliche Vertreter) or vicarious agents (Erfüllungsgehilfen); (b) for other damage to the customer, which is caused by an intentional or grossly negligent breach of duty by Vector or one of its legal representatives (gesetzliche Vertreter) or vicarious agents (Erfüllungsgehilfen).

6. Confidentiality

The customer is obliged to take all necessary measures to prevent third parties from gaining knowledge of the know-how underlying the control unit and/or the control unit software, and/or the associated documents, data and other information (collectively “Confidential Information”) and to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, the term “Third Party” shall also include all of the customer’s group companies. The confidentiality obligations under this Section 6 shall not apply to information that must be disclosed in order to comply with mandatory law or a binding court or governmental order provided that the customer, to the extent permitted by law, immediately notifies Vector of such disclosure. In this case, only that part of the information that must be disclosed may be disclosed, and the customer shall take appropriate measures to limit disclosure as far as legally permissible and to maintain the confidentiality of the Confidential Information in all other respects.

7. Remuneration, Retention of Title, Packing, Disposal

7.1 The remuneration is ex works plus the respective applicable statutory value added tax and is payable in the currency specified in the Individual Contract. Customs duties and other public charges levied on the basis of cross-border Contract Services shall be borne by the customer.

7.2 The remuneration is due upon the provision of the Contract Services. All support services as well as travel costs, travel time and incidental expenses will be invoiced separately on a time-and-material basis.

7.3 Vector will retain title to the control units sold until the agreed remuneration has been paid in full.

7.4 Vector is only obligated to take back packaging or already used control units if this is expressly agreed upon in the Individual Contract or provided for in a mandatory legal regulation. To the extent that Vector is obliged to take back the packaging or already used control units, the costs related thereto shall be reimbursed separately. Such costs shall include, but are not limited to, the costs for organization, collection, storage and disposal of the packaging and/or control units.

8. Set-Off, Rights of Retention

The customer shall only be entitled to rights of set-off or retention insofar as its claim has been legally established or is undisputed. In the event of defects in the Contract Services, counter claims of the customer with regard to these defects shall remain unaffected.

9. Liability of Vector

9.1 If software, norms, standards and/or specifications, in particular AUTOSAR Specifications are integrated or implemented in the control unit software, which have not been developed by
Vector (collectively “Third-Party Developments”), Vector shall not be liable for any intellectual property infringements resulting from the Third-Party Developments, unless Vector had knowledge of such infringements.

9.2 To the extent that Vector's liability is not excluded, Vector's liability for damages and reimbursement of expenses, regardless of the legal basis, shall be limited to the following:

9.2.1 Vector shall only be liable for intentional or negligent breaches of a material contractual obligation (cardinal obligation). In such case, Vector's liability shall be limited to the amount of the foreseeable, typically occurring damage. Material contractual obligations are those whose fulfilment enables the proper execution of the contract and on whose observance a contractual partner may regularly rely.

9.2.2 Vector's maximum total liability arising from or in connection with these Terms and Conditions and/or the Individual Contracts shall, irrespective of the number of claims, Individual Contracts, obligations, liabilities and/or limitations of liability, be limited in the aggregate to the lesser of the following amounts: (a) the total price actually paid by the customer to Vector for the performance of the Contract Service under the Individual Contract giving rise to the claim; or (b) EUR 50,000 (fifty thousand euros).

9.2.3 The limitations of liability under Sections 9.2.1 and 9.2.2 shall not apply (a) to the extent that damages incurred by the customer are covered and paid out to Vector by Vector's business liability insurance; (b) for damage to the customer arising from customer’s injury to life or limb or customer’s damage to health, which is caused by a negligent or intentional breach of duty by Vector or one of its legal representatives (gesetzliche Vertreter) or vicarious agents (Erfüllungsgehilfen); (c) for other damage to the customer, which is caused by an intentional or grossly negligent breach of duty by Vector or one of its legal representatives (gesetzliche Vertreter) or vicarious agents (Erfüllungsgehilfen); (d) where Vector has given the customer a guarantee as to quality (Beschaffenheitsgarantie); or (e) for Vector’s mandatory liability under mandatory product liability law such as the German Product Liability Act.

9.3 A change in the burden of proof to the detriment of the customer is not given with the regulations in Section 9.2.

9.4 In the internal relationship between the parties, customer acknowledges and agrees to bear all damages and expenses incurred by third parties arising from product liability and/or manufacturer’s liability, unless Vector is liable under Section 9.2, in which case Vector's liability shall be allocated pro rata, subject to Vector's limitations of liability.

9.5 To the extent that Vector's liability is excluded or limited under Sections 9.1 and 9.2, this shall also apply for the benefit of Vector's legal representatives (gesetzliche Vertreter) and vicarious agents (Erfüllungsgehilfen).

10. Force Majeure

Each party shall be released from responsibility for non-performance of its respective contractual obligations to the extent that such non-performance is caused by Force Majeure. For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, Force Majeure shall mean circumstances beyond the control of the party claiming the existence of Force Majeure, including, but not limited to, war, terrorism, natural disasters, shortage of components or raw materials. Each party undertakes to inform the other party immediately of the occurrence of Force Majeure. In this case, the dates and deadlines for the performance of the aforementioned obligations shall be adjusted by mutual agreement or, if mutual agreement cannot be reached, shall be automatically extended by a period equal to the duration of the Force Majeure event plus a reasonable period for the resumption of performance of these obligations.
11. Data Protection

11.1 In the course of performing the contract, the parties shall comply with all applicable data protection regulations, in particular, but not limited to, with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Federal Data Protection Act (Bundesdatenschutzgesetz – BDSG). Details about data processing at Vector and the rights of data subjects can be found in its Data Privacy Statement.

11.2 The parties will also impose data protection obligations on their employees and any subcontractors they may employ.

12. APPLICABLE LAW, EXCLUSION OF THE LAW ON STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF BUSINESS, ARBITRATION

12.1 These Terms and Conditions (including, but not limited to Section 12.2) and all Individual Contracts shall be governed by the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany to the exclusion of its conflict of laws rules and the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG); the application of Sections 305 to 310 of the German Civil Code (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch – BGB) is excluded; standard terms and conditions of business shall only be subject to review in accordance with Section 242 of the German Civil Code (Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch – BGB).

12.2 All disputes arising out of or in connection with these Terms and Conditions and/or the Individual Contracts shall be finally settled under the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) by three arbitrators appointed in accordance with these Rules. Each party shall appoint one arbitrator and the third, who shall act as President of the arbitral tribunal, shall be appointed by the International Chamber of Commerce. The Expedited Procedure Provisions shall not apply. The President of the arbitral tribunal shall be a jurist qualified to hold the office of judge and, if the parties are domiciled in different countries, shall be of a different nationality from that of the parties. The arbitral award must be issued in writing and must state the reasons and the legal provisions on which it is based. The place of arbitration shall be in Stuttgart, Germany. The arbitration shall be conducted in English unless the parties agree on a different language.

12.3 Section 12.2 does not exclude the possibility that an ordinary court may, before or after the commencement of the arbitration proceedings, order at the request of a party a provisional or protective measure in respect of the subject matter of the arbitration proceedings.

13. Requirement of Writing, Severability Clause

13.1 Amendments or additions to these Terms and Conditions and/or Individual Contracts must be made in writing in order to be effective. The same applies in particular with regard to amendments and additions to this written form clause.

13.2 If individual provisions of these Terms and Conditions and/or an Individual Contract are legally invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall remain unaffected. In this case, the parties are obliged to replace an invalid provision with a valid provision that comes as close as possible to the economic purpose of the invalid provision. The same applies in the case of unintended loopholes.