**SIMPLE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT**

**(for projects in which it is not necessary to regulate the ownership and utilisation of project results)**

[The Research Council] has awarded a grant for the implementation of the following R&D project […], hereafter referred to as “the Project”. A contract to this effect has been signed between […], hereafter referred to as “Project Owner”, and the Research Council. A prerequisite for this funding award is the provision by [name of company/institution] of R&D-related and/or financial resources to the Project.

**[name of company, enterprise number] – hereafter referred to as the “Partner”**

is under obligation to the Project Owner to contribute to the Project as follows:

**1 To place the following R&D-related personnel at the disposal of the Project:**

[name, position, percentage of position to be used, stipulated time frame]

The tasks to be carried out by this personnel in the Project are specified in Attachment 1.

**AND/OR**

**2 To carry out the following R&D-related activity:**

[description of the activity (results to be provided, milestones, etc.) – may be specified in a separate attachment.]

**AND/OR**

**3 To provide financial resources to the Project as follows:**

[amount, date of payment, etc.]

**WHEN relevant**

**4 Payment**

The Project Owner shall disburse payment to the Partner as follows:

**Either**

In the form of a lump-sum payment of NOK [amount] when the work has been completed and approved by the Project Owner.

**or**

In the form of periodic disbursement [amount and length of period must be specified]. To receive the periodic disbursement, the Partner must meet the established progress requirements for the Project.

**5 Implementation of the project**

The Partner is under obligation to carry out all project activities in accordance with accepted research practice, and to comply with all applicable legislation and regulations, as well as all rules and guidelines of relevance to the implementation of the Project, including rules and guidelines relating to ethical considerations as well as recognised quality standards and norms.

The Partner has full responsibility for personnel and finances for internal staff associated with the Project. The Partner is also responsible for filing the required reports for all personal allocations, and bears master-servant liability for internal employees involved in the Project.

The Partner is responsible for providing guidance and following up the work of internal employees involved in the Project, and will cooperate closely with the Project Owner and any other Partners on details regarding the design, execution and follow-up of the collaborative effort.

The Partner is under obligation to ensure that the individuals carrying out project activities on its behalf respect the provisions set out in this agreement, and shall among other things draw up the agreements needed to safeguard the entitlement of said Partner to assume all rights to project results as well as rights to the utilisation of these results.

The Partner is required, in so far as possible, to ensure storage of peer-reviewed scientific articles based on research that is partially or wholly funded by the Research Council in appropriate, open-access digital archives, assuming that storage of this type does not conflict in any way with the author’s academic and legal rights.

The Partner agrees that the Project Owner has the overall responsibility for ensuring that the requirements of the contract with the Research Council are met, and gives its consent that all rights to the research infrastructure purchased with project funds (or with funding from the Partner) and the project results shall accrue to the Project Owner. The Project Owner is under obligation to fulfil the various obligations to the Research Council set out in the General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects issued by the Research Council, as specified in the contract between the Project Owner and the Research Council. .

Date/Place

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Signature of Partner Project Owner (Project Administrator)

(person empowered to undertake

commitments on behalf of the company/institution)