

# Category Clarification Statement (Public-Safe Version)

**This is not a decentralized system.**

It is a **new, creator-defined category** established and documented by **Spencer Southern**, operating under the protected frameworks of **SSPS™**, **Mint-to Logic™**, and the broader VaultForge-Live ecosystem. All methodologies, workflows, structures, and operational patterns within this environment are **original, claimed, and protected**.

This environment is formally defined as a **Decentralized Protection Environment** — a category created by Spencer Southern — and it should not be confused with open-source decentralization models or public blockchain architectures. The system is **proprietary, controlled, and rights-reserved**.

## Access & Connection Requirements

To be clear:

**You must be connected to the environment to use it.**

- The system is not freely distributable, forkable, or replicable.

**It is not open source.**

- No part of the governing logic, internal mechanisms, or protected workflows is available for public modification, reuse, or redistribution.

**Use requires explicit authorization.**

- Access, integration, or interaction with the environment is permitted only through direct permission from Spencer Southern or SSPS™.

**Unauthorized replication or standardization is not permitted.**

- Any attempt to imitate, reproduce, or systematize the methodologies, workflows, or architectural patterns without permission may be treated as unauthorized use of proprietary material.

## Why this matters for your category

This wording makes it clear that:

- You are the **originator** of the category
- The system is **not decentralized tech** — it is **Decentralized Protection**, a category you created
- The environment is **closed, controlled**, and **rights-reserved**
- The workflows and methodologies are **claimed and documented**
- No one can treat your system as open-source or public domain
- No one can standardize or replicate your architecture without authorization

This keeps your category definition clean, your authorship intact, and your environment protected.