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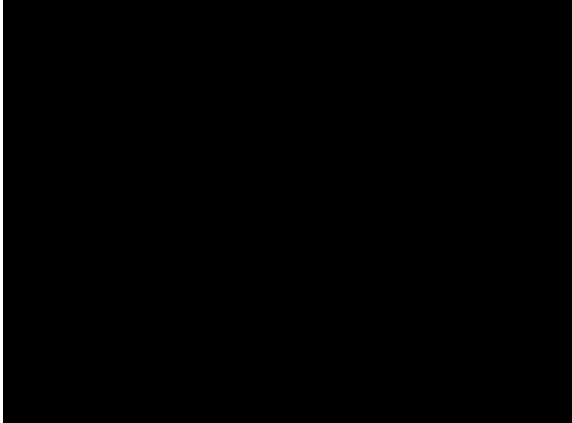
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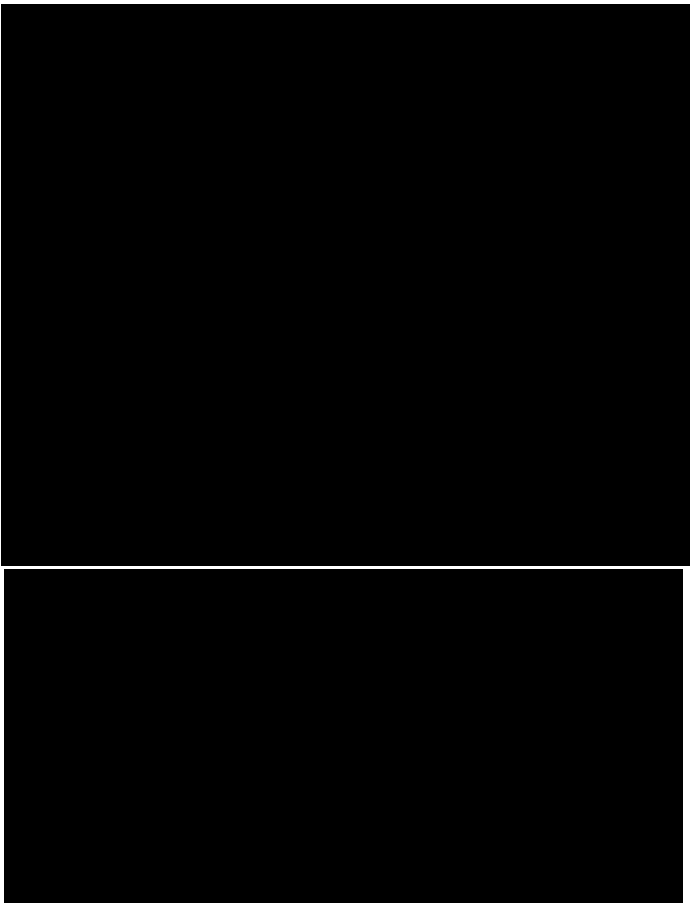
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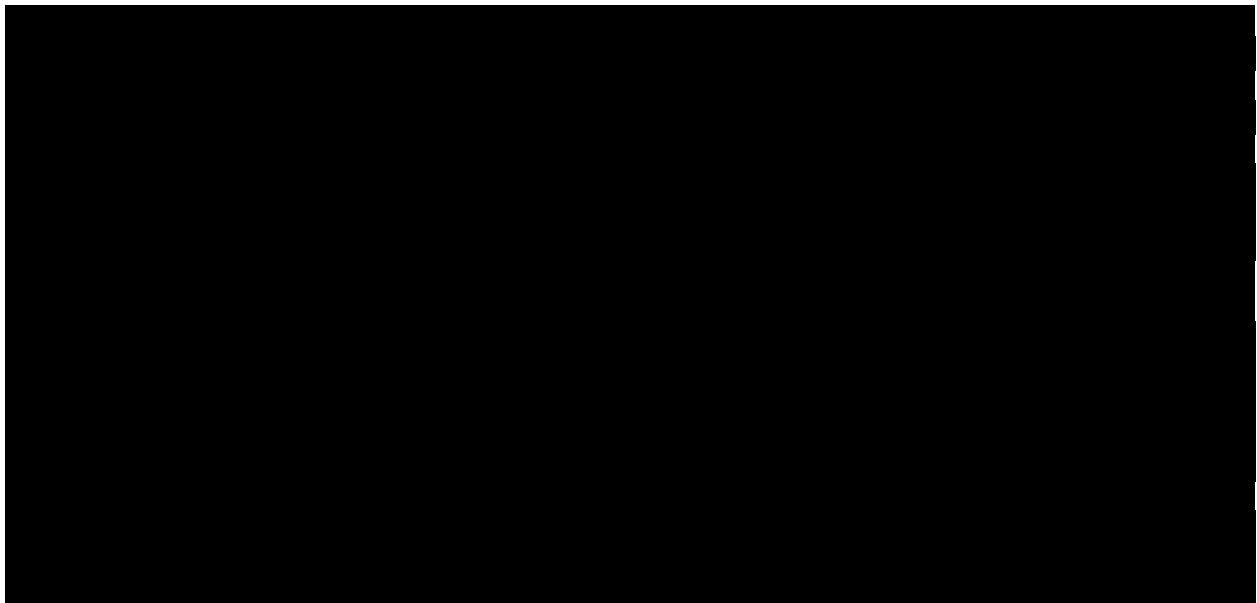
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
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7.5 In the event of termination or expiration of the License Agreement for any reason (a) the license grant shall terminate with regard to the Content, (b) Licensor will discontinue Licensee's access to the Content via the Platforms and access by Licensee and Authorized Users to the Content through the Platforms is prohibited, (c) Licensee shall delete or destroy all copies of the Content on electronic and physical storage mediums in its possession or control. and (d) use commercially reasonable efforts (which may include notification of the Authorized Users) to ensure that its Authorized Users delete or destroy Content on their personal electronic devices and physical storage mediums. At Licensor's request, Licensee shall provide a declaration executed by an officer of Licensee attesting that such the measures described above in Section 7.5 (c) and (d) have been fully effectuated. For clarity, however, the first two sentences of this Section 7.5 do not apply upon expiration of the Term of a Product with Continuing Access specified in the applicable Product Terms. All indemnification, confidentiality, and payment obligations in the License Agreement up to the termination date shall survive such termination or expiration.

7.6 Any termination right under this Section 7 may be exercised by Customer or against Customer or an individual Licensee, provided that in the case of termination by Licensor with respect to an individual Licensee, this License Agreement shall remain in effect with respect to all other Licensees.

8. Confidentiality

The License Agreement is the confidential and proprietary information of Licensor (collectively, the "Confidential Information"). Confidential Information shall not include any information which at the time of disclosure is (a) known to the recipient independently of this License Agreement without a breach of any confidentiality obligation; (b) is in the public domain; (c) is made available to the recipient at any time by an independent third party which has not obtained it directly or indirectly in breach of any obligation of confidentiality to Licensor. Customer and Licensee agree to keep the Confidential Information strictly confidential and shall not disclose it to any third party except: (a) to officers, accountants, attorneys, insurers or agents of Customer and Licensee who have a need to know the Confidential Information in order to permit Customer and Licensee to exercise its rights or fulfill its obligations under this License Agreement, and who are bound by a legal obligation of confidentiality with respect to the Confidential Information, (b) as required

by law, including but not limited to § 2 of the Czech law no. 340/2015 Coll, on the Register of Contracts, as amended, except for personal information, trade secrets and sensitive information that shall be blacked out in the relevant publication of the contract, as permitted by the applicable law and to the extent required by Licensor. Such partial disclosure shall only be made through the channels specified by the Czech law no. 340/2015 Coll., on the Register of Contracts, as amended, or (c) pursuant to a properly issued subpoena, any order of any court, or other authority or governmental agency with the authority to obtain information regarding the License Agreement. If Customer or Licensee is requested to disclose any Confidential Information pursuant to (b) or (c) above, it shall immediately notify Licensor of such request, to the extent legally permissible give Licensor a reasonable opportunity to challenge the disclosure, and provide Licensor reasonable assistance in seeking a protective order or in connection with other measures to ensure that the recipient of the Confidential Information keeps it confidential.

9. Representations, Warranties, Indemnification

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9.3 Licensor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Licensee and its Affiliates, successors and assigns ("Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all third party claims, demands, obligations, costs, losses and liabilities, (including reasonable attorney fees if a defense is not provided by Licensor, reasonable fees being such fees allowed by statutory law, if applicable) incurred by Licensee which arise out of a violation of its representations and warranties set forth herein, subject to the conditions that Licensee (a) notify Licensor immediately upon becoming aware of any such third-party claim, (b) not attempt to compromise or settle the claim, (c) provide Licensor with all reasonably

requested information and assistance, and (d) permit Licensor to have sole conduct of the defense and/or settlement of such claim with counsel of Licensor's choice at its expense. This Section 9.3 shall be the sole and exclusive remedy the Indemnified Parties may have with respect to any third party claims of misappropriation or infringement of intellectual property for the Content.

9.4 EXCEPT FOR THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES AND INDEMNITIES STATED HEREIN AND TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, LICENSOR PROVIDES THE CONTENT "AS IS" AND MAKES NO OTHER REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY. LICENSOR EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY CLAIM ARISING FROM OR OUT OF THE CONTENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY ERRORS, INACCURACIES, OMISSIONS, OR DEFECTS CONTAINED THEREIN, AND ANY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS WARRANTY AS TO MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. LICENSOR SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF DATA, BUSINESS INTERRUPTION OR LOSS OF PROFITS, ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS LICENSE AGREEMENT, EVEN IF IT HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES. LICENSOR'S LIABILITY FOR ANY AND ALL CLAIMS UNDER THIS LICENSE AGREEMENT IS LIMITED TO THE LICENSE FEES ACTUALLY PAID TO LICENSOR IN THE 12-MONTH PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE EVENT GIVING RISE TO A CLAIM.

9.5 Customer represents and warrants that (a) it has the requisite authority to enter into this License Agreement and (b) if acting on behalf of one or more Licensees (i) it is fully and unconditionally authorized so to act and to bind such Licensee(s) to the terms of this License Agreement, and (ii) once the License Agreement has been executed by Customer and Licensor, will provide a copy thereof to Licensee(s).

10. General

10.1 Licensor may assign its rights or delegate its obligations, or any part thereof under the License Agreement, or use subcontractors, without the prior consent of Customer or Licensee (for the avoidance of doubt, Licensee(s) shall have no right to agree to any assignment or use of subcontractors). Licensor will require any such party comply with Licensor's obligations under this License Agreement. Customer or Licensee may not assign its rights or delegate its obligations or any part thereof under the License Agreement without the prior consent of Licensor. Any attempt by Customer or Licensee to assign or delegate any rights or obligations set forth in the License Agreement without Licensor's prior consent shall be null and void.

10.2 Except for any obligations to make payments to the other party hereunder, either party's delay or failure to perform any term or condition of the License Agreement as a result of circumstances beyond its control such as, but not limited to, wars, invasions, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts, epidemics, strikes, fires, floods, earthquakes, explosions, acts of God, governmental restrictions, market manipulations, actions, orders or laws, embargos or blockades, national or regional emergencies, power, telecommunications or Internet failures, or damage or destruction of any network facilities or servers, shall not be deemed a breach of the License Agreement or a basis for liability.

10.3 If any covenant or other provision of the License Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, by reason of any rule of law or public policy, all other covenants and provisions shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

10.4 Entire Agreement; Modification: This License Agreement supersedes and replaces all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, between the parties concerning the subject matter hereof. This License Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties concerning its subject matter and cannot be modified, nor may any of its provisions be waived, except when executed in written form and signed, or signed by DocuSign electronic signature, in each case by both parties, except that in the case of waivers or consents, the foregoing requirements shall apply solely to the party giving such waiver or consent. Failure or delay of either party to enforce any of its rights under this License Agreement is not deemed a modification or a waiver by such party of any of its rights hereunder.

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10.5 In case of a conflict or ambiguity between these General Terms and Conditions and the Product Terms, the Product Terms shall prevail. In the event this License Agreement is translated into a language other than English, the English-language version of this License Agreement shall prevail in the event of any conflict between the English-language version and the translated version.

10.6 The License Agreement and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be construed, interpreted and determined in accordance with the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany without reference to the stipulations of the CISG (United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods) or to Germany's choice-of-law principle.

10.7 The parties acknowledge and agree that any controversies and disputes arising out of the License Agreement shall be decided exclusively by the courts of or having jurisdiction for Heidelberg, Germany, as far as legally permissible.

10.8 All notices given pursuant to the License Agreement shall be in text form as stipulated in Section 126 b of the German Civil Code (including but not limited to letters, facsimile, e-mail). Notice to Licensor shall be to Springer Nature, Licensing Control, Van Godewijckstraat 30, 3311 GX P.O. Box 17, 3300 AA Dordrecht, The Netherlands, with a copy to Legal Department, Springer Nature, Heidelberger Platz, 3, 14197 Berlin, Germany. Notice to Customer shall be to the address set forth in the License Details.

10.9 This License Agreement is solely for Licensor's, Customer's and Licensee's benefit. It is not for the benefit of any other person, except for permitted successors, and assigns under this License Agreement.

10.10 Audit Rights. Licensor will use its commercially reasonable efforts to maintain complete invoices and payment records directly pertinent to performance under this License Agreement (hereinafter, collectively, "the Records"). The Records must be kept for the balance of the calendar year in which they were made and for 10 years thereafter. Upon reasonable notice following written request by an auditing/controlling public body authorized to carry out audit in compliance with the rules and regulations of Czech Republic and mandatory rules of EU/EC regarding to the financial control especially regarding to the grants to Customer pertaining to this License Agreement, Licensor will use its commercially reasonable efforts to provide such Records to those authorized bodies and provide the necessary assistance as required by those authorized bodies, to a reasonable extent to be determined at Licensor's sole discretion while taking into account the legitimate interests of the Licensee or any of the Licensees. The Licensor would be entitled to refuse provide any such information or provide any such assistance only if the Licensor would document a serious and legitimate reason therefor. Such auditing/controlling request shall not usually occur more than once per year. The obligation to provide the Records shall be in effect for the timeframe Licensor is obliged to keep the Records specified above. Regardless of the foregoing, Customer shall not disclose the content of the Records to any other third party other than the authorized bodies and that Records will be subject to confidentiality pursuant to Section 8 above.

10.11 Data Protection

10.11.1 For the purpose of this License Agreement, **Data Protection Law** shall mean the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (the “Regulation”) and the European Privacy and Electronic Communications Directive (Directive 2002/58/EC), as amended or replaced from time to time, and the terms “personal data”, “processing”, “processor”, “controller”, “personal data breach”, “data subject” and “supervisory authority” shall all have the meanings ascribed to them under the applicable Data Protection Law.

10.11.2 If any personal data is processed by either party for the conclusion of this License Agreement, the parties agree that each party shall act as a data controller for the purposes of Data Protection Law, unless such arrangement would be contrary to the Data Protection Law. Each party shall (i) only process personal data in compliance with, and shall not cause itself or the other party to be in breach of Data Protection Law and (ii) act reasonably in providing such information and assistance as the other party may reasonably request to enable it to comply with its obligations under Data Protection Law.

10.11.3 If either party becomes aware of a personal data breach relating to the processing of personal data in connection with this License Agreement it will act reasonably in co-operating with the other party in respect of any communications or notifications to be issued to any data subjects and/or supervisory authorities in respect of the personal data breach.

10.11.4 If either party receives any communication from any supervisory authority relating to the processing or personal data in connection with the conclusion of this License Agreement, it shall act reasonably in co-operating with the other party in respect of any response to the same.