**Content Licence**

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**THIS LICENCE** is dated [date]

Parties

1. [Insert your name or limited company name] [incorporated and registered in the Republic of Ireland with company number] **[Insert your company number]** whose [registered office] address is at [insert address] (**Licensor**); and
2. [Insert the other party’s name or limited company name] [incorporated and registered in the Republic of Ireland with company number] **[insert company number]** whose [registered office] address is at [insert address] (**Licensee**)

Background

1. The Licensee runs the business [insert details of business] and operates the website [insert website address] (**Site**).
2. The Licensor is the proprietor of the Intellectual Property Rights in the Content, and The Licensee wishes to use the Content [on the Site [and offline for certain other purposes]].
3. The parties have agreed that the Licensor shall provide the Content to The Licensee and allow The Licensee to use the Content subject to the terms and conditions set out in this licence.

Agreed terms

# Interpretation

## The definitions and rules of interpretation in this clause apply in this licence.

Content**:** all text, information, data, software, executable code, images, performances, trainings, audio or video material in whatever medium or form provided to the Licensee by the Licensor.

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Effective Date**:** [insert date agreement is to take effect from].

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Territory**:** [worldwide]. **[amend as appropriate]**

## A reference to a particular law is a reference to it as it is in force for the time being taking account of any amendment, extension, application or re-enactment and includes any subordinate legislation for the time being in force made under it.

## Writing or written includes faxes and e-mail.

# Grant of licence

## Subject to clause 2.2, during the term of this licence, the Licensor grants to the Licensee [an exclusive **OR** a sole **OR** a non-exclusive] licence [(including the right to sub-license)] to distribute the Content in the Territory on the Site [(and such other media as the Licensor shall agree)] in return for [the payment by the Licensee of the Fees as set out in clause 5 and Schedule 1] **OR** [crediting the Licensor for the Content (and thereby promoting the Licensor)].

## [The licence granted to the Licensee is strictly limited to, and the Licensee shall use the Content solely for, [insert a description of the way in which the Licensee may use the content.] The Licensee may not change, amend or develop the Content in any way without the Licensor's prior written consent.] [**Note: This favours the Licensor**]

## **OR**

## [The licence granted under clause 2.1 permits the Licensee to:

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## [The Licensee shall not grant sub-licences, in whole or in part, of any of the rights granted under this agreement, or sub-contract any aspects of exploitation of the rights licensed to it, without the Licensor's prior written consent. However, the Licensee may grant sub-licences to end users to use the products sold (or offered for sale) which include or use the Content, as set out in Schedule 2 (“**Licensed Products**”) on terms that prohibit those end users from granting any further sub-licence.] **[Delete this clause if not applicable**] [**Note: This favours the Licensor]**

## [The Licensor expressly retains for its own and/or third-party exploitation all rights in, or in relation to, the Content that are not expressly granted to Licensee under this agreement, [including [insert description]] and any and all Derivative Works, and any other rights (whether known now, or created later, and whether or not in the contemplation of the parties at the time of this agreement).] [**Delete this clause if not applicable**] [**Note: This favours the Licensor**]

## [The Licensor may develop, market, sell and promote Derivative Works and may exploit (including by licensing it to third parties) the Content in any media, format or products [other than the Licensed Products and the media and format used for them] and for purposes other than the Purpose.] **[Delete this clause if not applicable] [Note: This favours the Licensor]**

## [During the term of this licence, the Licensor agrees that it shall not:

### grant distribution or publication rights to any of the Content to any competitor of The Licensee including through a direct data feed, co-branding or premium placement arrangement; or

### advertise or promote the Content on or in connection with any competitor of The Licensee; or

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# Parties' responsibilities

## [The Licensor shall be responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the Content [and shall ensure that all Content is kept up to date].] **[Delete this clause if not applicable]. [Note: This favours the Licensee]**

## [The Licensee shall not utilise the Content to replicate the Licensor’s core business.] **[Delete this clause if not applicable]. [Note: this favours the Licensor].**

## The Licensee has no obligation to the Licensor, and undertakes no responsibility, to review the Content (including user-generated content) to determine whether any such Content may result in any liability to any third party.

## Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this licence, if the Licensee reasonably believes that any Content may create any liability for the Licensee or adversely affect its reputation or standing, the Licensee may remove such Content as the Licensee believes, in its sole discretion, is prudent or necessary to minimise or eliminate the Licensee's potential liability.

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## The Licensee shall add all disclaimers and all other information required by the Licensor to be added to the Content before it is used in any way and the License shall ensure that the end user of the Content’s attention is drawn to such disclaimer and any other such information.

## [The Licensor may require the removal of, or editorial revisions to, any of the Content licensed to the Licensee under this agreement at any time. The Licensee agrees to effect that removal or editorial revisions within [specify period] of receipt of the request.] [**Delete this clause if not applicable**] [**Note: This favours the Licensor**]

## [The Licensor may require the Licensee to cease all use of any of the Content if it reasonably believes that the Licensee’s use of this Content infringes the Intellectual Property Rights of any third party or breaches any applicable law or regulation. In this instance, the Licensor may, at its option either:

(a) provide the Licensee with alternative Content so as to avoid the infringement [(but provide the Licensee with substantially the same features/functionality/specification)]; or

(b) terminate this Agreement immediately on written notice [in respect of the affected Content].]] **[Delete this clause if not applicable.]** **[Note: This favours the Licensor]**

3.9 [The Licensee shall obtain, at its own cost, all clearances, consents and provisions (including from any relevant authorities, collection societies and other relevant third parties) that are required in connection with its exploitation of the Content and shall pay any applicable fees and royalties to any relevant collection societies in accordance with their rules.] [**Delete this clause if not applicable**] [**Note: This favours the Licensor**]

3.10 [The Licensee shall not release the Content or any Licensed Products before the date agreed with the Licensor.] [**Delete this clause if not applicable**] [**Note: This favours the Licensor]**

3.11 [The Licensee shall ensure that the Content is kept secure and in an encrypted form, and shall use the best available practices and systems [applicable to the use of the Content on the Licensed Products] to:

(a) enforce the territorial and use restrictions of this agreement; and

(b) prevent, and take prompt and proper remedial action against, unauthorised access, copying, modification, storage, reproduction, display or distribution of the Content.] **[Delete this clause if not applicable] [Note: This favours the Licensor]**

3.12 [The Licensee undertakes to ensure that its advertising and marketing of the Licensed Products and/or the Content shall not reduce or diminish the reputation, image and prestige of the Content [or of products sold which contain, include or relate to the Content (including Licensed Products)].] [**Delete this clause if not applicable**] [**Note: this favours the Licensor**]

3.13 [The Licensee shall bear the costs of all advertising and promotion for the Licensed Products and/or the Content in the Territory.]

# Trademarks

## Each party acknowledges and agrees for all purposes that all Trademarks associated with the other party or the other party's services, products, literature, promotional materials or otherwise, whether or not registered, constitute the other party's exclusive property.

## Subject to clauses 4.3 and 4.4, each party (Proprietor) grants to the other party (Grantee) a non-exclusive, non-transferable, non-assignable, royalty-free licence to use those Trademarks that the Proprietor has consented to the other making use of. The Grantee shall use such Trademarks solely for the purposes of performing its obligations under this licence, including in connection with any advertising, marketing and promotional activities undertaken and materials developed pursuant to this licence.

## The Grantee shall not use, register or attempt to register in any jurisdiction, or otherwise appropriate or adopt, any name, mark or logo that is confusingly similar to the Proprietor's Trademarks.

## At no time during the term of the licence or thereafter shall the Grantee attack, challenge or file any application with respect to any Proprietor Mark.

# [Fees and payment

## In consideration of the Licensor licensing the Content to the Licensee, the Licensee shall pay the sum specified in Schedule 1 to the Licensor (“Fees”).

## The Licensor shall issue an invoice in respect of the Fees, and the Licensee shall pay to the Licensor the Fees [correctly calculated in accordance with]/[set out in] Schedule 1 and as set out in the Licensor's invoice within [30 days] of receipt of the Licensor's invoice, except for any amount in respect of which there is a genuine dispute.

## All Fees are exclusive of VAT unless expressly stated otherwise.

## If the Licensee fails to make any payment due to the Licensor under this agreement within [7] days of the due date for payment, then, without limiting the Licensor's remedies under Clause 8, the Licensee shall pay interest on the overdue amount at the rate of [3%] per annum above [Insert full name of bank]'s base rate from time to time. Such interest shall accrue on a daily basis from the due date until actual payment of the overdue amount, whether before or after judgment. The Licensee shall pay the interest together with the overdue amount.

## Unless the Licensor notifies the Licensee otherwise in writing, the Licensee shall make all payments by electronic bank transfer to the following bank account:

Bank: [Insert details]

Address: [Insert details]

Account name: [Insert details]

Sort code: [Insert details]

Account number: [Insert details]

## [**Delete this whole clause 5 if a fee is not payable**]

# Warranties

## Each party warrants to the other that it has full power and authority to enter into and perform this licence.

## [The Licensor warrants to the Licensee that the Content and the Licensor's Trademarks:

### do not infringe any third party's Intellectual Property Rights, other proprietary rights or rights of publicity or privacy;

### do not violate any law, statute, ordinance or regulation (including the laws and regulations governing export control);

### are not defamatory, trade libellous, unlawfully threatening or unlawfully harassing;

### are not obscene or pornographic;

### do not violate any laws regarding unfair competition, anti-discrimination or false advertising; and

### do not contain any viruses, Trojan horses, worms, time bombs, cancel bots or other computer programming routines that are intended to damage, detrimentally interfere with, surreptitiously intercept or expropriate any system, data or personal information.] [**You may want to delete this clause if you are the Licensor**]

# Intellectual property rights

## The Licensee retains all Intellectual Property Rights in the Site, the Derivative Works and its Trademarks, and nothing in this licence shall be taken to grant any rights to the Licensor in respect of such Intellectual Property Rights.

## Title to and ownership of all Intellectual Property Rights embodied by or otherwise incorporated into the Content shall remain with the Licensor. Except as expressly provided in this licence, nothing shall be construed to grant to the Licensee any right, title or interest in or to the Content.

## [The Licensor shall indemnify the Licensee against all costs, claims, damages, losses and expenses arising as a result of any claim or action that the Content, the Delivery Materials or the Licensor's Trademarks infringe Intellectual Property Rights belonging to a third party.] [**You may want to delete this clause if you are the Licensor**]

# Term and termination

## This licence shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue until otherwise terminated in accordance with clauses 8.2, 8.3 or 8.4 below.

## [The Licensor may terminate this licence at any time after the first anniversary of the date of this licence by serving [three months’] written notice on the Licensee (such notice to be served no earlier than the date falling on the first anniversary of the date of this licence).] [**Delete this clause if not applicable**]

## [The Licensee may terminate this licence at any time without notice if:

### the Licensor is in the opinion of the Licensee not providing Content of the standard or at the speed that the Licensee expects; or

### the Licensor acts in any manner which in the opinion of the Licensee **bring**s or is likely to bring the Licensee into disrepute or is materially adverse to the interests of the Licensee.] [**You may want to delete this clause if you are the Licensor**]

## Either party may terminate this licence immediately at any time by written notice to the other party if:

### that other party commits any material breach of its obligations under this licence which (if remediable) is not remedied within 30 days after the service of written notice specifying the breach and requiring it to be remedied; or

### that other party:

#### ceases to trade (either in whole, or as to any part or division involved in the performance of this licence); or

#### becomes insolvent or unable to pay its debts within the meaning of the insolvency legislation applicable to that party; or

#### a person (including the holder of a charge or other security interest) is appointed to manage or take control of the whole or part of the business or assets of that party, or notice of an intention to appoint such a person is given or documents relating to such an appointment are filed with any court; or

#### the ability of that party's creditors to take any action to enforce their debts is suspended, restricted or prevented or some or all of that party's creditors accept, by agreement or pursuant to a court order, an amount of less than the sums owing to them in satisfaction of those sums; or

#### any process is instituted which could lead to that party being dissolved and its assets being distributed to its creditors, shareholders or other contributors (other than for the purpose of solvent amalgamation or reconstruction).

## On expiry or termination of this licence, all provisions of this licence shall cease to have effect and the Licensee shall have no further rights to use the Content or any Derivative Works except that any provision which can reasonably be inferred as continuing, or is expressly stated to continue, shall continue in full force and effect.

# Confidentiality

## You shall not use or disclose to any person either during or at any time after your engagement by us any confidential information about our business or affairs or any of our business contacts or clients or franchisees, or about any other confidential matters which may come to your knowledge in the course of providing the Services. For the purposes of this clause 9, confidential information means any information or matter which is not in the public domain, and which relates to our affairs or any of our business contacts or clients.

## The restriction in clause 9.1 does not apply to:

### any use or disclosure authorised by us or as required by law; or

### any information which is already in, or comes into, the public domain otherwise than through your unauthorised disclosure.

# Liability

## Save where expressly provided, all conditions, warranties or other terms which might have effect between the parties or be implied or incorporated into this licence or any collateral contract, whether by statute, common law or otherwise, are hereby excluded to the maximum extent permitted by law.

## Nothing in this licence shall operate to exclude or limit the Licensor’s liability for:

(a) death or personal injury caused by its negligence;

(b) any breach of the terms implied by section 14 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or Part IV of the Sale of Goods and Supply of Services Act 1980;

(c) fraud; or

(d) any other liability which cannot be excluded or limited under applicable law.

10.3 The Licensor shall have no liability for any losses or damages which may be suffered by the Licensee (or any person claiming under or through the Licensee), whether the same are suffered directly or indirectly or are immediate or consequential, and whether the same arise in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise howsoever, which fall within any of the following categories:

(a) loss of use;

(b) loss of profits;

(c) loss of anticipated savings;

(d) loss of business opportunity;

(e) loss of contracts;

(f) loss of goodwill; or

(g) loss arising from damaged, corrupted or lost data.

10.4 Subject to clause 10.2 the Licensor’s liability, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), or otherwise and whether in connection with this licence or any collateral contract, shall not exceed €[insert amount].

# Notices

## A notice given under this licence shall be sent to the address given in the parties’ clause and shall be delivered personally or sent by pre-paid first-class post, recorded delivery or registered post.

## A notice is deemed to have been received:

### if delivered personally, at the time of delivery; or

### in the case of pre-paid first-class post, recorded delivery or registered post, 48 hours from the date of posting.

## To prove service, it is sufficient to prove that the envelope containing the notice was properly addressed and posted.

# Publicity

All media releases, public announcements and public disclosures by the Licensor relating to this licence or its subject matter, including promotional or marketing material, shall be co-ordinated with and approved by the Licensee prior to release.

# Assignment

The Licensor may not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this licence. The Licensee may assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this licence provided it gives advance notice to the Licensor.

# Third party rights

## The right of the parties to terminate, rescind or agree any amendment, variation, waiver or settlement under this licence is not subject to the consent of any person who is not a party to this licence.

## This licence is made solely for the benefit of the parties to it and is not intended to benefit, or be enforceable by, any other person.

# Variation and waiver

## A variation of this licence shall be in writing and signed by or on behalf of both parties.

## A waiver of any right under this licence is only effective if it is in writing and it applies only to the party to whom the waiver is addressed and the circumstances for which it is given. No waiver shall be implied by taking or failing to take any other action.

## Unless specifically provided otherwise, rights arising under this licence are cumulative and do not exclude rights provided by law.

# Severance

## If any provision (or part of a provision) of this licence is found by any court or administrative body of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unenforceable or illegal, the other provisions shall remain in force.

## If any invalid, unenforceable or illegal provision would be valid, enforceable or legal if some part of it were deleted, the provision shall apply with whatever modification is necessary to give effect to the commercial intention of the parties.

# Governing law and jurisdiction

## This licence and any disputes or claims arising out of or in connection with its subject matter are governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the Republic of Ireland.

## The parties irrevocably agree that the courts of the Republic of Ireland have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with this licence.

This licence has been entered into on the date stated at the beginning of it.

1. Fees

[The Licensee shall pay to the Licensor a sum of €[Insert] per year for the duration of this agreement]

**OR**

[The Licensee undertakes to pay to the Licensor, in each year of this agreement, [insert] % of the net sales of the Licensed Products or the minimum sum of €[insert] (whichever is greater) for that year (**“Royalty”**).

Net sales shall mean the total amount invoiced by the Licensee for the Licensed Products after deducting:

(a) allowances for trade discounts;

(b) returns for which the Licensee has issued a credit note;

(c) sales and excise taxes (including value added tax and duties, if any).

The Licensee shall make payments of the Royalty to the Licensor on account of the amount payable on [1 March, 1 June, 1 September and 1 December] [amend dates as appropriate] (“**Payment Dates**”) in each year of the term of this agreement.

Within [30] days of each Payment Date, the Licensee shall deliver to the Licensor a written statement detailing:

(a) the quantity of the Licensed Products sold on or before that Payment Date and that have not been included in a previous statement;

(b) the price charged and any discount allowed;

(c) the net sale price;

(d) the royalty due; and

(e) any other particulars the Licensor may reasonably require.

[Within [45] days of the end of each year of the term of this agreement, the Licensee shall deliver to the Licensor a written statement certified by its auditors (**Auditors' Certificate**) of the aggregate net sale price of Licensed Products sold or otherwise disposed of by the Licensee in that year, and the payment due for that year. If the Auditors' Certificate shows that the payments made for that year covered by the Certificate are less than the payment due for that year, the Licensee shall pay the Licensor, within [seven] days of delivery of the Auditors' Certificate, an amount equivalent to the difference between the amount paid and the payment due.] **[Delete if not relevant]**

[The Licensee shall keep separate and detailed records of all sales of Licensed Products to enable the Licensor to check the accuracy of the information due from the Licensee. After giving written notice of [10] clear days, the Licensor, or any other person authorised by the Licensor, may inspect the Licensee's records, premises and/or servers during normal business hours, and take away copies to verify the information provided by the Licensee. This right of inspection shall remain in effect for a period of [one] year after the termination of this agreement.] [**Delete if not relevant**]

**SCHEDULE 2**

[Insert details of licensed products e.g. DVD series entitled “X”, performances of X, Book entitled “X”]

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