

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND OWNERSHIP DECLARATION

THIS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND OWNERSHIP DECLARATION (this "Declaration") is made and entered into as of January 15, 2024 (the "Effective Date"), by NEXUS INDUSTRIAL INTELLIGENCE, INC., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 2500 Innovation Drive, Suite 400, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 ("Company").

WHEREAS, the Company has developed proprietary artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies, software platforms, and industrial process optimization solutions;

WHEREAS, the Company desires to formally document and declare its ownership of various intellectual property rights related to its technology stack and business operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Company hereby declares and affirms as follows:

## 1.0 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP AND RIGHTS

### 1.1 NexusCore™ Platform Ownership

The Company is the sole and exclusive owner of all right, title, and interest in and to the NexusCore™ Industrial AI Platform (the "Platform"), including without limitation all source code, object code, algorithms, user interfaces, trade secrets, and technical documentation related thereto. This ownership extends to all derivative works, modifications, improvements, updates, and enhancements to the Platform, whether developed independently by the Company or through collaboration with third parties. The Company reserves all rights not expressly granted to licensees or users under separate written agreements.

### 1.2 Proprietary Algorithms and Machine Learning Models

(a) The Company owns all rights to its proprietary machine learning models, including: (i) Neural network architectures for industrial process optimization (ii) Deep learning models for predictive maintenance (iii) Computer vision algorithms for quality control (iv) Reinforcement learning systems for automated decision support (v) Ensemble learning frameworks for multi-modal data analysis (vi) Transfer learning implementations for cross-domain applications (vii) Anomaly detection systems for process monitoring

(b) All training methodologies, model parameters, and hyperparameter optimization techniques developed by the Company shall remain its exclusive property. This includes: (i) Custom loss

functions and optimization algorithms (ii) Data preprocessing and feature engineering methodologies (iii) Model validation and testing protocols (iv) Performance metrics and evaluation frameworks (v) Model deployment and scaling strategies

(c) Any improvements, adaptations, or modifications to the Company's machine learning models, whether developed internally or through customer deployment feedback, shall vest immediately and automatically in the Company.

### **1.3 Computer Vision Technology**

The Company's proprietary computer vision technology stack, including all image processing algorithms, object detection systems, and visual inspection protocols, constitutes protected intellectual property of the Company. This protection extends to: (a) Custom convolutional neural network architectures (b) Image segmentation and classification algorithms (c) Real-time video processing systems (d) Multi-camera calibration and synchronization methods (e) 3D reconstruction and depth estimation techniques (f) Automated quality control inspection protocols (g) Edge-based image processing implementations

### **1.4 Edge Computing Implementations**

All edge computing architectures, deployment methodologies, and distributed processing frameworks developed by the Company for industrial applications are owned exclusively by the Company. This includes: (a) Edge device management systems and protocols (b) Local data processing and filtering algorithms (c) Edge-to-cloud communication frameworks (d) Resource optimization strategies for edge deployment (e) Security protocols for edge computing systems (f) Load balancing and failover mechanisms (g) Edge analytics and local decision-making systems

### **1.5 Process Optimization Methodologies**

The Company's industrial process optimization methodologies, including all analytical frameworks, optimization algorithms, and implementation protocols, are protected intellectual property of the Company. This encompasses: (a) Multi-objective optimization frameworks (b) Constraint satisfaction algorithms (c) Real-time process control systems (d) Statistical process control methodologies (e) Dynamic scheduling and resource allocation systems (f) Energy efficiency optimization techniques (g) Quality optimization frameworks

### **1.6 Intellectual Property Protection and Enforcement**

(a) The Company shall take all necessary measures to protect its intellectual property rights, including but not limited to: (i) Patent applications and maintenance (ii) Copyright registrations (iii) Trade secret protection protocols (iv) Confidentiality agreements (v) Employee and contractor IP assignments

(b) Any unauthorized use, reproduction, or distribution of the Company's intellectual property shall be subject to legal action and may result in claims for damages, injunctive relief, and other remedies available under applicable law.

### **1.7 Third-Party Integration and Licensing**

(a) The integration of the Company's intellectual property with third-party systems shall be governed by separate written agreements.

(b) Any licensing of the Company's intellectual property shall be non-exclusive, non-transferable, and subject to terms and conditions specified in separate licensing agreements.

(c) The Company reserves the right to revoke or modify any licenses granted for its intellectual property upon breach of agreement terms or other specified conditions.

## **2.0 TRADE SECRETS AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

### **2.1 Protected Machine Learning Architecture**

(a) The following shall constitute protected trade secrets: (i) Model architecture specifications, including but not limited to neural network topologies, layer configurations, activation functions, and hyperparameter optimization frameworks (ii) Training data selection criteria, encompassing data sourcing methodologies, quality assessment metrics, and bias detection protocols (iii) Feature engineering methodologies, including dimensional reduction techniques, feature extraction algorithms, and preprocessing pipelines (iv) Model optimization techniques, comprising gradient descent variations, regularization methods, and performance tuning strategies

(b) Access to machine learning architecture documentation shall be strictly controlled through the Company's security protocols, including: (i) Multi-factor authentication systems (ii) Role-based access control mechanisms (iii) Activity logging and monitoring systems (iv) Periodic security audits and compliance reviews

### **2.2 Training Protocols**

(a) All training data protocols shall be maintained as confidential information of the Company, including: (i) Data preprocessing methodologies and standardization procedures (ii) Augmentation techniques and synthetic data generation protocols (iii) Validation methodologies and cross-validation frameworks (iv) Performance metric calculations and evaluation criteria

(b) Training protocol documentation must be stored in encrypted repositories with: (i) Version control systems (ii) Access tracking mechanisms (iii) Automated backup procedures (iv) Disaster recovery protocols

### **2.3 Industrial Process Algorithms**

- (a) The Company's proprietary algorithms shall be protected as trade secrets, including: (i) Mathematical models and computational frameworks (ii) Optimization criteria and convergence parameters (iii) Implementation specifications and deployment guidelines (iv) Performance monitoring and adjustment protocols
- (b) Algorithm protection measures shall include: (i) Segmented storage of algorithm components (ii) Encryption of critical parameters (iii) Access logging and authorization requirements (iv) Regular security assessments

### **2.4 Implementation Methodologies**

- (a) Customer implementation methodologies shall be protected through: (i) Deployment protocols and security frameworks (ii) Integration procedures and compatibility requirements (iii) Customization frameworks and configuration guidelines (iv) Testing and validation procedures
- (b) Implementation documentation must include: (i) Access control matrices (ii) Change management procedures (iii) Version tracking systems (iv) Audit trail requirements

### **2.5 Technical Documentation**

- (a) Protected technical documentation shall encompass: (i) Architecture specifications and system designs (ii) API documentation and interface protocols (iii) System design documents and technical drawings (iv) Configuration guides and maintenance procedures
- (b) Documentation protection measures shall include: (i) Digital watermarking systems (ii) Document classification protocols (iii) Distribution tracking mechanisms (iv) Retention and destruction procedures

### **2.6 Breach Prevention and Response**

- (a) The Company shall maintain: (i) Continuous monitoring systems for unauthorized access attempts (ii) Regular security training programs for personnel (iii) Incident response protocols (iv) Legal enforcement procedures
- (b) All suspected breaches must be: (i) Reported immediately to designated security personnel (ii) Documented according to established protocols (iii) Investigated thoroughly (iv) Remediated through appropriate corrective actions

### **2.7 Compliance and Review**

- (a) The Company shall conduct: (i) Quarterly reviews of security measures (ii) Annual audits of access logs (iii) Regular updates to protection protocols (iv) Periodic assessments of classification systems

## **3.0 PATENT RIGHTS AND APPLICATIONS**

### **3.1 Existing Patent Portfolio**

(a) The Company maintains exclusive rights to the following patent families: (i) Industrial Process Optimization Using Artificial Intelligence (Patent No. US10,789,456B2), encompassing methodologies for real-time process optimization, adaptive control systems, and machine learning implementations in industrial settings (ii) Distributed Edge Computing for Real-time Manufacturing Analytics (Patent No. US11,234,567B2), covering edge device architectures, data processing protocols, and distributed computing frameworks (iii) Computer Vision-Based Quality Control Systems (Patent No. US11,345,678B2), including image processing algorithms, defect detection methodologies, and automated inspection protocols (iv) Machine Learning Models for Predictive Maintenance (Patent No. US11,456,789B2), comprising predictive algorithms, sensor fusion techniques, and maintenance scheduling optimization

### **3.2 Pending Applications**

The Company has filed patent applications for: (a) Advanced Neural Network Architectures for Industrial Applications (Application No. US2023/0123456), specifically addressing: (i) Deep learning implementations for process control (ii) Adaptive neural network configurations (iii) Training methodologies for industrial datasets (b) Automated Decision Support Systems for Manufacturing (Application No. US2023/0234567), encompassing: (i) Real-time decision matrices (ii) Risk assessment algorithms (iii) Production optimization frameworks (c) Integrated IoT Sensor Analytics Platform (Application No. US2023/0345678), including: (i) Sensor data fusion protocols (ii) Edge computing integration (iii) Real-time analytics processing

### **3.3 Continuation Rights**

(a) The Company reserves all rights to file: (i) Continuation applications to pursue additional claim scope (ii) Divisional applications to separate distinct inventions (iii) Continuation-in-part applications to incorporate new subject matter (b) Such rights extend to all existing patents and pending applications (c) The Company maintains the right to file terminal disclaimers as necessary

### **3.4 International Protection**

(a) The Company pursues international patent protection through: (i) Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications (ii) Direct national phase entries (iii) Regional patent office filings (b) Priority claims are maintained for all international filings (c) The Company actively maintains protection in the following jurisdictions: (i) European Patent Office member states (ii) China, Japan, and South Korea (iii) Canada, Australia, and India

### **3.5 Patent Maintenance and Enforcement**

(a) The Company commits to: (i) Timely payment of all maintenance fees (ii) Regular patent portfolio reviews (iii) Active monitoring of potential infringement (b) Enforcement strategy includes: (i) Systematic market surveillance (ii) Competitor activity monitoring (iii) Proactive licensing programs (c) The Company maintains dedicated resources for: (i) Patent prosecution management (ii) Freedom-to-operate analyses (iii) Strategic portfolio development

### **3.6 Improvement Patents**

The Company actively pursues protection for improvements and modifications to existing patented technologies, maintaining technological leadership in core business areas.

## **4.0 SOFTWARE AND CODE OWNERSHIP**

### **4.1 Source Code Ownership**

(a) The Company owns all rights, title, and interest in and to: (i) Platform source code, including all iterations, modifications, and derivatives thereof (ii) Proprietary libraries and frameworks developed internally or commissioned by the Company (iii) Custom development tools, debugging utilities, and testing frameworks (iv) Integration components, APIs, and middleware solutions (v) User interface designs, algorithms, and computational methods (vi) Database schemas, queries, and stored procedures

(b) The Company's ownership extends to: (i) All future modifications and enhancements (ii) Derivative works based on existing code (iii) Compiled and executable versions of the software (iv) Associated intellectual property rights worldwide

### **4.2 Third-Party Software Usage**

(a) The Company maintains appropriate licenses for all third-party software components, including: (i) Commercial software licenses (ii) Enterprise-level agreements (iii) Development tool licenses (iv) Cloud service provider agreements

(b) Usage of third-party libraries shall be: (i) Documented in the central software registry (ii) Reviewed quarterly for compliance (iii) Validated against license terms (iv) Approved by the legal department prior to implementation

### **4.3 Open Source Compliance**

(a) The Company maintains strict compliance with open source license obligations through: (i) Regular audits of open source components (ii) Documentation of all open source usage (iii) License compatibility verification (iv) Code segregation protocols

(b) Open source integration requirements: (i) Maintenance of detailed attribution notices (ii) Separate repository management (iii) Regular compliance reviews (iv) Risk assessment documentation

#### **4.4 Development Documentation**

(a) The following documentation is maintained as Company property: (i) Architecture specifications and diagrams (ii) API documentation and interface definitions (iii) Coding standards and style guides (iv) Security protocols and procedures (v) Testing methodologies and results (vi) Deployment procedures and configurations

(b) Documentation requirements include: (i) Regular updates and version control (ii) Access control protocols (iii) Backup and recovery procedures (iv) Confidentiality markings

#### **4.5 Version Control**

(a) The Company maintains exclusive ownership of: (i) All code repositories and branches (ii) Version control systems and infrastructure (iii) Build and deployment pipelines (iv) Configuration management systems

(b) Version control protocols require: (i) Authenticated access controls (ii) Audit trail maintenance (iii) Regular backup procedures (iv) Disaster recovery planning

#### **4.6 Intellectual Property Protection**

(a) The Company implements the following measures: (i) Code watermarking and fingerprinting (ii) Access logging and monitoring (iii) Digital rights management systems (iv) Encryption of sensitive components

(b) Security protocols include: (i) Regular security audits (ii) Penetration testing (iii) Vulnerability assessments (iv) Incident response procedures

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company has executed this Declaration as of the Effective Date.

NEXUS INDUSTRIAL INTELLIGENCE, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: Dr. Sarah Chen Title: Chief Executive Officer