THE LAGOS MULTI-DOOR COURTHOUSE
...The ADR Centre...

SAMPLE 3-TIERED DISPUTE RESOLUTION CLAUSE

1. Negotiation

In the event of any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or relating to this agreement, or the breach, termination, or invalidity thereof (a "Dispute"), the parties shall first attempt in good faith to resolve the Dispute through negotiation. Such negotiation shall commence upon one party delivering to the other party written notice of the Dispute (a "Dispute Notice"). The parties shall meet (either in person or virtually) within ten (10) business days following receipt of the Dispute Notice to discuss and attempt to resolve the Dispute.

2. Mediation

If the Dispute has not been resolved by negotiation within thirty (30) days following the date of the Dispute Notice, or such longer period as the parties may agree, the parties agree to submit the Dispute to mediation at the Lagos Multi-Door Courthouse under the LMDC Practice Direction on Mediation Procedure. Each party shall bear its own costs in the mediation, and the parties shall share equally the mediator's fees and any other mediation costs.

3. Arbitration

If the Dispute has not been resolved by mediation within sixty (60) days from the commencement of mediation, or such longer period as the parties may agree, the Dispute shall finally be resolved by arbitration. The arbitration shall be administered by the Lagos Multi-Door Courthouse (LMDC) in accordance with the procedure for instituting Arbitration at the LMDC; the Rules of Arbitration under the Arbitration and Mediation Act or any other law in force. The seat of the arbitration shall be [specified location], and the language of the arbitration shall be [specified language].

The arbitration shall be conducted by a sole Arbitrator to be appointed by the LMDC OR the arbitration shall be conducted by a panel of three arbitrators from the LMDC Panel of Neutrals, one appointed by each party and the third appointed by the two party-appointed arbitrators. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding on the parties, and the award rendered by the arbitrators may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. Each party shall bear its own costs and expenses of the arbitration, and the costs and expenses of the arbitrators and the arbitration proceedings shall be shared equally by the parties unless the arbitrator(s) decide otherwise.

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