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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee OB-003, General Conditions of Contract.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (March 2005). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

This Standard is the result of a consensus among Australian and New Zealand representatives on the Joint Committee to produce it as an Australian Standard.

AS 4915—2002, *Project management—General conditions* is part of the suite of conditions of contract based on AS 4000—1997, *General conditions of contract*.

Where construction management is required, AS 4916—2002, *Construction management—General conditions* should be used.

Clause 20 and subclause 5.6, prefixed by * are optional and may be omitted in the Contract, where necessary, without making consequential amendments but such omission should be clearly shown on the face of the document by striking out these clauses or indicating clearly in Annexure Part D or elsewhere that they are *not to apply*. See paragraph (i) of clause 1 on page 3 for the effect of stating changes in Annexure Part D.

WARNING

- 1) **Principals should ensure that their specific requirements are fully and completely incorporated in the Principal's project requirements obtaining specialist advice if necessary.**
- 2) **Principals should ensure that their specific requirements for the Services to be carried out by the Project Manager are accurately and completely incorporated in Annexure Part B. The task list in that Annexure may be used for this purpose.**
- 3) **Legislation has come into force in some jurisdictions dealing with security of payments. Parties intending to use this Standard should seek expert advice as to their rights and obligations under such legislation.**

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1 Interpretation and construction of Contract

In the *Contract*, except where the context otherwise requires:

Item	means an <i>Item</i> in Annexure Part A;
agency Services	means those so marked in Annexure Part B;
compensable cause	means: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) any act, default or omission of the <i>Principal</i> or its <i>contractors</i> or agents (except the <i>Project Manager</i>); or b) those listed in <i>Item 21</i>;
completion	means completion of <i>the Services</i> ;
Contract	has the meaning in clause 3;
contractor	means a consultant or contractor (except the <i>Project Manager</i>) of the <i>Principal</i> for any part of the <i>project</i> ;
date of acceptance of tender	means the date which appears on the written notice of acceptance of tender;
design documents	means the drawing, specifications and other information, samples, models, patterns and the like required by the <i>Contract</i> and those created or used by a <i>contractor</i> in carrying out the <i>project</i> ;
direction	includes agreement, approval, assessment, authorization, certificate, decision, demand, determination, explanation, instruction, notice, order, permission, rejection, request or requirement;
dispute	has the meaning in clause 30;
EOT (from 'extension of time')	has the meaning in subclause 23.2;
fee adjustment	means a sum assessed by the <i>Principal</i> to be added to or deducted from the <i>management fee</i> ;
final certificate	has the meaning in subclause 25.2;
final payment claim	means the final payment claim referred to in subclause 25.2;
intellectual property right	means any patent, registered design, trademark or name, copyright or other protected right;
key personnel	means those personnel listed in <i>Item 5</i> ;
legislative requirements	includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Acts, Ordinances, regulations, by-laws, orders, awards and proclamations of the jurisdiction where <i>the Services</i>, or the particular part thereof, are being carried out;