# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION AND PROTECTION AGREEMENT

## 1.0 PREAMBLE AND RECITALS

THIS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DOCUMENTATION AND PROTECTION AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of January 15, 2024 (the "Effective Date"), by and between NEXUS INDUSTRIAL INTELLIGENCE, INC., a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business at 2500 Innovation Drive, Suite 400, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, registered under Delaware Corporate File Number DC-847392 ("Company").

WHEREAS, the Company has developed proprietary artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies, including its NexusCore<sup>TM</sup> Industrial AI Platform, which combines computer vision, edge computing, and advanced analytics for industrial process optimization (collectively, the "Technology");

WHEREAS, the Company, incorporated on March 12, 2019, has invested substantial resources in research, development, and implementation of its proprietary Technology across multiple industrial sectors, including manufacturing, energy, and logistics;

WHEREAS, the Company seeks to document and protect its intellectual property rights in the Technology, including all associated algorithms, methodologies, software, technical implementations, derivative works, improvements, modifications, and future developments;

WHEREAS, the Technology encompasses both registered and unregistered intellectual property rights, including patents pending under USPTO Application Numbers 17/234,891 and 17/456,123, registered trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets;

WHEREAS, this Agreement shall serve as the definitive documentation of the Company's intellectual property rights, protection measures, and enforcement mechanisms, including but not limited to security protocols, access controls, confidentiality requirements, and remedial actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company hereby establishes and declares the following:

## 2.0 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 Defined Terms. For purposes of this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:
- (a) "Artificial Intelligence Components" means all machine learning models, neural networks, training methodologies, and algorithmic implementations developed by the Company for industrial process optimization and control, including but not limited to supervised learning systems, reinforcement learning algorithms, deep learning architectures, prediction models, and associated training pipelines.
- (b) "Computer Vision System" means the Company's proprietary visual recognition and analysis technology, including all associated algorithms, models, and processing techniques, encompassing object detection, pattern recognition, defect identification, quality control systems, real-time video analytics, and spatial mapping capabilities.
- (c) "Confidential Information" means all non-public information relating to the Technology, including but not limited to source code, algorithms, training data, technical documentation, customer implementations, trade secrets, business processes, operational methodologies, performance metrics, optimization strategies, and any information marked as confidential or that should reasonably be understood to be confidential.
- (d) "Derivative Works" means any modification, enhancement, improvement, or derivative work based upon or incorporating any portion of the Technology, whether in source code, binary, documentation, or other form, including translations, adaptations, arrangements, and any other alterations.
- (e) "Edge Computing Implementation" means the Company's proprietary methods and systems for deploying and executing AI models on distributed industrial computing devices, including edge servers, industrial gateways, embedded systems, and local processing units.
- (f) "Industrial IoT Integration" means all software, protocols, and methodologies developed by the Company for connecting to and processing data from industrial control systems and sensors, including communication protocols, data preprocessing routines, sensor fusion algorithms, and real-time monitoring systems.
- (g) "Intellectual Property Rights" means all patents, copyrights, trade secrets, trademarks, and other intellectual property rights owned or controlled by the Company, including pending applications, renewals, extensions, continuations, divisions, or reissues thereof.
- (h) "NexusCore<sup>TM</sup> Platform" means the Company's flagship software platform combining artificial intelligence, computer vision, and industrial process optimization capabilities, including all modules, components, interfaces, and associated services.

- (i) "Technical Documentation" means all specifications, documentation, manuals, and technical materials relating to the Technology, including architecture diagrams, API documentation, deployment guides, and maintenance procedures.
- (j) "Training Data" means any data, datasets, or information used to train, validate, or test the Artificial Intelligence Components, including labeled datasets, validation sets, and benchmark data.
- (k) "User Interface Components" means all graphical interfaces, dashboards, control panels, and visualization tools developed as part of the Technology.
- (l) "System Architecture" means the overall structure, organization, and integration of the Technology's various components, including hardware specifications, software modules, and network topology.
- 2.2 Interpretation. In this Agreement:
- (a) Section headings are for convenience only and shall not affect interpretation.
- (b) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa.
- (c) References to Sections are to Sections of this Agreement.
- (d) The word "including" means "including without limitation."
- (e) References to any party include its successors and permitted assigns.
- (f) Time periods stated in days refer to calendar days unless explicitly specified as business days.
- (g) Technical terms shall be interpreted according to their generally accepted meaning within the artificial intelligence and industrial automation industries.
- (h) References to standards, specifications, or industry practices refer to the most current version as of the Effective Date.
- (i) Any reference to "written" or "in writing" includes electronic forms of communication.
- (j) In the event of any conflict between the terms defined herein and their use in attached schedules or exhibits, the definitions in this Section shall prevail.
- (k) References to laws, regulations, or standards include all amendments, modifications, and replacements as of the Effective Date.
- (l) Mathematical and scientific symbols shall be interpreted according to their standard technical meanings.
- (m) Currency amounts are in United States dollars unless explicitly stated otherwise.

## 3.0 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

- 3.1 Pre-existing Intellectual Property
- (a) The Company owns all right, title, and interest in and to all Intellectual Property Rights in the Technology existing as of the Effective Date, including: (i) All Artificial Intelligence Components, including but not limited to machine learning models, neural network architectures, training methodologies, inference engines, and optimization algorithms (ii) The Computer Vision System, encompassing image processing algorithms, object detection frameworks, and pattern recognition systems (iii) All Edge Computing Implementations, including distributed processing architectures and local computation modules (iv) The Industrial IoT Integration components, comprising sensor networks, data collection systems, and process control interfaces (v) The NexusCore<sup>TM</sup> Platform and all associated subsystems (vi) All associated Technical Documentation, including design specifications, architecture documents, and implementation guides
- (b) The Company's ownership includes all source code, object code, algorithms, data structures, methodologies, and technical processes comprising the Technology, including: (i) Software libraries and components developed internally (ii) Custom implementations of standard algorithms (iii) Proprietary data formats and structures (iv) System architecture designs and patterns (v) Performance optimization techniques (vi) Quality assurance methodologies
- 3.2 Newly Developed Intellectual Property
- (a) All Intellectual Property Rights in any Derivative Works or improvements to the Technology developed after the Effective Date shall automatically vest in the Company, including: (i) Enhancements to existing algorithms or models (ii) New feature implementations (iii) Performance optimizations (iv) Integration components (v) User interface improvements (vi) Documentation updates
- (b) Any new artificial intelligence models, algorithms, or methodologies developed by the Company's employees or contractors shall be owned exclusively by the Company, including:
- (i) Training data and datasets (ii) Model architectures and parameters (iii) Training methodologies and procedures (iv) Optimization techniques (v) Deployment configurations (vi) Performance metrics and benchmarks
- 3.3 Third-Party Components
- (a) The Company maintains documentation of all third-party software components incorporated into the Technology, including: (i) Open source software packages and libraries
- (ii) Commercial software licenses (iii) Runtime dependencies (iv) Development tools and frameworks (v) Third-party APIs and services (vi) External data sources
- (b) The Company complies with all applicable open source license requirements while maintaining the proprietary nature of its core Technology through: (i) Regular license

compliance audits (ii) Maintenance of license inventories (iii) Code segregation practices (iv) Distribution compliance procedures (v) Attribution requirements (vi) Modification tracking systems

- 3.4 Employee and Contractor Contributions
- (a) All employees and contractors have executed appropriate intellectual property assignment agreements that: (i) Assign all rights to work product to the Company (ii) Waive moral rights where applicable (iii) Include confidentiality provisions (iv) Acknowledge work-for-hire status (v) Cover pre-existing intellectual property (vi) Address future developments
- (b) All contributions to the Technology by employees or contractors are works made for hire under applicable copyright law, specifically including: (i) Software code and documentation (ii) Algorithmic improvements (iii) Technical specifications (iv) Test cases and procedures (v) Configuration files (vi) Development tools
- 3.5 Intellectual Property Protection
- (a) The Company maintains comprehensive measures to protect its Intellectual Property, including: (i) Patent applications for novel technological innovations (ii) Copyright registrations for software and documentation (iii) Trade secret protection protocols (iv) Trademark registrations for brands and products (v) Confidentiality agreements with all parties (vi) Access control systems
- (b) The Company implements security measures to protect its Intellectual Property, including:
- (i) Source code version control systems (ii) Access logging and monitoring (iii) Secure development environments (iv) Code signing procedures (v) Backup and recovery systems (vi) Disaster recovery protocols
- 3.6 License Grants and Restrictions
- (a) The Company maintains sole discretion in granting licenses to its Intellectual Property, including: (i) Terms of use for end users (ii) API access agreements (iii) Development partner licenses (iv) Distribution agreements (v) Integration permissions (vi) Evaluation licenses
- (b) All licenses granted by the Company shall be subject to restrictions protecting its Intellectual Property, including: (i) Use limitations (ii) Distribution constraints (iii) Modification restrictions (iv) Reverse engineering prohibitions (v) Confidentiality requirements (vi) Attribution obligations

## 4.0 IP PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

- 4.1 Trade Secret Protection
- (a) The Company implements the following comprehensive measures to protect its trade secrets: (i) Access controls and monitoring systems, including biometric authentication and activity logging (ii) Multi-factor authentication for all critical systems and databases (iii)

Confidentiality agreements with all employees, contractors, and third-party vendors (iv) Secure storage of source code and technical documentation in encrypted repositories (v) Regular training on intellectual property protection procedures and compliance (vi) Data loss prevention (DLP) systems and protocols (vii) Segmented access rights based on need-to-know basis (viii) Regular security audits and vulnerability assessments

(b) The Company shall maintain detailed documentation of: (i) All trade secret assets and their classification levels (ii) Access logs and authorization records (iii) Security breach incidents and remediation measures (iv) Employee training completion records

## 4.2 Patent Rights

- (a) The Company maintains an active patent portfolio covering key aspects of the Technology, including: (i) Core algorithmic implementations (ii) System architectures (iii) Process methodologies (iv) Hardware configurations
- (b) The Company shall continue to file patent applications to protect new innovations in: (i) Artificial intelligence algorithms, including machine learning models and neural network architectures (ii) Computer vision processing techniques and methodologies (iii) Industrial process optimization methods and control systems (iv) Edge computing implementations and distributed processing frameworks (v) Data preprocessing and feature extraction methods (vi) System integration techniques
- (c) Patent maintenance procedures shall include: (i) Regular patent portfolio reviews (ii) Competitive landscape analysis (iii) Freedom-to-operate assessments (iv) Maintenance fee scheduling and payment (v) Continuation application strategy

#### 4.3 Copyright Protection

- (a) All Technology components are protected by copyright law, including: (i) Source code repositories (ii) Technical documentation (iii) User interfaces and graphics (iv) Training materials (v) Marketing collateral
- (b) The Company maintains copyright registrations for: (i) Key software components and versions (ii) Documentation sets (iii) Original artistic works (iv) Marketing materials
- (c) Copyright notice requirements: (i) All protected works must display appropriate copyright notices (ii) Notices must include year of first publication (iii) Digital watermarking where applicable (iv) Regular audits of notice compliance

### 4.4 Trademark Usage

(a) The NexusCore<sup>™</sup> trademark and all associated marks shall be used with appropriate designation symbols: (i) <sup>™</sup> for unregistered marks (ii) ® for registered marks (iii) Service mark designations where applicable

- (b) The Company maintains a trademark usage policy governing: (i) Proper mark display and formatting (ii) Authorized usage contexts (iii) Third-party usage requirements (iv) Quality control standards (v) Marketing guidelines
- (c) Trademark monitoring and maintenance: (i) Regular trademark searches (ii) Registration renewal tracking (iii) Usage guideline updates (iv) Third-party license compliance monitoring

## 4.5 Infringement Procedures

- (a) The Company shall actively monitor for potential infringement through: (i) Regular market surveillance (ii) Automated monitoring systems (iii) Industry intelligence gathering (iv) Customer and partner reporting channels (v) Technical analysis of competing products
- (b) Upon discovery of potential infringement: (i) Initial investigation and documentation (ii) Legal assessment of infringement claims (iii) Evidence preservation procedures (iv) Damage assessment
- (c) The Company shall take appropriate legal action including: (i) Cease and desist notifications (ii) Settlement negotiations (iii) Alternative dispute resolution (iv) Litigation when necessary
- (d) Enforcement documentation requirements: (i) Detailed infringement evidence (ii) Communication records (iii) Settlement agreements (iv) Litigation documents (v) Remediation measures

## 4.6 IP Portfolio Management

- (a) Regular portfolio review and maintenance: (i) Annual IP asset inventory (ii) Value assessment of IP assets (iii) Protection strategy updates (iv) Budget allocation for IP protection
- (b) IP strategy alignment with business objectives: (i) Regular strategy reviews (ii) Market analysis integration (iii) Technology roadmap alignment (iv) Competitive positioning assessment

## 5.0 CONFIDENTIALITY AND DATA SECURITY

## 5.1 Data Handling Procedures

- (a) All Confidential Information shall be: (i) Marked as confidential with appropriate classification levels (ii) Stored in secure systems with redundant backup mechanisms (iii) Accessed only by authorized personnel with valid credentials (iv) Transmitted using encrypted channels meeting NIST standards (v) Logged and monitored for unauthorized access attempts (vi) Disposed of securely using approved data destruction methods
- (b) Classification Levels shall include: (i) Level 1: Public Information (ii) Level 2: Internal Use Only (iii) Level 3: Confidential (iv) Level 4: Highly Confidential/Trade Secrets

#### 5.2 Security Protocols

- (a) The Company implements industry-standard security measures including: (i) AES-256 encryption at rest and in transit (ii) Multi-factor authentication for all system access (iii) Quarterly security audits by certified third parties (iv) Monthly penetration testing and vulnerability assessments (v) Real-time threat monitoring and intrusion detection (vi) Automated patch management systems (vii) Regular backup verification and disaster recovery testing
- (b) AI Model Protection: (i) Segregated development environments (ii) Version control with audit trails (iii) Model architecture encryption (iv) Access restrictions to training data (v) Monitoring of model inference patterns

### 5.3 Access Controls

- (a) Access to the Technology and Confidential Information is granted on a need-to-know basis, subject to: (i) Written authorization from department heads (ii) Completion of security awareness training (iii) Signing of confidentiality agreements (iv) Regular credential rotation (v) Immediate access termination upon role change or departure
- (b) The Company maintains: (i) Detailed access logs retained for minimum 24 months (ii) Monthly access review by security team (iii) Quarterly privilege audit reports (iv) Role-based access control matrices

#### 5.4 Breach Notification

- (a) Any suspected security breach shall be reported immediately to: (i) Company management
- (ii) Information Security Officer (iii) Legal department (iv) Affected customers within 72 hours
- (v) Relevant regulatory authorities as required by law
- (b) The Company shall: (i) Maintain an updated incident response plan (ii) Conduct annual incident response drills (iii) Document all security incidents (iv) Perform post-incident analysis (v) Implement remediation measures

#### 5.5 Customer Data Protection

- (a) Customer manufacturing data shall be: (i) Segregated using logical or physical isolation (ii) Protected with customer-specific encryption keys (iii) Backed up according to customer requirements (iv) Retained only for the specified duration (v) Destroyed upon contract termination
- (b) The Company implements: (i) Data loss prevention systems (ii) Customer-specific access controls (iii) Regular compliance audits (iv) Automated data classification (v) Continuous monitoring of data access patterns

#### 5.6 Compliance and Verification

(a) The Company shall: (i) Maintain ISO 27001 certification (ii) Undergo annual SOC 2 Type II audits (iii) Comply with industry-specific regulations (iv) Provide compliance reports to customers (v) Update security measures as technology evolves

(b) Third-party assessments shall be conducted: (i) Annually for general security controls (ii) Quarterly for critical systems (iii) Monthly for vulnerability scanning (iv) As required by regulatory changes