

## POOL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PRODUCER CARS

### 1. DEFINITIONS

- a. “**Act**” means the *Canada Grain Act*, as amended from time to time.
- b. “**Delivery Date**” is the date on which the grain is accepted at the *Delivery Point* specified in the *Offer* and the Grain Receipt is issued.
- c. “**Delivery Period**” is the period of time from beginning date to end date for delivery of the *Grain* as stipulated in the *Offer*.
- d. “**Delivery Point**” means the eligible producer car loading site, as listed at [www.g3.ca](http://www.g3.ca), where the *Grain* that is the subject of this *Offer* will be delivered and/or loaded.
- e. “**Force Majeure Event**” means the following events that are beyond the control of the producer and which limit the tonnes produced of the *Grain* at all locations where the producer planted the commodity: severe flooding, hail, fire, drought, excess moisture, wind, hurricane, tornado, excess heat, insect damage, plant disease, wildlife damage, frost, or snow.
- f. “**Offer**” means the contract specifications indicated on the sign-up form, including but not limited to the specific grain and quality specifications of the Reference grade (“Grain”) and Net tonnes after applicable dockage and other customary deductions (“Tonnes”).

### 2. OFFER

- a. In accordance with these terms and conditions, the producer agrees to sell and G3 agrees to buy the *Tonnes* of the *Grain* specified in the *Offer*. The producer must contact the *Delivery Point* who will complete the sign-up form. Both parties accept the terms and conditions by signing the sign-up form, which must then returned to G3.
- b. This Contract is open for offers until the sign-up deadline indicated at [www.g3.ca](http://www.g3.ca). G3 reserves the right to extend or withdraw the program at any time and without prior notice.

### 3. ACCEPTANCE

- a. G3 will immediately accept the producer’s *Offer* provided that the contract program has not been withdrawn and the following conditions are met:
  - i. that the grain has been grown in Canada;
  - ii. that the grain is free and clear of any liens or encumbrances and has not been committed to any other person, corporation or entity; and
  - iii. that the railcar and *Grain* are free of fumigants prior to loading and that the *Grain* is in marketable condition. The producer will be subject to all costs associated with handling treated cars if it is determined that a fumigant is present in the railcar at time of unload.
- b. The producer must complete the Declaration of Eligibility For Delivery with the *Delivery Point* listed in the *Offer* prior to delivery. G3 reserves the right to refuse delivery of treated grain that would impact market access and execution of the sale of this grain.
- c. G3 will not accept any tonnes in excess of the *Tonnes* specified in the *Offer* unless at its discretion. Any additional costs associated with the shipment to the destination will be deducted from the producer’s payment.
- d. G3 will only accept straight grain. Tough grain shipped by producer car is exempt, and will be subject to a \$17 per tonne discount. All dockage is fully deductible.
- e. G3 is not obligated to accept delivery of grain grading lower than the *Grain* specified in the *Offer*. If the producer cannot deliver the quality specifications, the producer should notify G3 as soon as possible. Should G3 in its sole discretion accept the lower quality, market spreads will apply and the producer will be subject to costs incurred due to non-delivery of the original contracted quality.
- f. The producer agrees to allow G3 employees, agents or representatives to enter the land or place where the *Grain* is planted or stored at any reasonable times for the purpose of inspecting any seed or the *Grain*, taking samples of the *Grain* and picking up the *Grain*.
- g. G3 may, at its discretion, approve a request from the producer to assign the Contract to another producer thereby transferring all rights and responsibilities of this Contract.
- h. G3, at its discretion, will allow the producer to exercise the Cash Offer Transfer option at a cost of \$3 per tonne.

### 4. DELIVERY

- a. G3 agrees to call for delivery of the grain in accordance with the *Act* and the terms and conditions of this Contract. If G3 cannot accept delivery within the *Delivery Period* due to logistical constraints or other reasons, G3 may extend the *Delivery Period* by up to ninety (90) days (the “*Extended Delivery Period*”). The *Extended Delivery Period* will commence on the day following the *Delivery Period* or the date the CGC authorizes the producer car, whichever is later. In the event that the grain is called for delivery after the *Extended Delivery Period*, G3 shall pay the producer a late delivery fee of \$0.033 per tonne per day, in accordance with Part 4.1 of the *Canada Grain Regulations*. The late delivery fee will be calculated beginning the day following the *Extended Delivery Period* until the *Delivery Date*, and will be paid upon settlement of the cash purchase ticket.
- b. The producer agrees to deliver to the *Delivery Point* specified in the *Offer* upon being notified by G3, the *Delivery Point* or the CGC.
- c. All right, title, and interest to the *Grain* shall remain with the producer until it has been delivered to G3 and the quality has been determined and a cash purchase ticket has been issued. The producer must deliver the grain and settlement must be made on or before the end of the *Delivery Period* specified in the *Offer*.
- d. The producer must notify G3 as soon as possible if the producer does not have or cannot deliver the *Grain* or *Tonnes* specified in the *Offer*. If the producer cannot fulfill the Contract due to a *Force Majeure Event*, the producer must notify G3 within 15 days of such event and no later than November 30 of the production year. The producer must prove to G3’s satisfaction that the *Force Majeure Event* limited the tonnes produced or the quality produced such that the producer no longer has or cannot deliver the *Tonnes* contracted, or a quality that G3 is willing to accept. If these conditions are met to G3’s satisfaction, G3 will cancel the Contract at no cost to the producer.
- e. Deliveries against this Contract may be eligible for the G3 Farmers Equity Plan. Details and information regarding the Plan can be found on G3 Canada’s website at [www.g3.ca/fep](http://www.g3.ca/fep). In order to confirm eligibility, the producer must complete, sign and return the eligibility form which is available for downloading at [www.g3.ca/fep](http://www.g3.ca/fep) or from the local elevator.

### 5. PAYMENT

- a. G3 agrees to pay the producer:
  - i. the initial payment for the *Tonnes* of the *Grain* delivered that is in effect at the time of delivery, less a \$4.00 per tonne producer car administration fee, any amounts owing to G3 and all other deductions authorized under this Contract or otherwise required by law; and
  - ii. if eligible, top-up payments and/or a final payment thereafter; and
  - iii. in the event that the grain has been priced under a Pool Cashout, to pay the producer the cashout value as sum certain; and
  - iv. if the grain has been committed to the Annual Pool, storage payments calculated at the rate of \$0.033 per tonne per day, beginning February 1, until the earlier of July 31, or the *Delivery Date*.
- b. Any receivables may be off-set by G3 against any and all amounts that may become payable by G3 to the producer.

## 6. DEFAULT

- a. The producer shall be in default under this Contract if:
  - i. the producer is unable or unwilling to deliver 100 per cent of the *Tonnes* specified in the *Offer* upon being notified by G3, the *Delivery Point* or the CGC; or
  - ii. the producer delivers grain that has quality specifications inferior to the *Grain* specified in the *Offer* or that contains a proportion in excess of Canadian Grain Commission grade tolerances of a variety that is ineligible for its class; or
  - iii. the producer files for bankruptcy or makes a proposal under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* or a receiving order is made against the producer.
- b. The producer shall pay damages to G3 to compensate G3 for its loss equal to:
  - i. the difference between the price for the grain and the cost to G3, if higher, of buying replacement grain of equivalent quality; and
  - ii. all other losses, damages, costs and expenses suffered or incurred by G3 as a result of or in any way resulting from the producer's default.
- c. The producer and G3 agree that liquidated damages determined in this manner are reasonable and are a genuine pre-estimate of the actual damages G3 will incur as a result of the default by the producer and that such damages are not a penalty.
- d. G3 may, in its sole discretion, engage a collection agency to assist with the collection of outstanding liquidated damages and fees. G3 will charge interest of one (1) per cent compounded monthly, on amounts outstanding greater than thirty (30) days.
- e. If G3 is prevented by Force Majeure from performing its obligations, then its obligations so affected shall be suspended while (but only so long as) the Force Majeure continues to prevent the performance of the said obligations. "Force Majeure" shall mean any one or more of the following events:
  - i. An act of God, including a storm, fire, flood, explosion or lightning;
  - ii. A war, revolution, riot, blockade or any other unlawful act against public order or authority;
  - iii. A strike, walk-out, or other labour disturbance either at the *Delivery Point* or elsewhere in the grain handling or transportation system;
  - iv. Embargoes or congestion in the grain handling and transportation system caused by a shortage of railcars or otherwise;
  - v. Any other event (whether or not the kind enumerated above) which is not reasonably within the control of G3.

## 7. GENERAL

- a. This Contract constitutes the entire agreement between G3 and the producer with respect to the delivery and sale of the *Grain*. There are no representations, warranties, terms or conditions, whether express or implied, beyond those contained in this Contract. No changes or modifications to the Contract have any effect unless they are made in writing, and signed by both the producer and G3.
- b. If any part of this Contract is determined to be void, invalid, or unenforceable, it will be severed and all other provisions of this Contract will continue to have full force and effect.
- c. The Contract shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Manitoba and the courts of the Province of Manitoba shall have exclusive jurisdiction in the case of any dispute.
- d. This Contract shall be binding upon, and enure to the benefit of, the heirs, administrators, executors, legal representatives, successors and permitted assigns of the producer and G3. However, the producer may not assign this Contract without G3's prior written consent, which G3 may withhold.
- e. If the producer is a corporation, partnership, cooperative or other business entity, the Contract must be signed in the entity's name and the authorized officer, agent or partner(s) who sign(s) on behalf of the entity must state their position and authority.
- f. If the producer is an individual, the producer acknowledges that G3 may collect, use and disclose, including to affiliated companies and business associates, the producer's personal information (as defined by the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*) for the following purposes:
  - i. to carry out and administer this Contract;
  - ii. to market and sell any Certified Seed and Grain;
  - iii. to comply with applicable laws;
  - iv. to maintain customer databases and determine customer needs;
  - v. to facilitate market analyses and direct marketing services;
  - vi. to enable the Farmers Equity Trust, or its agent, to calculate and issue an eligible number of trust units as per the G3 Farmers Equity Plan.
- g. The producer acknowledges and agrees that the producer is the age of majority in the Province of Manitoba or where the producer is a corporation, partnership, cooperative or other business entity, the producer and the person signing on behalf of the producer is of the age of majority in the Province of Manitoba, and is duly authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation, partnership, cooperative or such other business entity.
- h. The producer shall fully indemnify G3 for any and all legal expenses associated with the enforcement of the Contract.
- i. Time shall be of the essence.
- j. The exercise by G3 of any right or remedy provided herein shall not affect any other right or remedy that G3 may have under this Contract. Nor shall the failure or delay of G3 to exercise any right or remedy be considered a waiver of any right or remedy it may have.