

Contract families Design and Build Contract. The JCT Design and Build Contract is designed for construction projects where the contractor carries out both the design and the construction work.

A typical example of a commonly-used mechanism that would now fall foul of the prohibition is the practice of linking the release of the balance of retention monies to a sub-contractor to the completion of works under the main contract. For example, clause 4. So, how should contractors deal with these changes? Below, I consider three possible approaches to address the release of retention in light of section 1A. De-linking the retention to the main contract The quick and easy solution is simply to remove the conditional element of the payment provisions relating to the payment of retention monies in the sub-contract. This is the approach that the JCT has taken, with clause 4. I have seen contractors inserting into sub-contracts a date that falls many months after completion of the sub-contract works. Though there is still a risk that the contractor may have to release the balance of the retention prior to it receiving its own retention monies from its employer, specifying a date far in the future reduces this risk. Call my bluff An alternative approach that I have seen taken commercially is to leave the conditional payment provisions in the sub-contract. The Scheme does not expressly refer to retention. This puts the payer in a potentially precarious position: Should the courts decide that there was never any right to withhold any monies on account of retention, the payer risks being required to pay back any retention withheld with interest calculated from the date on which the payment should have been made. Notwithstanding the second possibility, a contractor may decide that it will simply pay the retention monies to a sub-contractor, if, when and to the extent challenged to do so by the sub-contractor. This is a commercial approach, essentially gambling that the sub-contractor will not challenge the terms of the contract. While that may be the case, particularly with simple sub-contracts, the risks are potentially quite serious. Linking the final date for payment with a long-stop Given the risks of waiting for a sub-contractor to call your bluff, a contractor may be more inclined to specify a distant future date for payment of the balance of retention monies, to protect itself from being out of pocket. This approach is unlikely to be popular with sub-contractors, who will then be forced potentially to wait a long time until payment of the retention. However, there may be a middle ground that both parties will be more comfortable with. The requirement in subsection 1 a to provide an adequate mechanism applies only to setting the due date for payment and the amount due and not setting the final date for payment. On one analysis, the sub-contract could therefore specify that the due date for payment shall be the date of completion of the sub-contract works but the final date for payment shall be the date of the earlier of: A long-stop date in future; or The date of completion under the main contract.

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United Kingdom March 16 We continue our series of articles on the standard form JCT Design and Build Contract with a look at partial possession and early use. The effects of partial possession and early use are very different and without amending JCT it can sometimes be difficult to distinguish between the two. Therefore, you may want to adapt JCT to make sure the contract works for you. Contractors are unlikely to withhold consent in most instances because taking possession of part of the works means that practical completion is deemed to have occurred for that part. Therefore one of the key risks passes to the employer. This is good news for the contractor as it can sidestep the usual rigours of having to demonstrate to a third party that the works are complete. Early Use " risk remains with the contractor The effect of early use is different from partial possession. The risk of completing the works on time remains with the contractor. Of course, the employer should always keep one eye on clause 2. Partial Possession or Early Use: The courts have decided that the central issue is to establish which party has exclusive possession of the relevant part of the site. However, without amending JCT it is not always easy to decide which regime wins through and this uncertainty can lead to some odd decisions. In contrast, where an employer occupied and operated a hotel before practical completion, the court decided this was no more than early use. Therefore if you are going to use the works early, you may want to amend JCT so the parties are clear which set of rules applies. How should you amend the contract? A common amendment is to include an agreed access regime to make it clear when and how the employer can occupy the works without triggering the partial possession provisions. Parties can also use the access regime to deal with insurance, health and safety and security issues. The employer may also want to amend JCT so that the contractor waives its rights to claim an extension of time or to recover loss and expense for complying with the access regime. The parties may also decide to amend the contract to clarify that when the parties use the access regime the contractor remains responsible for the site. Conclusion The parties should consider modifying JCT to suit their needs as the amendments can often result in a more flexible contract for both parties. The amendments can also avoid confusion and therefore prevent disputes occurring. In the next issue we will consider extensions of time.

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This is true of tendering for any kind of building procurement system, but it is especially true where design and build is concerned. The employer can be vulnerable if the documentation and procedures are not properly completed, and the tenderers can be put to much abortive work. It is unfortunately frequently found that employers who put little effort into the preliminary stages are faced with additional costs during the construction period in order to get what they actually want. Design and build is not a way to avoid making important decisions about building. It will repay careful study. The Code recognises that selection may be by competitive tendering, negotiation, partnering or a joint venture arrangement, but focuses on competitive tendering on the basis of single stage or two stage procedures. It should be remembered that tendering for design and build work involves all tenderers in high cost. For this reason, the list of possible tenderers should be prepared with care. The following must be borne in mind: The enquiry should contain the following information if known: It is of great importance that the preliminary enquiry states to what extent the acceptance will depend on factors other than price. If any prospective tenderer has to withdraw, it should give notice before the issue of tender documents. Under English law, a tender may be withdrawn at any time before it is accepted even if stated to be open for a number of weeks. This creates a binding contract. Introduction 19 Tenders which do not comply with the conditions should be rejected. Unsuccessful tenderers should be informed as soon as a tender has been accepted or a tenderer has been selected to proceed to the second stage, as appropriate. If errors are found in the priced document, the employer must take the appropriate steps as set out in the invitation to tender. Where single stage tendering is involved, there is still scope for negotiation if the preferred tender is too high. There can be no true acceptance at that stage because of the need to leave open the second stage negotiation procedure, and neither party wishes to have a concluded contract at that stage. It is probably better to avoid anything that appears to be an acceptance and the employer should simply notify the successful tenderer of the intention to continue negotiations in the hope of achieving a mutually satisfactory outcome. If such an agreement is contemplated, it should be drawn up with care. Whether the employer is prepared to pay the contractor during this period or whether securing the contract is considered to be reward enough is a matter for individual circumstances. Any failure in this respect might entitle the contractor to recover damages, unless the employer is protected against liability by means of a suitably-worded clause in the tender documentation. By setting out terms for tendering, the employer is making an offer, in a limited way, that if a tenderer submits a tender in response, the employer will proceed according to such terms. A contract is formed and breach of its terms will enable the other party to recover damages for proven loss. Such damages would generally amount to the cost of preparing the tender, which could be a substantial sum where design and build is concerned. Blackpool Borough Council , where the defendants invited tenders for a concession. The concession was awarded to another tender and the plaintiffs sued alleging breach of contract. The Court of Appeal upheld the claim, holding that there was a contractual obligation to consider any tender properly submitted in accordance with the stipulated and detailed conditions of tendering. In effect, a contract was implied. However, the Blackpool case was distinguished by a differently constituted Court of Appeal in Fairclough Building Ltd v. Port Talbot Borough Council where it was held that, under the normal tendering process, a tenderer has no cause of action where its tender is rejected but has been given some consideration and the recipient of the tender has acted reasonably. In that case, the Council decided to have a new Civic Centre constructed, and Fairclough applied to be included on the selective tendering list. Their application was successful and subsequently they were invited to tender. Fairclough considered that there was a breach of contract and, on appeal, relied on the Blackpool case. Blackpool and Fylde Aero Club v. Blackpool Borough Council was distinguished on somewhat slender grounds. The case of Pratt Contractors Ltd v. The facts are that a state highway contract was put out to competitive tender. Pratt

submitted tenders, but it was unsuccessful despite being the lowest. Pratt said, and Transit agreed, that an invitation to tender together with the submission of the tender constituted a contract under which Transit was obliged to carry out the procedure for choosing a tenderer which it had set out in the invitation. In addition, it should act fairly and in good faith. Unfortunately, the parties could not agree what that amounted to in practice. Pratt alleged that Transit had been in breach of its obligations and sought damages. There were two ways in which Transit could have assessed the tenders in accordance with the obligatory procedure. One was the straightforward lowest Introduction 21 price tender. The other, which Transit employed, was a formula which allotted different marks for various criteria. The tender panel excluded Pratt from consideration because it failed some of the criteria. The panel gave detailed reasons in their subsequent report. Transit was reluctant to take this advice and eventually it re-advertised. This time Pratt passed all the criteria, but another contractor had a higher score and it was awarded the contract. The Privy Council decided that, although Transit had a duty to carry out the procedures properly, the duty to act fairly and in good faith amounted to no more than that the panel should express their views honestly. Transit had no obligation to appoint, as panel members, people without any existing views about the tenderers. Indeed, people with the requisite experience to serve on the panel were just the sort of people to have already formed views about the contractors. The cases do not appear to impose any heavier duty than that. Chapter 2 Contract Documents 2. They are agreed by the parties to the contract and signed. It is important that each document is signed by both parties and dated. To avoid any doubt, it is customary for each document to be endorsed: The contents of DB are arranged as follows: Carrying out the Works 3. Control of the Works 4. Injury, damage and insurance 7. Assignment, third party rights and collateral warranties 8. Settlement of disputes Schedules 1. Code of practice 5. Third party rights 22 Contract Documents 23 6. Forms of bonds 7. Fluctuations options For the purposes of this book the layout of the printed form has not been followed; rather, what seems to be a more logical arrangement has been adopted, dealing with the form on a topic basis and making reference to appropriate clauses, wherever they may be located. Sometimes it is considered necessary to make amendments to the clauses in the printed form. If possible, such amendments should be avoided, but if it is not possible, each amendment or deletion should be clearly made in the appropriate place on the form and each party should initial, preferably at the beginning and end of the amendment especially where a deletion has been carried out. Articles of Agreement The date is always left blank until the form is executed by the parties. The names and addresses of the employer and the contractor must be inserted in the space provided. Where limited companies are involved, it is sensible to insert the company registration number in brackets after the company name so that there is no possible chance of confusion in cases where companies change or even exchange names. It is good to see that the contract now provides a space for that purpose. The description of the work must be entered with care, because among other things it can affect the operation of the variation clause clause 5. The contract sum is to be inserted in article 2. It should be noted that the amount of the contract sum will never change. The default position is that the contractor takes on that role. If another person is to take the role, the name and address must be inserted. Where the contractor takes the role, it is highly likely that another CDM co-ordinator will be appointed for the early stages of the project, only changing to the contractor when tenders are accepted. Article 6 must be completed with the identity of the principal contractor. Again, the default position is that the contractor will take that role. In the unlikely event that another person is to be appointed, the details must be inserted. It is necessary to consider it with great care. It should be completed as follows: General Fourth recital and clause 4. If the Works are to be divided into sections, they are to be described here. This is usually done by reference to an attached drawing. That would be good practice. There are three entries against this side heading. Each document should be signed and dated by the parties. If nothing is deleted, the default position is legal proceedings. It is a great pity that previous practice on this point has been reversed, possibly causing many people to inadvertently choose legal proceedings when believing that arbitration was still the default process. A footnote [10] refers the parties to the Guide for the factors to be taken into account when choosing between arbitration or legal proceedings. The advice in the Guide appears to be substantially in favour of legal proceedings, but not all factors are considered. A full consideration of all the factors can be found in section This is an important date and referred to in several of the contract clauses. It used to be the date of tender, but

that was often uncertain, because the period for tendering was often extended or even postponed for long periods.

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Instead, the payee invoices the payer once work has been certified as completed by an independent third party, the contract administrator often an architect or surveyor. Often interim certificates are issued where itemised components of the work have been completed, or a verifiable percentage is complete. In the amendments, the payer or payee can issue the certificate if the contractor administrator fails to do so. The JCT encourages retention of an agreed percentage of the contract sum until practical completion and then a percentage for a period after final completion. This avoids payment in advance for such things as minor defects or snagging which need to be addressed at the end of the project or come to light after the project is complete. So the invoice at each point is a percentage of the value of the work certified complete. The payer can deduct an amount; however, under the amendments, the method for calculating the new amount must be stated. The JCT introduced the concept of determination, whereby the contract can be terminated for suspension of works, failure to proceed regularly and diligently, failure to remove defective works, failure to execute works in accordance with the contract, or bankruptcy of the contractor. If one party has ceased to perform the contract e. Reference is made to adjudication as a quick way of resolving disputes which the parties cannot resolve between them. Arbitration or litigation, depending on the preferences of the parties, is also available for the settlement of disputes, but these are never appeals against the decision of an adjudicator; they are the consideration of the dispute or difference as if no decision had been made by an adjudicator. One of the most common disputes around building contracts is with regard to the interpretation of failure to proceed regularly and diligently, and whether the contractor is able to make a claim for loss of profits after determination. So the client can end up paying the contractor for work certified and yet the contractor may not pay the subcontractor, for example through insolvency. It may then be hard to work with that subcontractor to complete the work. In contrast in some US states, monies due to subcontractors must be held in trust by the contractor. Annual lecture[edit] The JCT Povey Lecture is an annual event at which an eminent person is invited to speak on significant matters that are relevant to the construction and property industry. The purpose of the lecture is to encourage ways of continuing to improve the quality and value of construction output. He died suddenly in Speakers and their papers have been: The power to choose. Rolling back the frontiers of management?

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