# Annex 1: Policy on Intellectual Property Rights

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The TM Forum Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy governs the treatment of intellectual property in the production of deliverables by the TM Forum.

This Policy applies to all Members of the TM Forum and their Affiliates (defined below). The TM Forum Board of Directors may amend this Policy at any time in its sole discretion. In the event of such change to this Policy, the Board will provide instructions for transition of membership and Collaboration Project Teams to the new Policy; however, no amendment to this Policy will be effective in less than 60 calendar days from the date that written notice of such amendment is given to the Member at its address of record with the TM Forum.

#### 2. DEFINITIONS

Each capitalized term within this document shall have the meaning provided below:

- 2.1 Affiliate any entity that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, another entity, so long as such control exists. In the event that such control ceases to exist, such Affiliate will be deemed to have withdrawn from TM Forum pursuant to the terms set forth in the withdrawal provisions in Section 11. For purposes of this definition, with respect to a business entity, control means direct or indirect beneficial ownership of or the right to exercise (i) greater than fifty percent (50%) of the voting stock or equity in an entity; or (ii) greater than fifty percent (50%) of the ownership interest representing the right to make the decisions for the subject entity in the event that there is no voting stock or equity.
- 2.2 Apache 2.0 License Mode Team a TM Forum Team that is chartered under the Apache 2.0 License Mode described in Section 4.4 and Section 10.4 to develop a TM Forum API Deliverable.
- 2.3 Apache 2.0 Contribution a TM Forum API Deliverable submitted by a Member of an Apache 2.0 License Mode Team. The provisions applicable to a "Contribution" as defined in the Apache 2.0 License apply, but the provisions applicable to a "Contribution" as defined herein do not apply to an Apache 2.0 Contribution.
- 2.4 Apache 2.0 Contributor a Member on whose behalf an Apache 2.0 Contribution is made by the Member's Team Participant. The provisions applicable to a "Contributor" as defined in the Apache 2.0 License apply, but the provisions applicable to a "Contributor" as defined herein do not apply to a Member in their role as an "Apache 2.0 Contributor".
- 2.5 Collaboration Project Team (Team) has the meaning set forth in Part A, Article 1.1 of the TM Forum By-laws.
- 2.6 Collaboration Project Team Process has the meaning set forth in Part A, Article 1.1 of the TM Forum By-laws.
- 2.7 Continuing Licensing Obligation a licensing obligation, of the types defined by Section 9 of this Policy, which survives a Member's withdrawal from a TM Forum Collaboration Project Team.
- 2.8 Contribution any material submitted to a TM Forum Collaboration Project Team by a Team Participant in writing or electronically, whether in an in-person meeting or in any electronic conference or mailing list maintained by the TM Forum for the TM Forum Collaboration Project Team and which is or was proposed for inclusion in a TM Forum Deliverable. The provisions applicable to an "Apache 2.0 Contribution" as defined herein do not apply to a Contribution.
- 2.9 Contribution Obligation a licensing requirement, as described in Section 10.1, 10.2 or 10.3 that results from making a Contribution as described in Section 9.1.

- 2.10 Contributor a Member on whose behalf a Contribution is made by the Member's Team Participant. The provisions applicable to an "Apache 2.0 Contributor" as defined herein do not apply to a Member in their role as a "Contributor".
- 2.11 Deliverable works of authorship regardless of the nature of the material objects in which such works are embodied and includes, but is not limited to, computer programs, whether in source or object code, documentation, models, diagrams and designs, pictures, tapes, discs, audio-visual works, motion pictures, paper, phone records or works of authorship embodied in any other medium now known or later developed. There are three types of Deliverables defined in this Policy.
  - 2.11.1 TM Forum Deliverable a Deliverable developed by a Collaboration Project Team within the scope of its charter which is enumerated in and developed in accordance with the TM Forum Collaboration Project Team Process.
  - 2.11.2 TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverable a TM Forum Deliverable that has been designated and approved by a Collaboration Project Team as a TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverable and which is enumerated in and developed in accordance with the TM Forum Collaboration Project Process.
  - 2.11.3 TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable a TM Forum Deliverable that has been designated and approved by a Collaboration Project Team as a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable and which has been approved as a TM Forum Approved Deliverable by the corporate Members of TM Forum as provided in the By-laws of TM Forum.
  - 2.11.4 TM Forum API Deliverable source, object or any machine-executable code, developed by an Apache 2.0 License Mode Team, which implements an Application Programming Interface ("API"), such interface being defined in and compliant with either a TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverable or a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable (the code in an API implementation of a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable only to be made available in a public repository owned, hosted or sponsored by the TM Forum). The term "TM Forum API Deliverable" only applies to the application programming interface itself as embodied in such source, object or machine-executable code and any code generated by a documentation generation tool to display the interface, such as OpenAPI code, and does not include any Deliverable or related functionality upstream or downstream of such interface.
- 2.12 Designated Representative has the meaning set forth in Part B, Article 4.6.4(d) of the TM Forum Bylaws.
- 2.13 Eligible Person employees or Designees of Members of the TM Forum, and such other persons as may be designated by the TM Forum Board of Directors.
- 2.14 Essential Claims those claims in any patent or patent application that now, or at any time in the future, are owned or controlled by an Obligated Party and granted in any jurisdiction in the world that would necessarily be infringed by an implementation of those portions of a particular TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable created within the scope of the Team charter in effect at the time such deliverable was developed. A claim is necessarily infringed hereunder only when it is not possible to avoid infringing it because there is no non-infringing alternative for implementing a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable. Existence of a non-infringing alternative shall be judged based on the state of the art at the time the TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable is approved.

The following are expressly excluded from and shall not be deemed to constitute Essential Claims:

- 2.14.1 any claims other than as set forth above even if contained in the same patent as Essential Claims; and
- 2.14.2 claims which would be infringed only by: enabling technologies that may be necessary to make or use any product or portion thereof that complies with a Deliverable and are not themselves expressly set forth in the Deliverable (e.g., semiconductor manufacturing technology, compiler technology, object-oriented technology, basic operating system technology, and the like); or

the implementation of standards or specifications developed elsewhere and merely incorporated by reference in the body of the Deliverable.

- 2.14.3 design patents and design registrations.
- 2.15 Feedback any written or electronic input provided to a TM Forum Collaboration Project Team by individuals who are not Team Participants, and which is proposed for inclusion in a TM Forum Deliverable. All such Feedback must be made under the terms of the Feedback License (Appendix A).
- 2.16 Final Maintenance Deliverable Any TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable that results entirely from Maintenance Activity.
- 2.17 FORUM Click-Through Licenses (FCTL) the licenses set forth in Appendix C and Appendix D.
- 2.18 FORUM Click-Through License (FCTL) Mode Team a TM Forum Team that is chartered under the FORUM Click-Through License IPR Mode described in Section 4.3 and Section 10.3.
- 2.19 IPR Mode an element of a TM Forum Project Charter, which specifies the type of licenses associated with the output produced by a given TM Forum Collaboration Project Team. This is further described in Section 4 and Section 10.
- 2.20 Licensed Products means only those specific portions of Licensee's (including Affiliates') products (hardware, software or combinations thereof) that (a) implement and comply with all required portions of or inclusion in an implementation of the Standards Final Deliverable created within the scope of the Team Charter, and (b) to the extent that Licensee's products implement one or more optional portions of such Standards Final Deliverable, those portions of Licensee's (including Affiliates') products that implement and comply with all required portions that must be implemented to comply with such optional portions of the Standards Final Deliverable.
- 2.21 Licensee any organization, including its Affiliates as defined in this Policy that receives a license to Essential Claims from Obligated Parties for a particular TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable. Licensees need not be TM Forum Members.
- 2.22 Maintenance Activity Any drafting or development work to modify a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable that (a) constitutes only error corrections, bug fixes or editorial formatting changes to a TM FORUM Standards Final Deliverable; and (b) does not add any feature; and (c) is within the scope of the Team that approved the TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable (whether or not the work is conducted by the same Team).
- 2.23 Obligated Party a TM Forum Member, and its Affiliates that incurs a licensing obligation for its Essential Claims by either a Contribution Obligation or a Participation Obligation.
- 2.24 Participation Obligation a licensing requirement, as described in Section 10, that arises from membership in a TM Forum Collaboration Project Team, as described in Section 9.2.
- 2.25 Project Charter A formal description of a Collaboration Project Team's objectives and other relevant criteria including the names of Team Participants and the applicable IPR mode.
- 2.26 RAND Mode Team a TM Forum Team that is chartered under the RAND IPR Mode described in Section 4 and Section 10. (RAND shall mean on fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory terms which may include a reasonable royalty).
- 2.27 RF RAND Mode Team a TM Forum Team that is chartered under the RF RAND Mode described in Section 4 and Section 10. (RF RAND shall mean without payment of royalties or fees, but may include other reasonable, and non-discriminatory license terms).
- 2.28 Team Participant an Eligible Person who has completed the requirements as set forth herein and in accordance with the TM Forum By-laws to join a Collaboration Project Team during the period in which s/he maintains his or her membership as described by the TM Forum Collaboration Project Team Process and named in the Project Charter.

2.29 Team Administrator - the person(s) appointed to represent the TM Forum in administrative matters relating to Collaboration Project Teams as provided by the TM Forum Collaboration Project Team Process.

#### 3. CONFIDENTIALITY

Contributions or Feedback that are subject to any requirement of confidentiality should not be submitted to the TM Forum Collaboration Project Team Process. All Contributions and Feedback will therefore be deemed to have been submitted on a non-confidential basis, notwithstanding any markings or representations to the contrary, and the TM Forum shall have no obligation to treat any such material as confidential.

#### 4. TEAM OPERATION

Prior to the time a Team is chartered, the proposal to form the Team must specify in its Project Charter the IPR Mode under which the Collaboration Project Team will operate. The following IPR Modes shall be available:

- 4.1 RAND requires all Obligated Parties to license their Essential Claims using the RAND licensing elements described in Section 10.1. The RAND IPR Mode shall be the default IPR Mode for the TM Forum.
- 4.2 RF on RAND Terms requires all Obligated Parties to license their Essential Claims on a RF on RAND Terms basis using the RF licensing elements described in Section 10.2.
- 4.3 Forum Click-Through License ("FCTL") requires all Obligated Parties to execute the FCTL and to license their Essential Claims pursuant to the terms therein as further described in Section 10.3.
- 4.4 Apache 2.0 License requires an Apache 2.0 Contributor to license their Apache 2.0 Contribution of source code, object code or machine-executable code in a TM Forum API Deliverable under the Apache 2.0 license as further described in Section 10.4. This IPR Mode shall only be used for TM Forum API Deliverables.

A Team may not change its IPR Mode without closing and submitting a new Project Charter.

An Eligible Person may become a Team Participant only upon the approval of a Designated Representative of the TM Forum Member for which said Eligible Person is employed.

# 5. CONTRIBUTIONS

# 5.1 General

At the time of submission of a Contribution for consideration by a TM Forum Collaboration Project Team, each named co-Contributor (and its respective Affiliates) is deemed to agree to the following terms and conditions and to make the following representations (based on the actual knowledge of the Team Participant(s) making the Contribution, with respect to items 3 - 5 below, inclusive):

- 5.1.1 The TM Forum has no duty to publish or otherwise use or disseminate any Contribution.
- 5.1.2 The TM Forum may reference the name(s) of the Contributor(s) for the purpose of acknowledging and publishing the Contribution.
- 5.1.3 The Contribution properly identifies any holders of copyright interests in the Contribution.
- 5.1.4 No information in the Contribution is confidential, and the TM Forum may freely disclose any information in the Contribution.
- 5.1.5 There are no limits to the Contributor's ability to make the grants, acknowledgments, and agreements required by this Policy with respect to such Contribution.

# 5.2 Limited Copyright Licenses

5.2.1 To the extent that a Contributor (and its respective Affiliates) holds a copyright interest in its Contribution, such Contributor grants to the TM Forum a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive,

royalty-free, worldwide copyright license, with the right to directly and indirectly license, to copy, publish, and distribute the Contribution in any way, and to prepare derivative works that are based on or incorporate all or part of the Contribution solely for the purpose of developing and promoting the TM Forum Deliverable and enabling (subject to the rights of the owners of any Essential Claims) the implementation of the same by Licensees.

The TM Forum hereby grants a limited license to all Apache 2.0 Contributors and users of a TM Forum API Deliverable a perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide copyright license, with the right to directly and indirectly license, to copy, publish, and distribute the Contribution to a TM Forum Final Standards Deliverable in any way, and to prepare derivative works that are based on or incorporate all or part of the Contribution solely for the purpose of developing and using a TM Forum API Deliverable. TM Forum provides such license on an "AS IS" BASIS, WITHOUT REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND, either express or implied, including, without limitation, any warranties or conditions of TITLE, NON-INFRINGEMENT (INCLUDING OF ANY PATENTS, COPYRIGHT OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS), MERCHANTABILITY, or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. All Apache 2.0 Contributors and users of a TM Forum API Deliverable relying on this license acknowledge and agree that use of the TM Forum API Deliverable may infringe a TM Forum Member's or third party's patent rights, copyright or other intellectual property rights, unless licensed by the Apache 2.0 license under which the TM Forum API Deliverable is made available to them.

No representation or warranty, express or implied, is made by the TM Forum or its Members concerning the completeness, accuracy, or applicability of any information contained in the Contribution and no liability of any kind shall be assumed by the TM Forum as a result of reliance upon such information.

5.2.2 To the extent that a Contribution is subject to copyright by parties that are not Contributors, the submitter(s) must provide the TM Forum with a signed "Copyright License Grant" (Appendix B) from each such copyright owner whose permission would be required to permit the TM Forum to exercise the rights described in Appendix B.

#### 5.3 Trademarks

- 5.3.1 Trademarks or service marks that are not owned by the TM Forum shall not be used by the TM Forum, except as approved by the TM Forum Board of Directors, to refer to work conducted at the TM Forum, including the use in the name of a TM Forum Team, a TM Forum Deliverable, or incorporated into such work.
- 5.3.2 No TM Forum Member may use a TM Forum trademark or service mark in connection with a TM Forum Deliverable or otherwise, except in compliance with such license and usage guidelines as the TM Forum may from time to time require.
- 5.3.3 For avoidance of doubt, TM Forum shall not use any trademarks or service marks of an TM Forum Member in connection with a TM Forum Deliverable or otherwise without express written permission of that Member.

#### 6. LIMITED PATENT COVENANT FOR DELIVERABLE DEVELOPMENT

In order to accelerate availability of implementations by TM Forum Members of TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverables being developed by a Team, each TM Forum Member on joining a Team, grants to TM Forum Members automatically and without further action on its part, and on an ongoing basis, a limited covenant, on a reciprocal basis, not to assert any Essential Claims against other TM Forum Members implementing such TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverable for the purpose of making, using, testing, field trialing such an implementation during a period of 12 months until either the 12 month trial period elapses; the TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverable is approved as a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable, or the Collaboration Project Team is closed, whichever occurs first. Upon approval of the TM Forum President, the 12month trial period may be extended for an additional 6 months. In addition, nothing herein shall prevent a TM Forum Member from waiving its rights in its Contribution to permit TM Forum Members to use such contributions at any stage in the evolution of a TM Forum Deliverable.

For the avoidance of doubt for RAND Mode Teams, Members would be permitted to collect reasonable royalties for commercial application of draft implementations.

#### 7. FEEDBACK

- 7.1 The TM Forum encourages Feedback to the TM Forum Deliverables from both the TM Forum Members who do not have representatives that are participating on that Collaboration Project Team and, where appropriate, non-TM Forum Members. Feedback will be accepted only under the "Feedback License" (Appendix A).
- 7.2 The TM Forum will require that submitters of Feedback agree to the terms of the Feedback License in writing before transmitting submitted Feedback to the Collaboration Project Team.
- 7.3 Feedback from Eligible Persons will be accepted only upon the approval of a Designated Representative of the TM Forum Member for which said Eligible Person is employed.

# 8. DISCLOSURE

- 8.1 Disclosure Obligations Each Member of a Collaboration Project Team through its Team Participant shall disclose to the TM Forum in writing the existence of all patents and/or published patent applications owned or claimed by such Member that are actually known to the Member's Team Participant directly participating in the Collaboration Project Team, and which such Team Participant believes may contain any Essential Claims or claims that might become Essential Claims upon approval of a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable as such deliverable then exists (collectively, "Disclosed Claims").
- 8.2 Disclosure of Third Party Patent Claims Each Member whose Team Participants become aware of patents or patent applications owned or claimed by a third party that contain claims that might become Essential Claims upon approval of a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable should disclose them, provided that such disclosure is not prohibited by any confidentiality obligation binding upon them. It is understood that any Member that discloses third party patent claims to the TM Forum does not take a position on the essentiality or relevance of the third party claims to the TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable in its then-current form.
  - In both cases (Sections 8.1 and 8.2), it is understood and agreed that such Team Participant(s) do not represent that they know of all potentially pertinent claims of patents and patent applications owned or claimed by a Member or any third parties. For the avoidance of doubt, while the disclosure obligation under Sections 8.1 and 8.2 applies directly to all Members with Team Participants in the Collaboration Project Team, this obligation is triggered based on the actual knowledge of the Team Participants regarding the Team Participants patents or patent applications that may contain Essential
- 8.3 Disclosure Requests Disclosure requests will be included as described in Section 12 with all public review copies of the TM Forum Standards Final Deliverables. All the TM Forum Team Participants are encouraged to review such TM Forum Standards Final Deliverables and make appropriate disclosures.
- 8.4 Limitations A disclosure request and the obligation to disclose set forth above do not imply any obligations on the recipients of disclosure requests (collectively or individually) or on any Member to perform or conduct patent searches. Nothing in this Policy nor the act of receiving a disclosure request for a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable, regardless of whether it is responded to, shall be construed or otherwise interpreted as any kind of express or implied representation with respect to the existence or non-existence of patents or patent applications which contain Essential Claims, other than that such Member has acted in good faith with respect to its disclosure obligations.
- 8.5 Information Any disclosure of Disclosed Claims shall include (a) in the case of issued patents and published patent applications, the patent or patent application publication number, the associated country and, as reasonably practicable, the relevant portions of the applicable TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable; and (b) in the case of unpublished patent applications, the existence of the unpublished application and, as reasonably practicable, the relevant portions of the applicable TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable.

#### 9. TYPES OF OBLIGATIONS

### 9.1 Contribution Obligations

A Member with Team Participant(s) in a Collaboration Project Team has a Contribution Obligation, which arises at the time its Contribution is submitted to the Team, to license pursuant to the applicable IPR mode any claims under its patents or published patent applications that become Essential Claims when such Contribution is incorporated (either in whole or in part) into (a) the TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable produced by the Team that received the Contribution, or (b) any Final Maintenance Deliverable with respect to that TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Apache 2.0 Contributor shall make such Apache 2.0 Contribution available solely pursuant to the terms of the Apache 2.0 license. To the extent any provision of the Bylaws or this Policy is inconsistent or incompatible with the Apache 2.0 license as applied to a TM Forum API Deliverable, the terms of the Apache 2.0 license shall apply.

#### 9.2 Participation Obligation

A Member with Team Participant(s) in a Collaboration Project Team has a Participation Obligation to license pursuant to the applicable IPR Mode as described in Sections 10.1, 10.2 or 10.3, any claims under its patents or patent applications that would be Essential Claims in the then current TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverable, if that draft subsequently becomes a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable, even if the Team Participant is not a Contributor, when all of the following conditions are met:

A TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable is finally approved that incorporates such TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverable, either in whole or in part;

The Member has been on, or has been represented by Team Participant(s) on such Team for a total of sixty (60) calendar days, which need not be continuous;

The Member is on, or is represented by Team Participant (s) on such Team after a period of seven (7) calendar days after the ballot to approve such TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverable has elapsed.

Once the foregoing conditions are met, that Member's Participation Obligation to license continues with respect to that TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable, and any Final Maintenance Deliverable subsequently approved with respect to that TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable.

For Members, the membership threshold is met by one or more employees or organizational designees of such Parties having been a Team Participant on any 60 calendar days, although any given calendar day is only one day of membership, regardless of the number of Team Participants on that day.

Each time a new TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverable is approved by the Collaboration Project Team, the Participation Obligation adjusts to encompass the material in the latest TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverable seven days after such draft has been approved for publication.

#### 9.3 TM Forum Member Obligation

Each TM Forum Member (including its Affiliates), who does not otherwise have a licensing obligation arising from Section 10, agrees to make available to anyone who receives a TM Forum Standard Final Deliverable(s) for implementation, a license of its Essential Claims in the TM Forum Standards Deliverable(s) on reasonable terms and conditions defined in Section 10.1 as if the Member were an Obligated Party provided, however, that such Member shall not seek any payment for the use or practice of a TM Forum Standard Final Deliverable by anyone prior to notification to TM Forum by that Member of such Essential Claims as set forth above.

# **10. LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

# 10.1 RAND Mode Team Requirements

For a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable developed by a RAND IPR Mode Team, except where a Licensee has a separate, signed agreement under which the Essential Claims are licensed to such

Licensee on more favorable terms and conditions than set forth in this section (in which case such separate signed agreement shall supersede this Limited Patent License), each Obligated Party in such Team hereby covenants that, upon request and subject to Section 11, it will grant to any TM Forum Member or third party: a nonexclusive, worldwide, non-sub licensable, perpetual patent license (or an equivalent non-assertion covenant) under its Essential Claims covered by its Contribution Obligations or Participation Obligations on fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory terms to make, have made, use, market, import, offer to sell, and sell, and to otherwise directly or indirectly distribute (a) Licensed Products that implement such TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable, and (b) Licensed Products that implement any Final Maintenance Deliverable with respect to that TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable. For the sake of clarity, the rights set forth above include the right to directly or indirectly authorize a third party to make unmodified copies of the Licensee's Licensed Products and to license (optionally under the third party's license) the Licensee's Licensed Products within the scope of, and subject to the terms of, the Obligated Party's license.

At the election of the Obligated Party, such license may include a term requiring the Licensee to grant a reciprocal license to its Essential Claims (if any) covering the same TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable and any such Final Maintenance Deliverable. Such term may require the Licensee to grant licenses to all implementers of such deliverable. The Obligated Party may also include a term providing that such license may be suspended with respect to the Licensee if that Licensee first sues the Obligated Party for infringement by the Obligated Party of any of the Licensee's Essential Claims covering the same TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable or any such Final Maintenance Deliverable.

License terms that are fair, reasonable, and non-discriminatory beyond those specifically mentioned above are left to the Licensees and Obligated Parties involved.

Current and former TM Forum Members and Feedback providers shall not seek a patent royalty payment or infringement damages for any entity's acts of alleged infringement of their Essential Claims used in implementing a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable, where such acts occur prior to notification to the entity or the TM Forum by that TM Forum Member or Feedback provider of such Essential Claims. Also, a Member or Feedback provider cannot seek payments when asserting an Essential Claim against a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable itself until it discloses such Essential Claim to TM Forum.

The foregoing provision applies only where the TM Forum Member has incurred or incurs a Contribution or Participation or Feedback Obligation (including continuing obligations) with respect to such Essential Claims.

### **10.2 RF Mode Team Requirements**

For a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable developed by an RF Mode Team, except where a Licensee has a separate, signed agreement under which the Essential Claims are licensed to such Licensee on more favorable terms and conditions than set forth in this section (in which case such separate signed agreement shall supersede this Limited Patent License), each Obligated Party in such Team hereby covenants that, upon request and subject to Section 11, it will grant to any TM Forum Member or third party: a nonexclusive, worldwide, non-sub licensable, perpetual patent license (or an equivalent non-assertion covenant) under its Essential Claims covered by its Contribution Obligations or Participation Obligations without payment of royalties or fees, to make, have made, use, market, import, offer to sell, and sell, and to otherwise directly or indirectly distribute (a) Licensed Products that implement such TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable, and (b) Licensed Products that implement any Final Maintenance Deliverable with respect to that TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable. For the sake of clarity, the rights set forth above include the right to directly or indirectly authorize a third party to make unmodified copies of the Licensee's Licensed Products and to license (optionally under the third party's license) the Licensee's Licensed Products, within the scope of, and subject to the terms of, the Obligated Party's license.

At the election of the Obligated Party, such license may include a term requiring the Licensee to grant a reciprocal license to its Essential Claims (if any) covering the same TM Forum Standards Final

Deliverable. Such term may require the Licensee to grant licenses to all implementers of such deliverable. The Obligated Party may also include a term providing that such license may be suspended with respect to the Licensee if that Licensee first sues the Obligated Party for infringement by the Obligated Party of any of the Licensee's Essential Claims covering the same TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable.

The licensing obligations under the RF on RAND Terms IPR Mode may be fulfilled by agreeing to offer the FCTL in lieu of the licensing obligations under the RF on RAND Terms IPR Mode.

# 10.3. FORUM Click-Through License (FCTL) Mode Team Requirements

10.3.1 For a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable developed by an FCTL Mode Team that is chartered pursuant to Section 4.3 hereof, each Obligated Party hereby covenants that, subject to Sections 11 and Section 4 as a condition of participating in such FCTL Mode Team shall execute the FCTL in effect at the time the FCTL Mode Team is chartered and subject to section 10.3.2 below.

#### 10.3.2 Opt-Out Solely for Forum Click-Through License (FCTL) Mode

At any time up to the end of a sixty (60) day period following the date of publication by the TM Forum of a proposed TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable under this Section 10.3 of the Policy, all TM Forum Members other than the Team Participants in that TM Forum Click-Through License (FCTL) Mode Team, but including any such Team Participant who withdrew according to the provisions of Section 11.1.1, shall have the right to review the document and exclude any of its Essential Claims relating to that Deliverable from the terms of the Forum Click-Through License for Implementation. This will allow the Member to execute the Forum Click-Through License for Implementation as defined in Appendix D of the Policy while negotiating another license under RAND terms and conditions for its excluded Essential Claims.

In order to achieve this, the Member shall identify itself and the subject matter of such Claim or Claims it reasonably believes at the time may have Essential Claim(s). The Member statement shall specifically state that the Essential Claim or Claims will be licensed under either RF RAND or RAND terms. If a Member states it will not license under RF RAND terms, then such Member shall specifically identify the patents (by patent number) or patent applications (by application number) to TM Forum. It shall not seek any payment for the use or practice of a TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable by anyone prior to notification to TM FORUM by that Member of such Essential Claims as set forth above.

The election of a Member to furnish the statement provided herein, or not to furnish such statement as well as the licensing option incorporated in the statement, shall be irrevocable and not subject to revision or change, after the expiration of the sixty (60) day period.

If a TM Forum Member that did not participate in that TM Forum Click-Through License (FCTL) Mode Team, or which had timely withdrawn from such Team pursuant to Section 11.1.1 as provided above, did not provide an exclusion notice within such sixty (60) day period, and does not execute the FCTL License for Implementation as defined in Appendix D of the Policy, such Member's patents and/or patent applications shall remain subject to the RAND commitment under Section 9.3.1 with respect to said Deliverable.

#### 10.4 Apache 2.0 License Mode Team Requirements.

TM Forum API Deliverables shall be developed exclusively by an Apache 2.0 License Mode Team. Each Apache 2.0 Contributor agrees that their Apache 2.0 Contribution shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Apache 2.0 license found at https://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0.

# 11. WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION

A Member may withdraw from a TM Forum Collaboration Project Team at any time by notifying the TM FORUM Team Administrator in writing. Withdrawal is effective when such written notice is sent.

#### 11.1 Withdrawal from a Collaboration Project Team

A Member that withdraws from a TM Forum Collaboration Project Team shall have Continuing Licensing Obligations based on its Contribution Obligations and Participation Obligations as follows:

- 11.1.1 A Member that has incurred neither a Contribution Obligation nor a Participation Obligation prior to withdrawal has no licensing obligations for the TM Forum Standards Final Deliverable(s) originating from that TM Forum Team.
- 11.1.2 A Member that has incurred a Contribution Obligation prior to withdrawal continues to be subject to its Contribution Obligation.
- 11.1.3 A Member that has incurred a Participation Obligation prior to withdrawal continues to be subject to its Participation Obligation but only with respect to the TM Forum Standards Draft Deliverable(s) approved more than seven (7) calendar days prior to its withdrawal.

#### 11.2 Termination of TM Forum Membership

A TM Forum Member that terminates its TM Forum membership (voluntarily) is deemed to withdraw from all TM Forum Collaboration Project Teams in which that Member has a Team Participant (s) representing it, and such Member remains subject to Continuing Licensing Obligations for each such Team based on its Obligated Party status in that Team on the date that its membership termination becomes effective.

#### 12. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

All the TM Forum Deliverables and TM Forum API Deliverables are provided "as is", without warranty of any kind, express or implied, and the TM Forum, as well as all the TM Forum Members and Team Participants, expressly disclaim any warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular or intended purpose, accuracy, completeness, non-infringement of third party rights, or any other warranty.

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