# **Stock Option and Equity Compensation Policy**

## Nexus Intelligent Systems, Inc.

#### 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1 This Stock Option and Equity Compensation Policy ("Policy") establishes the comprehensive framework for equity-based compensation at Nexus Intelligent Systems, Inc. (the "Company"), governing the administration, grant, and management of equity awards to employees, executives, directors, and key consultants.

- 2 The Policy is designed to:
- a) Attract and retain exceptional talent
- b) Align individual performance with shareholder value creation
- c) Provide competitive compensation structures
- d) Incentivize long-term commitment to the Company's strategic objectives

#### 2. DEFINITIONS

- 1 "Equity Awards" shall mean stock options, restricted stock units (RSUs), performance shares, and other equity-based compensation instruments authorized under this Policy.
- 2 "Eligible Participants" includes:
- a) Full-time employees
- b) Executive officers
- c) Non-employee directors
- d) Critical consultants and advisors, as determined by the Compensation Committee
- 3 "Grant Date" refers to the specific date on which an Equity Award is formally approved and documented by the Compensation Committee.

## 3. EQUITY AWARD TYPES

- 1 Incentive Stock Options (ISOs)
- a) Available exclusively to employees
- b) Potential tax-advantaged treatment under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code
- c) Maximum aggregate fair market value of \$100,000 exercisable in any calendar year

- 2 Non-Qualified Stock Options (NSOs)
- a) Available to employees, directors, and consultants
- b) Taxed as ordinary income upon exercise
- c) No statutory limitations on grant value
- 3 Restricted Stock Units (RSUs)
- a) Grants subject to time-based or performance-based vesting schedules
- b) Transferability restrictions during vesting period
- c) Settlement in common stock upon vesting conditions

### 4. GRANT ADMINISTRATION

- 1 Compensation Committee Responsibilities
- a) Determine annual equity award pool
- b) Establish individual award allocations
- c) Define vesting schedules and performance metrics
- d) Approve all equity compensation grants
- 2 Vesting Schedules
- a) Standard four-year vesting with one-year cliff
- b) Potential accelerated vesting for exceptional performance
- c) Prorated vesting for terminations without cause
- 3 Performance Metrics

Equity awards may be contingent upon:

- a) Individual performance evaluations
- b) Company financial targets
- c) Specific strategic milestone achievements

#### 5. EXERCISE AND TRANSFER PROVISIONS

- 1 Option Exercise
- a) Exercisable at fair market value on grant date
- b) Cashless exercise permitted via broker-assisted transactions
- c) Exercise window of 10 years from grant date

2 Transfer Restrictions

a) Non-transferable except by will or inheritance

b) Subject to right of first refusal by the Company

c) Compliance with securities laws and transfer restrictions

#### 6. TERMINATION PROVISIONS

1 Termination Scenarios

a) Voluntary resignation: Pro-rata vesting based on service

b) Involuntary termination without cause: Accelerated vesting potential

c) Termination for cause: Forfeiture of unvested awards

### 7. TAX CONSIDERATIONS

1 Participants are solely responsible for personal tax implications

2 Company makes no representations regarding tax consequences

3 Participants advised to consult independent tax professionals

#### 8. AMENDMENT AND MODIFICATION

1 The Board of Directors reserves the right to modify, suspend, or terminate this Policy

2 Written notice required for material changes

3 No retroactive modifications affecting existing grants

### 9. GOVERNING LAW

1 This Policy shall be governed by Delaware corporate law

2 Any disputes resolved through binding arbitration in Delaware

# 10. ACKNOWLEDGMENT

By accepting an Equity Award, participants acknowledge understanding and acceptance of all terms outlined in this Policy.

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Dr. Elena Rodriguez

Chief Executive Officer

Nexus Intelligent Systems, Inc.