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This Data Processing Agreement supersedes and replaces all prior versions.

## Data Processing Agreement

This Data Processing Agreement (the “Agreement”) between Sparkle Innovations, Inc. (sometimes referred to as “Provider,” “we,” “us,” or “our”), and the Client found on the applicable Master Services Agreement, Order, or Service Description (sometimes referred to as “you,” or “your,”) and, together with the Order, Proposal, Master Services Agreement, and Schedule of Services, forms the Agreement between the parties the terms to which the parties agree to be bound.

The parties agree as follows:

**1. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”) Data Processing.** This Agreement documents the safeguards imposed upon the parties to protect health information that is subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (“HIPAA”). If Provider is engaged as a “Business Associate” under HIPAA, then this Agreement shall apply to Provider’s activities as a Business Associate. If HIPAA applies to Provider’s activities as a Business Associate, in Order to demonstrate the parties’ compliance with HIPAA, this Agreement applies to each agreement between Provider or any of Provider’s Affiliates and Client or any of Client’s Affiliates under which Provider engages protected health information as part of its performance.

**a. DEFINITIONS**

The following terms used in this Agreement have the same meanings as those terms in the HIPAA Rules: Breach, Data Aggregation, Designated Record Set, Disclosure, Health Care Operations, Individual, Minimum Necessary, Notice of Privacy Practices, Protected Health Information, Required By Law, Secretary, Security Incident, Subcontractor, Unsecured Protected Health Information, and Use.

Specific Definitions:

- Business Associate. “Business Associate” generally has the same meaning as the term “business associate” at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the party to this Agreement, means Provider.
- Covered Entity. “Covered Entity” generally has the same meaning as the term “covered entity” at 45 CFR 160.103, and in reference to the party to this Agreement, means Client.
- HIPAA Rules. “HIPAA Rules” means the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164.

**b. OBLIGATIONS OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATE**

Business Associate agrees to:

- i. Not use or disclose protected health information other than as permitted or required by the Agreement or as required by law;

- ii. Use appropriate safeguards, and comply with Subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164 with respect to electronic protected health information, to prevent use or disclosure of protected health information other than as provided for by the Agreement;
- iii. Report to covered entity any use or disclosure of protected health information not provided for by the Agreement of which it becomes aware, including breaches of unsecured protected health information as required at 45 CFR 164.410, and any security incident of which it becomes aware;
- iv. In accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(e)(1)(ii) and 164.308(b)(2), if applicable, ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit protected health information on behalf of the Business Associate agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to the Business Associate with respect to such information;
- v. Make available protected health information in a designated record set to the covered entity as necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.524;
- vi. Make any amendment(s) to protected health information in a designated record set as directed or agreed to by the covered entity pursuant to 45 CFR 164.526, or take other measures as necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.526;
- vii. To the extent required by regulators, maintain and make available the information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to the covered entity as necessary to satisfy covered entity's obligations under 45 CFR 164.528;
- viii. To the extent the Business Associate is to carry out one or more of covered entity's obligation(s) under Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164, comply with the requirements of Subpart E that apply to the covered entity in the performance of such obligation(s); and
- ix. To the extent required by regulators, make its internal practices, books, and records available to the Secretary for purposes of determining compliance with the HIPAA Rules.

**c. PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES**

- i. Business Associate may only use or disclose protected health information as necessary to perform the services set forth in the Master Services Agreement. The Business Associate is authorized to use protected health information to de-identify the information in accordance with 45 CFR 164.514(a)-(c). The parties also may wish to specify the manner in which the Business Associate will de-identify the information and the permitted uses and disclosures by the Business Associate of the de-identified information.
- ii. Business Associate may use or disclose protected health information as required by law.
- iii. Business Associate agrees to make uses and disclosures and requests for protected health information consistent with covered entity's minimum necessary policies and procedures.
- iv. Business Associate may not use or disclose protected health information in a manner that would violate Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164 if done by covered entity.

- v. Business Associate may disclose protected health information for the proper management and administration of Business Associate or to carry out the legal responsibilities of the Business Associate, provided the disclosures are required by law, or Business Associate obtains reasonable assurances from the person to whom the information is disclosed that the information will remain confidential and used or further disclosed only as required by law or for the purposes for which it was disclosed to the person, and the person notifies Business Associate of any instances of which it is aware in which the confidentiality of the information has been breached.
- vi. Business Associate may provide data aggregation services relating to the health care operations of the covered entity.

**d. PRIVACY PRACTICES AND RESTRICTIONS**

- i. Covered entity shall notify Business Associate of any limitation(s) in the notice of privacy practices of covered entity under 45 CFR 164.520, to the extent that such limitation may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of protected health information.
- ii. Covered entity shall notify Business Associate of any changes in, or revocation of, the permission by an individual to use or disclose his or her protected health information, to the extent that such changes may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of protected health information.
- iii. Covered entity shall notify Business Associate of any restriction on the use or disclosure of protected health information that covered entity has agreed to or is required to abide by under 45 CFR 164.522, to the extent that such restriction may affect Business Associate's use or disclosure of protected health information.

**e. PERMISSIBLE REQUESTS**

Covered entity shall not request Business Associate to use or disclose protected health information in any manner that would not be permissible under Subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164 if done by covered entity.

**2. Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act ("GLBA") Data Processing.** This section documents the safeguard standards imposed to protect Client financial information subject to the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act ("GLBA"). To the extent Provider's services constitute processing of financial information governed by GLBA, these provisions shall apply.

**a. DEFINITIONS**

All capitalized terms in this Addendum which are not otherwise defined in this Addendum or in the MSA have the meaning set forth in Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (P. L. 106-102; 15 USC §6801 et seq.) and the regulations issued pursuant thereto by the Financial Institution's Functional Regulator.

**b. RECEIPT OF INFORMATION**

To perform its duties under the Agreement, Provider is authorized and permitted to receive, hold and, to the extent necessary, review Nonpublic Personal Information of Client in order to provide services for Client at Client's direction as provided under the

MSA. Provider may further use and disclose Nonpublic Personal Information for the proper management and administration of the business of Provider.

**c. OBLIGATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDER**

Provider will take reasonable steps to:

- Implement and maintain a written comprehensive information security program containing administrative, technical and physical safeguards for the security and protection of Nonpublic Personal Information and further containing each of the elements set forth in § 314.4 of the Gramm Leach Bliley Standards for Safeguarding Client Information (16 C.F.R. § 314) and the Red Flag Rules issued by the Federal Trade Commission;
- Ensure the security and confidentiality of Nonpublic Personal Information received from Client;
- Protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the security or integrity of Nonpublic Personal Information;
- Protect against unauthorized access to or use of such information that could result in harm or inconvenience to Client;
- Ensure the proper disposal of Nonpublic Personal Information, as set forth in the MSA or in Service Attachments signed under the MSA, and
- Notify Client of any loss or breach of the security or Confidentiality of Client's Nonpublic Personal Information.

**d. PERMITTED USES AND DISCLOSURES**

Provider may disclose the information received by it under the Agreement only if the disclosure is required by law.

**e. PERMISSIBLE REQUESTS**

Client shall not request Provider to use or disclose Nonpublic Personal Information in any manner that would not be permissible Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (P. L. 106-102; 15 USC §6801 et seq.) and the regulations issued pursuant thereto if done by Client.

**3. Department of Defense Standards for Controlled Unclassified Information (“CUI”).** This section documents the safeguards imposed to protect CUI subject to the DoD and CMMC’s standards. To the extent Provider’s services involve CUI subject to DoD or CMMC standards or regulations, these provisions shall apply.

- a. System Environment.** Provider will prepare a detailed description of system boundaries, system interconnectedness, and key devices.
- b. Requirements.** Provider will thoroughly describe how the CMMC requirements have been implemented for each of the following:
  - i. Access Control
  - ii. Awareness and Training
  - iii. Audit and Accountability
  - iv. Configuration Management
  - v. Identification and Authentication

- vi. Incident Response
- vii. Maintenance
- viii. Media Protection
- ix. Personnel Security
- x. Physical Protection
- xi. Risk Assessment
- xii. Security Assessment
- xiii. System and Communication Protection
- xiv. System and Information Integrity

#### **4. General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”)**

The European General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) imposes specific obligations on “Processors”, “Controllers”, and others with regard to their vendor relationships (as defined below). GDPR requires companies to conduct appropriate due diligence on processors and to have contracts containing specific provisions relating to data protection.

If Provider is engaged in “Processing” of data, then this Addendum shall apply to Provider’s activities as a “Processor”. If GDPR applies to Provider’s activities as a Processor, in order to demonstrate the parties’ compliance with GDPR, this Addendum applies to each agreement between Provider and Client under which Provider Processes Personal Data as part of performing under that agreement (“Agreement”). If GDPR is applicable to Provider’s activities, the Addendum will be effective on the last signature date set forth below (“Addendum Effective Date”).

#### **DEFINITIONS**

“GDPR” means Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the General Data Protection Regulation, together with any addition implementing legislation, rules or regulations that are issued by applicable supervisory authorities. All capitalized terms in this Addendum which are not otherwise defined in this Addendum or in the Agreement have the meaning set forth in the GDPR. Words and phrases in this Addendum shall, to the greatest extent possible, have the meanings given to them in Article 4 of the GDPR. In particular:

(a) “Controller” has the meaning given to it in Article 4(7) of the GDPR: “the natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data; where the purposes and means of such processing are determined by Union or Member State law, the controller or the specific criteria for its nomination may be provided for by Union or Member State law,” but only to the extent such personal data pertains to residents of the European Economic Area (“EEA”) or are otherwise subject to the GDPR.

(b) “Personal Data” has the meaning given to it in Article 4(1) of the GDPR: “any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person; an identifiable natural person is one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person,” but only to the extent such personal data pertains to residents of the EEA or are otherwise subject to the GDPR.

(c) “Personal Data Breach” has the meaning given to it in Article 4(12) of the GDPR: “[any] breach of security leading to the accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure of, or access to, personal data transmitted, stored or otherwise processed.”

(d) “Processing” has the meaning given to it in Article 4(2) of the GDPR: “any operation or set of operations which is performed on personal data or on sets of personal data, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organization, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction, erasure or destruction;”

(e) “Processor” has the meaning given to it in Article 4(8) of the GDPR: “a natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which processes personal data on behalf of the controller,” but only to the extent such personal data pertains to residents of the EEA or are otherwise subject to the GDPR.

(f) “Sub-processor” means any processor as defined in Article 4(8) of the GDPR: “[any] natural or legal person, public authority, agency or other body which processes personal data” on behalf of the Processor (including any affiliate of the Processor).

(g) “Transfer” means to disclose or otherwise make Personal Data available to a third party (including to any affiliate or Sub-processor), either by physical movement of the Personal Data to such third party or by enabling access to the Personal Data by other means.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF A PROCESSOR**

### Technical Measures

In accordance with GDPR Article 28(1), Processor represents that it has implemented appropriate technical and organizational measures in such a manner that its Processing of Personal Data will meet the requirements of GDPR and ensure the protection of the rights of the data subjects.

### Sub-processors

In accordance with GDPR Article 28(2), the Processor shall not engage any Sub-processor without prior specific or general written authorization of Client. In the case of general written authorization, the Processor shall inform Client of any intended changes concerning the addition or replacement of other Sub-processors and give Client the opportunity to object to such changes. The Processor shall also comply with the requirements for subprocessing as set forth in Article 28(4), namely that the data protection obligations set forth herein (and as may otherwise be agreed by the Processor in the Agreement) such be imposed upon the Sub-processor, so that the Processor’s contract with the Sub-processor contains sufficient guarantees that the Processing will meet the requirements of GDPR.

### Processing & Security

In accordance with GDPR Article 28(3), the following terms are incorporated by reference into the Agreement:

(a) The Processor shall only process the Personal Data only (i) as needed to provide the Services, (ii) in accordance with the specific instructions that it has received from Client, including with regard to any Transfers, and (iii) as needed to comply with law (in which case, the Processor shall provide prior notice to Client of such legal requirement, unless that law prohibits this disclosure), and (iv) with regard to transfers of Personal Data to a third country or an international organization, unless required to do so by European Union or Member State law to which Client is subject, in such case, Client will inform Provider of that legal requirement

before processing, unless that law prohibits such information on important grounds of public interest.

(b) Processor shall ensure that persons authorized to process the Personal Data have committed themselves to confidentiality or are under an appropriate statutory obligation of confidentiality;

(c) Processor shall take all security measures required by GDPR Article 32, namely:

(i) Taking into account the state of the art, the costs of implementation and the nature, scope, context and purposes of processing as well as the risk of varying likelihood and severity for the rights and freedoms of natural persons, the Processor shall implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to the risk, including inter alia as appropriate: (a) the pseudonymization and encryption of Personal Data; (b) the ability to ensure the ongoing confidentiality, integrity, availability and resilience of processing systems and services; (c) the ability to restore the availability and access to Personal Data in a timely manner in the event of a physical or technical incident;

(d) a process for regularly testing, assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of technical and organizational measures for ensuring the security of the processing.

(ii) In assessing the appropriate level of security account shall be taken in particular of the risks that are presented by processing, in particular from accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure of, or access to Personal Data transmitted, stored or otherwise processed.

(iii) The Processor shall take steps to ensure that any natural person acting under the authority of the Processor who has access to Personal Data does not process them except on instructions from Client, unless he or she is required to do so by EEA Member State law.

(d) Taking into account the nature of the processing, Processor shall reasonably assist Client by appropriate technical and organizational measures, insofar as this is possible, for the fulfillment of Client's obligation to respond to requests for exercising the data subject's rights;

(e) Taking into account the nature of processing and the information available to the Processor,

Processor shall comply with (and shall reasonably assist Client to comply with) the obligations regarding Personal Data Breaches (as set forth in GDPR Articles 33 and 34), data protection impact assessments (as set forth in GDPR Article 35), and prior consultation (as set forth in GDPR Article 36);

(f) At Client's discretion, the Processor shall delete or return all the Personal Data to Client after the end of the provision of Services relating to Processing, and delete existing copies unless applicable EEA member state law requires storage of the Personal Data;

(g) The Processor shall provide Client with all information necessary to demonstrate compliance with the obligations laid down in the GDPR, and allow for and contribute to audits, including inspections, conducted by Client or another auditor mandated by Client; and

(h) The Processor shall immediately inform Client if, in its opinion, an instruction infringes the GDPR or other EEA Member State data protection provisions.

### Personal Data Transfers

The Processor shall not Transfer any Personal Data (and shall not permit its Sub-processors to Transfer any Personal Data) without the prior consent of Client. The Processor understands that Client must approve and document that adequate protection for the Personal Data will exist after the Transfer, using contracts that provide sufficient guarantees (such as standard contractual clauses) unless another legal basis for the Transfer exists.

#### Unauthorized Access & Breach Notification

The Processor will promptly and thoroughly investigate all allegations of unauthorized access to, use or disclosure of the Personal Data. Processor will notify Client without undue delay in the event of any Personal Data Breach.

#### Maintenance & Availability of Records

The Processor shall maintain all records required by Article 30(2) of the GDPR, and (to the extent they are applicable to Processor's activities for Client) Processor shall make them available to Client upon request.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS**

To the extent that GDPR applies to Provider and Client's activities under this Attachment, Provider shall comply with all data protection laws applicable to Provider in its role as a data Processor Processing Personal Data. For the avoidance of doubt, Provider is not responsible for complying with data protection laws applicable to Customer (as a data Controller) or Customer's industry. Customer shall comply with all data protection laws applicable to Customer as a data Controller.

If Provider maintains Personal Data on Provider's computers or machines, Provider will take responsibility to assist Customer with GDPR compliance at Provider's then current hourly rates.

If Customer maintains data on Customer's computers or machines, and not on Provider's machines or computers, Provider will assist Customer with GDPR compliance at Provider's then current hourly rates.

### **DEFENSE OF CLAIMS**

Where Provider faces an actual or potential claim arising out of or related to violation of any GDPR obligations (e.g., Article 82 of the GDPR) concerning the Services, Client will promptly provide all materials and information requested by Provider that is relevant to the defense of such claim and the underlying circumstances concerning the claim.

### **ANNEX TO STANDARD CONTRACTUAL CLAUSES**

#### *Purpose and scope*

- (a) The purpose of these standard contractual clauses is to ensure compliance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data (General Data Protection Regulation)<sup>1</sup> for the transfer of personal data to a third country.
- (b) The Parties:
  - (i) the natural or legal person(s), public authority/ies, agency/ies or other body/ies (hereinafter "entity/ies") transferring the personal data, as listed in Annex I.A. (hereinafter each "data exporter"), and
  - (ii) the entity/ies in a third country receiving the personal data from the data exporter, directly or indirectly via another entity also Party



to these Clauses, as listed in Annex I.A. (hereinafter each “data importer”)

have agreed to these standard contractual clauses (hereinafter: “Clauses”).

- (c) These Clauses apply with respect to the transfer of personal data as specified in Annex I.B.
- (d) The Appendix to these Clauses containing the Annexes referred to therein forms an integral part of these Clauses.

#### *Effect and invariability of the Clauses*

- (a) These Clauses set out appropriate safeguards, including enforceable data subject rights and effective legal remedies, pursuant to Article 46(1) and Article 46 (2)(c) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and, with respect to data transfers from controllers to processors and/or processors to processors, standard contractual clauses pursuant to Article 28(7) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, provided they are not modified, except to  
  
select the appropriate Module(s) or to add or update information in the Appendix. This does not prevent the Parties from including the standard contractual clauses laid down in these Clauses in a wider contract and/or to add other clauses or additional safeguards, provided that they do not contradict, directly or indirectly, these Clauses or prejudice the fundamental rights or freedoms of data subjects.
- (b) These Clauses are without prejudice to obligations to which the data exporter is subject by virtue of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

#### *Third-party beneficiaries*

- (a) Data subjects may invoke and enforce these Clauses, as third-party beneficiaries, against the data exporter and/or data importer, with the following exceptions:
  - (i) Clause 1, Clause 2, Clause 3, Clause 6, Clause 7;
  - (ii) Clause 8 - Module One: Clause 8.5 (e) and Clause 8.9(b); Module Two: Clause 8.1(b), 8.9(a), (c), (d) and (e); Module Three: Clause 8.1(a), (c) and (d) and Clause 8.9(a), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g); Module Four: Clause 8.1 (b) and Clause 8.3(b);
  - (iii) Clause 9 - Module Two: Clause 9(a), (c), (d) and (e); Module Three: Clause 9(a), (c), (d) and (e);
  - (iv) Clause 12 - Module One: Clause 12(a) and (d); Modules Two and Three: Clause 12(a), (d) and (f);
  - (v) Clause 13;

- (vi) Clause 15.1(c), (d) and (e);
  - (vii) Clause 16(e);
  - (viii) Clause 18 - Modules One, Two and Three: Clause 18(a) and (b);  
Module Four: Clause 18.
- (b) Paragraph (a) is without prejudice to rights of data subjects under Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

#### *Interpretation*

- (a) Where these Clauses use terms that are defined in Regulation (EU) 2016/679, those terms shall have the same meaning as in that Regulation.
- (b) These Clauses shall be read and interpreted in the light of the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.
- (c) These Clauses shall not be interpreted in a way that conflicts with rights and obligations provided for in Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

#### *Hierarchy*

In the event of a contradiction between these Clauses and the provisions of related agreements between the Parties, existing at the time these Clauses are agreed or entered into thereafter, the Order controls, followed by the DPA and then the MSA.

#### *Description of the transfer(s)*

The details of the transfer(s), and in particular the categories of personal data that are transferred and the purpose(s) for which they are transferred, are specified in Annex I.B.

### **OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES**

#### *Data protection safeguards*

The data exporter warrants that it has used reasonable efforts to determine that the data importer is able, through the implementation of appropriate technical and organizational measures, to satisfy its obligations under these Clauses.

#### *Instructions*

- (a) The data exporter has informed the data importer that it acts as processor under the instructions of its controller(s), which the data exporter shall make available to the data importer prior to processing.
- (b) The data importer shall process the personal data only on documented instructions from the controller, as communicated to the data importer by the data exporter, and any additional documented instructions from the data exporter. Such additional instructions shall not conflict with the instructions from the controller. The controller or data exporter may give

further documented instructions regarding the data processing throughout the duration of the contract.

- (c) The data importer shall immediately inform the data exporter if it is unable to follow those instructions. Where the data importer is unable to follow the instructions from the controller, the data exporter shall immediately notify the controller.
- (d) The data exporter warrants that it has imposed the same data protection obligations on the data importer as set out in the contract or other legal act under Union or Member State law between the controller and the data exporter.

#### *Purpose limitation*

The data importer shall process the personal data only for the specific purpose(s) of the transfer, as set out in Annex I.B., unless on further instructions from the controller, as communicated to the data importer by the data exporter, or from the data exporter.

#### *Transparency*

On request, the data exporter shall make a copy of these Clauses, including the Appendix as completed by the Parties, available to the data subject free of charge. To the extent necessary to protect business secrets or other confidential information, including personal data, the data exporter may redact part of the text of the Appendix prior to sharing a copy, but shall provide a meaningful summary where the data subject would otherwise not be able to understand its content or exercise his/her rights. On request, the Parties shall provide the data subject with the reasons for the redactions, to the extent possible without revealing the redacted information.

#### *Accuracy*

If the data importer becomes aware that the personal data it has received is inaccurate, or has become outdated, it shall inform the data exporter without undue delay. In this case, the data importer shall cooperate with the data exporter to rectify or erase the data.

#### *Duration of processing and erasure or return of data*

Processing by the data importer shall only take place for the duration specified in Annex I.B. After the end of the provision of the processing services, the data importer shall, at the choice of the data exporter, delete all personal data processed on behalf of the controller and certify to the data exporter that it has done so, or return to the data exporter all personal data processed on its behalf and delete existing copies. Until the data is deleted or returned, the data importer shall continue to ensure compliance with these Clauses. In case of local laws applicable to the data importer that prohibit return or deletion of the personal data, the data importer warrants that it will continue to ensure compliance with these Clauses and will only process it to the extent and for as

long as required under that local law. This is without prejudice to Clause 14, in particular the requirement for the data importer under Clause 14(e) to notify the data exporter throughout the duration of the contract if it has reason to believe that it is or has become subject to laws or practices not in line with the requirements under Clause 14(a).

#### *Security of processing*

- (a) The data importer and, during transmission, also the data exporter shall implement appropriate technical and organizational measures to ensure the security of the data, including protection against a breach of security leading to accidental or unlawful destruction, loss, alteration, unauthorized disclosure or access to that data (hereinafter “personal data breach”). In assessing the appropriate level of security, they shall take due account of the state of the art, the costs of implementation, the nature, scope, context and purpose(s) of processing and the risks involved in the processing for the data subject. The Parties shall in particular consider having recourse to encryption or pseudonymization, including during transmission, where the purpose of processing can be fulfilled in that manner. In case of pseudonymization, the additional information for attributing the personal data to a specific data subject shall, where possible, remain under the exclusive control of the data exporter or the controller. In complying with its obligations under this paragraph, the data importer shall at least implement the technical and organizational measures specified in Annex II. The data importer shall carry out regular checks to ensure that these measures continue to provide an appropriate level of security.
- (b) The data importer shall grant access to the data to members of its personnel only to the extent strictly necessary for the implementation, management and monitoring of the contract. It shall ensure that persons authorized to process the personal data have committed themselves to confidentiality or are under an appropriate statutory obligation of confidentiality.
- (c) In the event of a personal data breach concerning personal data processed by the data importer under these Clauses, the data importer shall take appropriate measures to address the breach, including measures to mitigate its adverse effects. The data importer shall also notify, without undue delay, the data exporter and, where appropriate and feasible, the controller after having become aware of the breach. Such notification shall contain the details of a contact point where more information can be obtained, a description of the nature of the breach (including, where possible, categories and approximate number of data subjects and personal data records concerned), its likely consequences and the measures taken or proposed to address the data breach, including measures to mitigate its possible adverse effects. Where, and in so far as, it is not possible to provide all information at the same time, the initial notification shall contain the information then available and

further information shall, as it becomes available, subsequently be provided without undue delay.

- (d) The data importer shall cooperate with and assist the data exporter to enable the data exporter to comply with its obligations under Regulation (EU) 2016/679, in particular to notify its controller so that the latter may in turn notify the competent supervisory authority and the affected data subjects, taking into account the nature of processing and the information available to the data importer.

### *Sensitive data*

Where the transfer involves personal data revealing racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, or trade union membership, genetic data, or biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying a natural person, data concerning health or a person's sex life or sexual orientation, or data relating to criminal convictions and offences (hereinafter "sensitive data"), the data importer shall apply the specific restrictions and/or additional safeguards set out in this Annex.

### *Onward transfers*

The data importer shall only disclose the personal data to a third party on documented instructions from the controller, as communicated to the data importer by the data exporter. In addition, the data may only be disclosed to a third party located outside the European Union market to the three EEA States Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The Union (in the same country as the data importer or in another third country, hereinafter "onward transfer") if the third party is or agrees to be bound by these Clauses, under the appropriate Module, or if:

- (i) the onward transfer is to a country benefitting from an adequacy decision pursuant to Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 that covers the onward transfer;
- (ii) the third party otherwise ensures appropriate safeguards pursuant to Articles 46 or 47 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679;
- (iii) the onward transfer is necessary for the establishment, exercise or defense of legal claims in the context of specific administrative, regulatory or judicial proceedings; or
- (iv) the onward transfer is necessary in order to protect the vital interests of the data subject or of another natural person.

Any onward transfer is subject to compliance by the data importer with all the other safeguards under these Clauses, in particular purpose limitation.

### *Documentation and compliance*

- (a) The data importer shall promptly and adequately deal with enquiries from the data exporter or the controller that relate to the processing under these Clauses.
- (b) The Parties shall be able to demonstrate compliance with these Clauses. In particular, the data importer shall keep appropriate documentation on the processing activities carried out on behalf of the controller.
- (c) The data importer shall make all information necessary to demonstrate compliance with the obligations set out in these Clauses available to the data exporter, which shall provide it to the controller.
- (d) The data importer shall allow for and contribute to audits by the data exporter of the processing activities covered by these Clauses, at reasonable intervals or if there are indications of non-compliance. The same shall apply where the data exporter requests an audit on instructions of the controller. In deciding on an audit, the data exporter may take into account relevant certifications held by the data importer.
- (e) Where the audit is carried out on the instructions of the controller, the data exporter shall make the results available to the controller.
- (f) The data exporter may choose to conduct the audit by itself or mandate an independent auditor. Audits may include inspections at the premises or physical facilities of the data importer and shall, where appropriate, be carried out with reasonable notice.
- (g) The Parties shall make the information referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c), including the results of any audits, available to the competent supervisory authority on request.

### *Use of sub-processors*

- (a) GENERAL WRITTEN AUTHORISATION. The data importer has the controller's general authorization for the engagement of sub-processor(s) from an agreed list. The data importer shall specifically inform the controller in writing of any intended changes to that list through the addition or replacement of sub-processors at least 30 days in advance, thereby giving the controller sufficient time to be able to object to such changes prior to the engagement of the sub-processor(s). The data importer shall provide the controller with the information necessary to enable the controller to exercise its right to object. The data importer shall inform the data exporter of the engagement of the sub-processor(s).
- (b) Where the data importer engages a sub-processor to carry out specific processing activities (on behalf of the controller), it shall do so by way of

a written contract that provides for, in substance, the same data protection obligations as those binding the data importer under these Clauses, including in terms of third-party beneficiary rights for data subjects.<sup>9</sup> The Parties agree that, by complying with this Clause, the data importer fulfils its obligations under Clause 8.8. The data importer shall ensure that the sub-processor complies with the obligations to which the data importer is subject pursuant to these Clauses.

- (c) The data importer shall provide, at the data exporter's or controller's request, a copy of such a sub-processor agreement and any subsequent amendments. To the extent necessary to protect business secrets or other confidential information, including personal data, the data importer may redact the text of the agreement prior to sharing a copy.
- (d) The data importer shall remain fully responsible to the data exporter for the performance of the sub-processor's obligations under its contract with the data importer. The data importer shall notify the data exporter of any failure by the sub-processor to fulfil its obligations under that contract.
- (e) The data importer shall agree a third-party beneficiary clause with the sub-processor whereby - in the event the data importer has factually disappeared, ceased to exist in law or has become insolvent - the data exporter shall have the right to terminate the sub-processor contract and to instruct the sub-processor to erase or return the personal data.

#### *Data subject rights*

- (a) The data importer shall promptly notify the data exporter and, where appropriate, the controller of any request it has received from a data subject, without responding to that request unless it has been authorized to do so by the controller.
- (b) The data importer shall assist, where appropriate in cooperation with the data exporter,  
  
the controller in fulfilling its obligations to respond to data subjects' requests for the exercise of their rights under Regulation (EU) 2016/679 or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, as applicable. In this regard, the Parties shall set out in Annex II the appropriate technical and organizational measures, taking into account the nature of the processing, by which the assistance shall be provided, as well as the scope and the extent of the assistance required.
- (c) In fulfilling its obligations under paragraphs (a) and (b), the data importer shall comply with the instructions from the controller, as communicated by the data exporter.

## *Redress*

- (a) The data importer shall inform data subjects in a transparent and easily accessible format, through individual notice or on its website, of a contact point authorized to handle complaints. It shall deal promptly with any complaints it receives from a data subject.
- (b) In case of a dispute between a data subject and one of the Parties as regards compliance with these Clauses, that Party shall use its best efforts to resolve the issue amicably in a timely fashion. The Parties shall keep each other informed about such disputes and, where appropriate, cooperate in resolving them.
- (c) Where the data subject invokes a third-party beneficiary right pursuant to Clause 3, the data importer shall accept the decision of the data subject to:
  - (i) lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority in the Member State of his/her habitual residence or place of work, or the competent supervisory authority pursuant to Clause 13;
  - (ii) refer the dispute to the competent courts within the meaning of Clause 18.
- (d) The Parties accept that the data subject may be represented by a not-for-profit body, organization or association under the conditions set out in Article 80(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.
- (e) The data importer shall abide by a decision that is binding under the applicable EU or Member State law.
- (f) The data importer agrees that the choice made by the data subject will not prejudice his/her substantive and procedural rights to seek remedies in accordance with applicable laws.

## *Liability*

- (a) Each Party shall be liable to the other Party/ies for any damages it causes the other Party(ies) by any breach of these Clauses.
- (b) The data importer shall be liable to the data subject, and the data subject shall be entitled to receive compensation, for any material or non-material damages the data importer or its sub-processor causes the data subject by breaching the third-party beneficiary rights under these Clauses.
- (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), the data exporter shall be liable to the data subject, and the data subject shall be entitled to receive compensation, for any material or nonmaterial damages the data exporter or the data importer (or its sub-processor) causes the data subject by breaching the third-party beneficiary rights under these Clauses. This is without prejudice to the liability of the data exporter



and, where the data exporter is a processor acting on behalf of a controller, to the liability of the controller

under Regulation (EU) 2016/679 or Regulation (EU) 2018/1725, as applicable.

- (d) The Parties agree that if the data exporter is held liable under paragraph (c) for damages caused by the data importer (or its sub-processor), it shall be entitled to claim back from the data importer that part of the compensation corresponding to the data importer's responsibility for the damage.
- (e) Where more than one Party is responsible for any damage caused to the data subject as a result of a breach of these Clauses, all responsible Parties shall be jointly and severally liable and the data subject is entitled to bring an action in court against any of these Parties.
- (f) The Parties agree that if one Party is held liable under paragraph (e), it shall be entitled to claim back from the other Party/ies that part of the compensation corresponding to its / their responsibility for the damage.
- (g) The data importer may not invoke the conduct of a sub-processor to avoid its own liability.

#### *Supervision*

- (a) The supervisory authority of one of the Member States in which the data subjects whose personal data is transferred under these Clauses in relation to the offering of goods or services to them, or whose behavior is monitored, are located, as indicated in Annex I.C, shall act as competent supervisory authority.
- (b) The data importer agrees to submit itself to the jurisdiction of and cooperate with the competent supervisory authority in any procedures aimed at ensuring compliance with these Clauses. In particular, the data importer agrees to respond to enquiries, submit to audits and comply with the measures adopted by the supervisory authority, including remedial and compensatory measures. It shall provide the supervisory authority with written confirmation that the necessary actions have been taken.

### **LOCAL LAWS AND OBLIGATIONS IN CASE OF ACCESS BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES**

#### *Local laws and practices affecting compliance with the Clauses*

- (a) The Parties warrant that they have no reason to believe that the laws and practices in the third country of destination applicable to the processing of the personal data by the data importer, including any requirements to disclose personal data or measures authorizing access by public authorities, prevent the data importer from fulfilling its

obligations under these Clauses. This is based on the understanding that laws and practices that respect the essence of the fundamental rights and freedoms and do not exceed what is necessary and proportionate in a democratic society to safeguard one of the objectives listed in Article 23(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, are not in contradiction with these Clauses.

- (b) The Parties declare that in providing the warranty in paragraph (a), they have taken due account in particular of the following elements:
  - (i) the specific circumstances of the transfer, including the length of the processing chain, the number of actors involved and the transmission channels used; intended onward transfers; the type of recipient; the purpose of processing; the categories and format of the transferred personal data; the economic sector in which the transfer occurs; the storage location of the data transferred;
  - (ii) the laws and practices of the third country of destination—including those requiring the disclosure of data to public authorities or authorizing access by such authorities – relevant in light of the specific circumstances of the transfer, and the applicable limitations and safeguards; any relevant contractual, technical or organizational safeguards put in place to supplement the safeguards under these Clauses, including measures applied during transmission and to the processing of the personal data in the country of destination.
- (c) The data importer warrants that, in carrying out the assessment under paragraph (b), it has made its best efforts to provide the data exporter with relevant information and agrees that it will continue to cooperate with the data exporter in ensuring compliance with these Clauses.
- (d) The Parties agree to document the assessment under paragraph (b) and make it available to the competent supervisory authority on request.
- (e) The data importer agrees to notify the data exporter promptly if, after having agreed to these Clauses and for the duration of the contract, it has reason to believe that it is or has become subject to laws or practices not in line with the requirements under paragraph (a), including following a change in the laws of the third country or a measure (such as a disclosure request) indicating an application of such laws in practice that is not in line with the requirements in paragraph (a). [For Module Three: The data exporter shall forward the notification to the controller.]
- (f) Following a notification pursuant to paragraph (e), or if the data exporter otherwise has reason to believe that the data importer can no longer fulfil its obligations under these Clauses, the data exporter shall promptly identify appropriate measures (e.g. technical or organizational measures to ensure security and confidentiality) to be adopted by the

data exporter and/or data importer to address the situation [for Module Three: , if appropriate in consultation with the controller]. The data exporter shall suspend the data transfer if it considers that no appropriate safeguards for such transfer can be ensured, or if instructed by [for Module Three: the controller or] the competent supervisory authority to do so. In this case, the data exporter shall be entitled to terminate the contract, insofar as it concerns the processing of personal data under these Clauses. If the contract involves more than two Parties, the data exporter may exercise this right to termination only with respect to the relevant Party, unless the Parties have agreed otherwise. Where the contract is terminated pursuant to this Clause, Clause 16(d) and (e) shall apply.

***Obligations of the data importer in case of access by public authorities***

***Notification***

- (a) The data importer agrees to notify the data exporter and, where possible, the data subject promptly (if necessary, with the help of the data exporter) if it:
  - (i) receives a legally binding request from a public authority, including judicial authorities, under the laws of the country of destination for the disclosure of personal data transferred pursuant to these Clauses; such notification shall include information about the personal data requested, the requesting authority, the legal basis for the request and the response provided; or
  - (ii) becomes aware of any direct access by public authorities to personal data transferred pursuant to these Clauses in accordance with the laws of the country of destination; such notification shall include all information available to the importer. The data exporter shall forward the notification to the controller.
- (b) If the data importer is prohibited from notifying the data exporter and/or the data subject under the laws of the country of destination, the data importer agrees to use its best efforts to obtain a waiver of the prohibition, with a view to communicating as much information as possible, as soon as possible. The data importer agrees to document its best efforts in order to be able to demonstrate them on request of the data exporter.
- (c) Where permissible under the laws of the country of destination, the data importer agrees to provide the data exporter, at regular intervals for the duration of the contract, with as much relevant information as possible on the requests received (in particular, number of requests, type of data requested, requesting authority/ies, whether requests have been challenged and the outcome of such challenges, etc.). The data exporter shall forward the information to the controller.

- (d) The data importer agrees to preserve the information pursuant to paragraphs (a) to (c) for the duration of the contract and make it available to the competent supervisory authority on request.
- (e) Paragraphs (a) to (c) are without prejudice to the obligation of the data importer pursuant to Clause 14(e) and Clause 16 to inform the data exporter promptly where it is unable to comply with these Clauses.

#### *Review of legality and data minimization*

- (a) The data importer agrees to review the legality of the request for disclosure, in particular whether it remains within the powers granted to the requesting public authority, and to challenge the request if, after careful assessment, it concludes that there are reasonable grounds to consider that the request is unlawful under the laws of the country of destination, applicable obligations under international law and principles of international comity. The data importer shall, under the same conditions, pursue possibilities of appeal. When challenging a request, the data importer shall seek interim measures with a view to suspending the effects of the request until the competent judicial authority has decided on its merits. It shall not disclose the personal data requested until required to do so under the applicable procedural rules. These requirements are without prejudice to the obligations of the data importer under Clause 14(e).
- (b) The data importer agrees to document its legal assessment and any challenge to the request for disclosure and, to the extent permissible under the laws of the country of destination, make the documentation available to the data exporter. It shall also make it available to the competent supervisory authority on request. The data exporter shall make the assessment available to the controller.
- (c) The data importer agrees to provide the minimum amount of information permissible when responding to a request for disclosure, based on a reasonable interpretation of the request.

### **FINAL PROVISIONS**

#### *Non-compliance with the Clauses and termination*

- (a) The data importer shall promptly inform the data exporter if it is unable to comply with these Clauses, for whatever reason.
- (b) In the event that the data importer is in breach of these Clauses or unable to comply with these Clauses, the data exporter shall suspend the transfer of personal data to  
  
the data importer until compliance is again ensured or the contract is terminated. This is without prejudice to Clause 14(f).

- (c) The data exporter shall be entitled to terminate the contract, insofar as it concerns the processing of personal data under these Clauses, where:
  - (i) the data exporter has suspended the transfer of personal data to the data importer pursuant to paragraph (b) and compliance with these Clauses is not restored within a reasonable time and in any event within one month of suspension;
  - (ii) the data importer is in substantial or persistent breach of these Clauses; or
  - (iii) the data importer fails to comply with a binding decision of a competent court or supervisory authority regarding its obligations under these Clauses.

In these cases, it shall inform the competent supervisory authority [for Module Three: and the controller] of such non-compliance. Where the contract involves more than two Parties, the data exporter may exercise this right to termination only with respect to the relevant Party, unless the Parties have agreed otherwise.

- (d) Personal data that has been transferred prior to the termination of the contract pursuant to paragraph (c) shall at the choice of the data exporter immediately be returned to the data exporter or deleted in its entirety. The same shall apply to any copies of the data. The data importer shall certify the deletion of the data to the data exporter. Until the data is deleted or returned, the data importer shall continue to ensure compliance with these Clauses. In case of local laws applicable to the data importer that prohibit the return or deletion of the transferred personal data, the data importer warrants that it will continue to ensure compliance with these Clauses and will only process the data to the extent and for as long as required under that local law.
- (e) Either Party may revoke its agreement to be bound by these Clauses where (i) the European Commission adopts a decision pursuant to Article 45(3) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 that covers the transfer of personal data to which these Clauses apply; or (ii) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 becomes part of the legal framework of the country to which the personal data is transferred. This is without prejudice to other obligations applying to the processing in question under Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

#### *Governing law*

These Clauses shall be governed by the law of a country allowing for third-party beneficiary rights. The Parties agree that this shall be the law of United States.

#### *Choice of forum and jurisdiction*

Any dispute arising from these Clauses shall be resolved by the courts of the United States.

## STATEMENT OF WORK

The subject matter and duration of the Processing, the nature and purpose of the Processing, and the type of Personal Data and categories of data subjects will be described in a statement of work, purchase order or written agreement signed by the parties' authorized representatives, which forms an integral part of the Agreement.

## INSURANCE

In addition to any other insurance required under the Agreement, Client will maintain insurance coverage for privacy and cybersecurity liability (including costs arising from data destruction, hacking or intentional breaches, crisis management activity related to data breaches, and legal claims for security breach, privacy violations, and notification costs) of at least \$2,000,000 US per occurrence.

## TERM AND TERMINATION

(a) Term. The Term of this Agreement shall be effective as of the date signed by both parties below, and shall terminate upon the termination of the Agreement or upon the date Client terminates for cause as authorized in paragraph (b) of this Section, whichever is sooner.

(b) Termination for Cause. Provider authorizes termination of this Agreement by Client, if Client determines Provider has violated a material term of the Agreement and Provider has not cured the breach or ended the violation within ten (10) business days.

(c) Effect of Termination. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Provider, with respect to Personal Data received from Client, or created, maintained, or received by Provider on behalf of Client, shall:

(i) Retain only that Personal Data which is necessary for Provider to continue its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities;

(ii) Return to Client [or, if agreed to by Client, destroy] the remaining Personal Data that the Provider still maintains in any form;

(iii) Continue to use appropriate safeguards with respect to Personal Data to prevent use or disclosure of the Personal Data, other than as provided for in this Section, for as long as Provider retains the Personal Data;

(iv) Not use or disclose the Personal Data retained by Provider other than for the purposes for which such Personal Data was retained and subject to the same conditions set forth in this Agreement; and

(v) Return to Client [or, if agreed to by Client, destroy] the Personal Data retained by Provider when it is no longer needed by Provider for its proper management and administration or to carry out its legal responsibilities.

In addition, Client's termination of this Agreement for cause constitutes good cause for Client to terminate any Service Attachments signed under the Agreement in connection with which Provider received any Personal Data from Client.

(d) Survival. The obligations of Provider under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

