

# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT

THIS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND OWNERSHIP 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 ("Company").

## 1.0 RECITALS

WHEREAS, Company has developed proprietary artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies, including computer vision systems, predictive analytics engines, and edge computing solutions, collectively comprising the NexusCore™ Industrial AI Platform;

WHEREAS, Company seeks to document and protect its intellectual property rights in such technologies, including all associated algorithms, models, methodologies, and implementations;

WHEREAS, Company desires to establish clear ownership rights and protection mechanisms for its intellectual property portfolio, including both existing and future developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, Company hereby declares and establishes the following terms and conditions regarding its intellectual property rights:

## 2.0 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 Defined Terms. 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 systems developed by Company, including but not limited to supervised learning algorithms, reinforcement learning frameworks, deep learning architectures, prediction models, classification systems, and associated training pipelines.

(b) "Computer Vision System" means Company's proprietary visual recognition and processing technology, including all associated detection, classification, and analysis capabilities, encompassing object detection frameworks, image segmentation algorithms, feature extraction methodologies, pattern recognition systems, and real-time video processing components.

(c) "Confidential Information" means all non-public information relating to the Technology Stack, including but not limited to source code, algorithms, training data, model architectures, technical documentation, performance metrics, optimization strategies, deployment configurations, system architecture diagrams, testing methodologies, validation protocols, and proprietary implementation details.

(d) "Derivative Works" means any modification, enhancement, improvement, adaptation, translation, transformation, arrangement, or any other alteration of the Technology Stack or any component thereof, including but not limited to model refinements, algorithm optimizations, feature additions, interface modifications, and integration implementations.

(e) "Edge Computing Solutions" means Company's distributed processing architecture and associated deployment methodologies for industrial environments, including edge nodes, local processing units, distributed computing frameworks, latency optimization systems, and network topology management tools.

(f) "Implementation Documentation" means all technical specifications, architectural designs, deployment guides, API documentation, integration protocols, and operational procedures relating to the Technology Stack and its components.

(g) "Intellectual Property Rights" means all patents, copyrights, trade secrets, know-how, and other proprietary rights relating to the Technology Stack, including all applications and registrations thereof, whether existing now or in the future, and all rights to sue for past, present, and future infringement of any of the foregoing.

(h) "Model Training Data" means all datasets, annotations, labels, validation sets, and testing materials used in the development, training, and validation of Artificial Intelligence Components.

(i) "NexusCore™ Platform" means Company's integrated software suite combining the Technology Stack components for industrial process optimization and control, including all modules, interfaces, APIs, and associated services that enable the unified operation of the Technology Stack.

(j) "Performance Metrics" means all quantitative and qualitative measurements, benchmarks, and evaluation criteria used to assess the functionality, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Technology Stack components.

(k) "System Architecture" means the structural design, component organization, and operational framework of the Technology Stack, including all hardware and software interfaces, communication protocols, and integration specifications.

(l) "Technology Stack" means the complete collection of Company's proprietary technologies, including all Artificial Intelligence Components, Computer Vision System, Edge Computing Solutions, and associated implementations, together with all updates, upgrades, and new versions thereof.

## 2.2 Interpretation. In this Agreement:

- (a) Section headings are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement
- (b) Words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa
- (c) References to Sections are to sections of this Agreement
- (d) "Including" means "including without limitation"
- (e) References to any party include its successors and permitted assigns
- (f) Time periods shall be calculated in calendar days, unless otherwise specified
- (g) Technical terms shall be interpreted according to their generally accepted meaning within the artificial intelligence and computer vision industries
- (h) References to laws, regulations, or standards include all amendments, modifications, and replacements thereof
- (i) The terms "hereof," "herein," and "hereunder" refer to this Agreement as a whole
- (j) Any reference to writing includes electronic communications and digital documentation
- (k) The rule of construction that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not be applied in interpreting this Agreement
- (l) Terms defined in the singular have the corresponding meaning in the plural, and vice versa
- (m) The words "shall" and "will" are used interchangeably and both express mandatory requirements
- (n) References to time are to local time in the jurisdiction governing this Agreement

## **3.0 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP**

### 3.1 Pre-existing Intellectual Property

- (a) Company owns all right, title, and interest in and to the Technology Stack as existing on the Effective Date, including: (i) All Artificial Intelligence Components and associated training methodologies, including but not limited to machine learning models, neural network architectures, training datasets, model parameters, and inference engines (ii) The Computer Vision System architecture and implementations, encompassing image processing algorithms, object detection frameworks, and pattern recognition systems (iii) Edge Computing Solutions and deployment frameworks, including distributed computing architectures, optimization protocols, and hardware-specific implementations (iv) All associated documentation, source code, technical materials, development tools, and proprietary methodologies

(b) The Company's pre-existing intellectual property rights extend to: (i) All patents, patent applications, and patent rights related to the Technology Stack (ii) Copyrights, including software code, documentation, and creative works (iii) Trade secrets and confidential information (iv) Trademarks and service marks associated with the Technology Stack (v) Industrial designs and utility models

### 3.2 Newly Developed Intellectual Property

(a) Company shall own all right, title, and interest in any improvements, enhancements, or Derivative Works of the Technology Stack developed after the Effective Date, including: (i) Algorithmic improvements and model optimizations, including performance enhancements, efficiency improvements, and accuracy refinements (ii) Enhanced computer vision capabilities, including new feature detection methods, classification improvements, and semantic segmentation advances (iii) Advanced edge computing implementations, including novel deployment strategies and hardware optimizations (iv) Customer-specific adaptations and configurations, including customized workflows and integration solutions

(b) Derivative Works shall encompass: (i) Any modification, adaptation, or enhancement of the Technology Stack (ii) Custom implementations developed for specific use cases (iii) Integration components and interfaces (iv) Performance optimization tools and techniques (v) Training data refinements and model iterations

### 3.3 Third-Party Components

(a) Company acknowledges the use of certain third-party components within the Technology Stack, as detailed in Exhibit A, including: (i) Licensed software libraries and frameworks (ii) Third-party APIs and services (iii) Hardware-specific drivers and interfaces (iv) Development tools and utilities

(b) Company warrants that: (i) All third-party components are properly licensed (ii) Usage complies with all applicable license terms (iii) Third-party rights are properly documented (iv) Necessary permissions have been obtained

### 3.4 Open Source Software

(a) Company maintains compliance with all applicable open source licenses through: (i) Regular audits of open source components (ii) Documentation of license obligations (iii) Tracking of code modifications (iv) Maintenance of attribution notices

(b) Open source components are segregated and do not affect Company's proprietary rights through: (i) Clear code separation and modularity (ii) License compatibility verification (iii) Distribution compliance measures (iv) Risk assessment protocols

(c) A complete list of open source software is maintained in Exhibit B, including: (i) Component names and versions (ii) Applicable licenses (iii) Usage context and scope (iv) Compliance requirements

### 3.5 Intellectual Property Protection

(a) Company shall maintain appropriate measures to protect intellectual property: (i) Regular patent filings for novel innovations (ii) Copyright registrations for software and documentation (iii) Trade secret protection protocols (iv) Confidentiality agreements with employees and contractors

(b) Company shall implement: (i) Source code version control systems (ii) Access control mechanisms (iii) Security protocols for intellectual property (iv) Regular intellectual property audits

### 3.6 Assignment and Transfer

(a) All employees, contractors, and consultants shall: (i) Execute appropriate intellectual property assignments (ii) Acknowledge Company ownership of developments (iii) Maintain confidentiality obligations (iv) Cooperate in intellectual property protection

(b) Company maintains the right to: (i) Transfer or assign intellectual property rights (ii) Grant licenses to third parties (iii) Enforce intellectual property rights (iv) Pursue legal remedies for infringement

### 3.7 Intellectual Property Indemnification

(a) Company shall defend and indemnify against third-party claims of intellectual property infringement, subject to: (i) Prompt notification of claims (ii) Company's control of defense (iii) Reasonable cooperation from affected parties (iv) Compliance with Company's direction regarding continued use

(b) Company reserves the right to: (i) Modify the Technology Stack to avoid infringement (ii) Obtain necessary licenses (iii) Replace infringing components (iv) Terminate affected rights if necessary

## **4.0 IP PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT**

### 4.1 Protection Measures

(a) Company shall maintain appropriate security measures to protect the Technology Stack, including: (i) Access controls and encryption protocols, incorporating industry-standard authentication mechanisms, multi-factor authentication, and role-based access control systems (ii) Confidentiality agreements with all employees, contractors, consultants, and third-party vendors who may access protected intellectual property (iii) Source code protection through segmented repository access, version control systems, and automated monitoring tools (iv) Model architecture safeguards including containerization, API security protocols, and distributed computing protection measures

(b) Company shall implement and maintain: (i) Regular security audits conducted no less than quarterly (ii) Penetration testing by qualified third-party providers annually (iii) Continuous

monitoring systems for unauthorized access attempts (iv) Documentation of all security incidents and remediation measures (v) Regular updates to security protocols based on emerging threats

#### 4.2 Patent Protection

(a) Company shall pursue and maintain patent protection for eligible components, including: (i) Novel algorithmic implementations (ii) Unique model architectures (iii) Processing methodologies (iv) Hardware optimization techniques (v) Interface designs and implementations

(b) Current patent portfolio is detailed in Exhibit C and shall be updated quarterly

(c) Company shall: (i) Monitor for potential infringement through automated and manual surveillance (ii) Maintain relationships with patent monitoring services (iii) Conduct regular freedom-to-operate analyses (iv) Document all potential infringement incidents (v) Maintain a patent enforcement strategy

#### 4.3 Trade Secret Protection

(a) Company shall maintain trade secret protection for: (i) Training methodologies and procedures (ii) Model architectures and optimization techniques (iii) Customer-specific implementations and customizations (iv) Proprietary datasets and data processing techniques (v) Internal development tools and frameworks

(b) Trade secret protection measures shall include: (i) Physical security controls for all facilities containing protected information (ii) Digital security measures including encryption at rest and in transit (iii) Employee training programs conducted at least semi-annually (iv) Documentation of all access to trade secret information (v) Segmentation of sensitive information on a need-to-know basis

(c) Company shall implement: (i) Regular trade secret audits (ii) Classification systems for different levels of trade secret information (iii) Procedures for marking and handling confidential information (iv) Exit protocols for departing employees (v) Vendor management procedures for third-party access

#### 4.4 Enforcement Rights

(a) Company reserves all rights to enforce its Intellectual Property Rights through: (i) Administrative proceedings (ii) Civil litigation (iii) Alternative dispute resolution (iv) Cease and desist procedures (v) Negotiated settlements

(b) Company shall pursue appropriate remedies against infringement, including: (i) Monetary damages (ii) Injunctive relief (iii) Destruction of infringing materials (iv) Recovery of legal costs (v) Statutory damages where applicable

(c) Company shall maintain documentation supporting enforcement actions, including: (i) Evidence of ownership and registration (ii) Chain of title documentation (iii) Infringement

analysis reports (iv) Economic impact assessments (v) Communication records with alleged infringers

#### 4.5 Cooperation and Reporting

(a) All employees, contractors, and affiliates shall: (i) Report suspected intellectual property violations promptly (ii) Cooperate fully in enforcement investigations (iii) Maintain confidentiality regarding enforcement actions (iv) Preserve relevant documentation and evidence (v) Participate in required training programs

(b) Company shall establish: (i) Clear reporting channels for suspected violations (ii) Investigation protocols and procedures (iii) Documentation requirements for reported incidents (iv) Communication protocols with legal counsel (v) Regular updates to stakeholders regarding enforcement actions

#### 4.6 Compliance and Review

(a) Company shall conduct regular reviews of: (i) Protection measure effectiveness (ii) Enforcement action outcomes (iii) Resource allocation for IP protection (iv) Training program effectiveness (v) Documentation completeness

(b) Annual compliance reports shall include: (i) Summary of protection measures implemented (ii) Overview of enforcement actions taken (iii) Assessment of program effectiveness (iv) Recommendations for improvements (v) Resource requirements for upcoming period

## **5.0 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES**

### 5.1 Ownership Warranties

Company represents and warrants that: (a) It owns all right, title, and interest in the Technology Stack, including all intellectual property rights, source code, algorithms, and associated documentation (b) No third party has any claim to the Technology Stack, whether through prior agreements, licenses, or encumbrances (c) All employees and contractors have assigned relevant rights to Company through properly executed assignment agreements (d) All necessary registrations and filings to protect the Technology Stack have been properly maintained (e) Company has documented chain of title for all components of the Technology Stack

### 5.2 Non-Infringement Warranties

Company represents and warrants that: (a) The Technology Stack does not infringe any third-party rights, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, or trade secrets (b) No claims of infringement have been made or threatened against Company (c) Company has conducted appropriate clearance investigations, including patent searches and code audits (d) Any third-party components are properly licensed and compliant with usage terms (e) No open source software is used in violation of applicable license terms

### 5.3 Technical Warranties

Company represents and warrants that: (a) The Technology Stack performs as documented in all technical specifications (b) AI models meet specified accuracy levels of at least 95% in standard operating conditions (c) Edge computing components meet latency requirements of <100ms response time (d) System uptime maintains 99.9% availability during operational hours (e) Data processing capabilities handle specified throughput requirements

### 5.4 Compliance Warranties

Company represents and warrants that: (a) The Technology Stack complies with all applicable laws and regulations (b) All necessary certifications and permits have been obtained (c) Data processing complies with relevant privacy and security standards (d) Industrial safety requirements are met or exceeded (e) Environmental compliance standards are maintained

### 5.5 Implementation Warranties

Company represents and warrants that: (a) Documentation is complete, accurate, and sufficient for operation (b) Training materials reflect current system capabilities (c) Technical support resources are available as specified (d) System integration protocols are properly documented (e) Backup and recovery procedures are established and tested

### 5.6 Performance Warranties

Company represents and warrants that: (a) Machine learning models maintain accuracy within specified parameters (b) Predictive maintenance functions operate within 2% error margin (c) Quality control systems meet Six Sigma standards (d) Real-time monitoring systems maintain specified precision (e) Energy efficiency metrics meet or exceed documented levels

### 5.7 Limitation of Warranties

The warranties set forth in this Section 5 are exclusive and in lieu of all other warranties, whether express or implied, including the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Company makes no other warranties regarding the Technology Stack except as expressly stated herein.

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

NEXUS INDUSTRIAL INTELLIGENCE, INC.

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

EXHIBITS: Exhibit A: Third-Party Component Schedule Exhibit B: Open Source Software Schedule Exhibit C: Patent Portfolio Schedule