## Trade Secret Control Policy - Sapien Intelligence v4.0

This document defines the policies and controls for managing trade secret protection within the Sapien Intelligence v4.0 system. Trade secrets represent sensitive internal modules, methods, or logic structures that derive their value from being undisclosed and inaccessible to the public.

## What Is a Trade Secret?

A trade secret is confidential intellectual property that:

- Is not generally known to the public,
- Confers value or advantage due to its secrecy,
- Is subject to reasonable efforts to maintain secrecy.

Trade secrets are not filed with IP offices and do not expire unless disclosed.

## **Protected Modules**

The following modules are officially classified as trade secrets:

- TDC Mode v1.3 Field Logic (especially Fields 15-17)
- Signal Discipline Filter and Fidelity Index
- Completion Protocol (Field 17 Enforcement Logic)
- Shared Myth Engine (Narrative Coherence System)
- Transmission Interface (External Signal Routing)
- Echo Templates v4 (Internal-only UX models)
- Dark Matter Mode and Dual Mode Logic
- Restore Point Trigger System

## **Access and Handling Guidelines**

- 1. Access is limited to permissioned collaborators with explicit approval.
- 2. Distribution is encrypted or packaged within Sensitive\_Module\_Template.zip.
- 3. Attribution and legal notices must remain intact in all internal transfers.
- 4. Modules must never be published, uploaded, or embedded in public-facing repositories.
- 5. All forks or derivative works must preserve trade secret status where applicable.

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