#### COOKIES STATEMENT AND INFORMATION ABOUT OUR USE OF COOKIES

#### 1. What are cookies?

Our website uses cookies to distinguish you from other users of our website. This helps us to provide you with a good experience when you browse our website and also allows us to improve our site.

By continuing to browse the site, you agree to our use of cookies. A cookie is a small file of letters and numbers that we store on your browser or the hard drive of your computer if you agree. Cookies contain information that is transferred to your device's hard drive.

#### 2. What cookies do we use?

We use the following cookies:

- **Strictly necessary cookies.** These are cookies that are required for the operation of our website..
- Analytical/performance cookies. They allow us to recognize and count the number of visitors and to see how visitors move around our website when they are using it. This helps us to improve the way our website works, for example, by ensuring that users are finding what they are looking for easily.
- Functionality cookies. These are used to recognize you when you return to our website. This enables us to personalize our content for you, greet you by name and remember your preferences.
- **Targeting cookies.** These cookies record your visit to our website, the pages you have visited and the links you have followed. We will use this information to make our website and the advertising displayed on it more relevant to your interests. We may also share this information with third parties for this purpose.

Please note that third parties (including, for example, advertising networks and providers of external services like web traffic analysis services) may also use cookies, over which we have no control. These cookies are likely to be analytical/performance cookies or targeting cookies however you should contact the respective parties for any further information.

### 3. Managing cookies

## a. Acceptance or blocking of cookies

You may block cookies by activating the setting on your browser that allows you to refuse the setting of all or some cookies. However, if you use your browser settings to block all cookies (including essential cookies) you may not be able to access all or parts of our site.

We do not accept any responsibility for any consequences relating to improper operation of our services where it results from our inability to save or consult cookies necessary for the operation of those services or if you have blocked or deleted those cookies. If you consent to the saving of cookies contained in content that you have accessed, those cookies will be stored temporarily in a dedicated location on your device. Please note that you can also adjust the settings on your browser so that it indicates the cookies that are being stored on your device and asks you whether you want to accept them.

## b. Adjusting your settings on different browsers

Each browser has a different set up for the management of cookies and on this basis we provide below (for convenience purposes) the link for the adjustment of cookies to the four most frequently used browsers:

<u>Microsoft Internet Explorer</u>

**Google Chrome** 

**Safari** 

**Firefox** 

If your browser is not mentioned hereinabove, you should examine the possibilities of your browser in relation to the adjustment of your cookie settings.

Depending on the type of cookie, there are other ways of managing cookies that do not involve adjusting your browser's settings.

# c. Blocking Google Analytics' cookies

Google Analytics mainly uses audience-measuring cookies to report on user interactions on Google Analytics customers' websites and such cookies have been placed on our site by Google Analytics. Google Analytics uses cookies to collect information in an anonymous form (aggregated) about how visitors use the website, for example, the number of page views, how visitors have arrived at the website, and the number of visits. The purpose is to help us improve the usability of the website. The information generated through your website usage is redirected to and stored by Google Inc. You can block these specific cookies by clicking on the deactivation link below, downloading the add-on and installing it on your browser. Please check compatibility of the add on with your browser.

Google Analytics deactivation link: <u>Deactivate Google Analytics</u>

We would like to highlight that the downloaded add-on will save a cookie on your device, but that cookie will be used only to prevent your browser from transmitting data to Google Analytics.

For more information on deactivating Google Analytics and installing the browser add-on, click here: <u>Browser add-on to deactivate Google Analytics</u>

For more information on how Google Analytics' treats personal information when you use Google's products and services click here: https://policies.google.com/privacy?hl=en

### d. Blocking social network cookies

To block cookies used by social networks (e.g. via sharing buttons), follow the instructions in the links below:

**Facebook** 

<u>Twitter</u>

Google+ and YouTube