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MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT

between

PLATO ACADEMIC LIMITED

and

CUSTOMER

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This agreement is dated [DATE]

Parties

- (1) Plato Academic Limited incorporated and registered in England and Wales with company number Company Number 15734258 whose registered office is at Nexus, Discovery Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS2 3AA (**Supplier**)
- (2) [FULL COMPANY NAME] incorporated and registered in England and Wales with company number [NUMBER] whose registered office is at [REGISTERED OFFICE ADDRESS] (**Customer**)

BACKGROUND

- (A) The Supplier has developed and will make available to the Customer certain artificial intelligence (AI) and natural language processing (NLP) technologies for the Customer's Authorised Users' use.
- (B) The Customer wishes to use the Supplier's service in its business operations.
- (C) The Supplier has agreed to provide and the Customer has agreed to take and pay for the Supplier's service subject to the consideration set out in the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Agreed terms

1. Interpretation

- 1.1 The definitions and rules of interpretation in this clause apply in this agreement.

Authorised Users: those end users, students, employees, agents and independent contractors of the Customer who are authorised by the Customer to use the Services and the Documentation, as further described in clause 2.2(d).

Background Intellectual Property Rights: means any Intellectual Property Rights belonging to either Party before the Effective Date or not created in the course of or in connection with this agreement;

Business Day: a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in England when banks in London are open for business.

Change of Control: the beneficial ownership of more than 50% of the issued share capital of a company or the legal power to direct or cause the direction of

the general management of the company, and **controls, controlled** and the expression **change of control** shall be interpreted accordingly.

Confidential Information: information that is proprietary or confidential and is either clearly labelled as such or identified as Confidential Information in clause 12.1.

Customer Data: the data inputted by the Customer, Authorised Users, or the Supplier on the Customer's behalf for the purpose of using the Services or facilitating the Customer's use of the Services.

Data Protection Legislation:

(i) To the extent the UK GDPR applies, the law of the United Kingdom or of a part of the United Kingdom which relates to the protection of personal data.

(ii) To the extent the EU GDPR applies, the law of the European Union or any member state of the European Union to which the party is subject, which relates to the protection of personal data.

Documentation: the document available in Schedule 3 of this agreement which sets out a description of the Services and the user instructions for the Services.

Effective Date: the date of this agreement.

EU GDPR: the General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679).

Heightened Cybersecurity Requirements: any laws, regulations, codes, guidance (from regulatory and advisory bodies. Whether mandatory or not), international and national standards, industry schemes and sanctions, which are applicable to either the Customer or an Authorised User relating to security of network and information systems and security breach and incident reporting requirements, which may include the cybersecurity Directive ((EU) 2016/1148), Commission Implementing Regulation ((EU) 2018/151), the Network and Information systems Regulations 2018 (SI 506/2018), all as amended or updated from time to time.

Initial Subscription Term: the initial term of this agreement as set out in Schedule 2.

Input: means the Customer Data Customer or Authorised User inputs or uploads to the Services, such as without limitation audio file, video file, document, image, or text (including any output parameters, such as aspect ratio, style etc.)

Intellectual Property Rights: patents, utility models, rights to inventions, copyright and neighbouring and related rights, moral rights, trademarks and service marks, business names and domain names, rights in get-up and trade dress, goodwill and the right to sue for passing off or unfair competition, rights in designs, rights in computer software, database rights, rights to use, and protect the confidentiality of, confidential information (including know-how and trade

secrets) and all other intellectual property rights, in each case whether registered or unregistered and including all applications and rights to apply for and be granted, renewals or extensions of, and rights to claim priority from, such rights and all similar or equivalent rights or forms of protection which subsist or will subsist now or in the future in any part of the world.

Normal Business Hours: 8.00 am to 6.00 pm local UK time, each Business Day.

Output: means the output generated using the Services in response to Input such as without limitation image, text, text effects, vector graphic file, audio file, or video file.

Personal Data: shall have the meanings given to them in the Data Protection Legislation

Renewal Period: the period described in clause 15.1.

Services: the services provided by the Supplier to the Customer under this agreement as more particularly described in the Documentation.

Software: the online software applications provided by the Supplier as part of the Services.

Subscription Fees: the subscription fees payable by the Customer to the Supplier for the User Subscriptions, as set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1.

Subscription Term: has the meaning given in clause 15.1 (being the Initial Subscription Term together with any subsequent Renewal Periods).

Support Services Policy: the Supplier's policy for providing support in relation to the Services as made available at Schedule 3.

Documentation: the resources made available by the Supplier describing the specifications, functionalities, and usage instructions of the system, including any updates, patches, or modifications.

User Subscriptions: the user subscriptions purchased by the Customer pursuant to clause 10.1 which entitle Authorised Users to access and use the Services and the Documentation in accordance with this agreement.

UK GDPR: has the meaning given to it in section 3(10) (as supplemented by section 205(4)) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

Virus: anything or device (including any software, code, file or programme) which may: prevent, impair or otherwise adversely affect the operation of any computer software, hardware or network, any telecommunications service, equipment or network or any other service or device; prevent, impair or otherwise adversely affect access to or the operation of any programme or data, including the reliability of any programme or data (whether by re-arranging, altering or erasing the programme or data in whole or part or otherwise); or adversely affect the user

experience, including worms, trojan horses, viruses and other similar things or devices.

Vulnerability: a weakness in the computational logic (for example, code) found in software and hardware components that when exploited, results in a negative impact to the confidentiality, integrity, or availability, and the term **Vulnerabilities** shall be interpreted accordingly.

REST API (Representational State Transfer Application Programming Interface): an established framework that enables secure, standardized, and interoperable interactions between various software components, systems, and services.

Learning Tools Interoperability (LTI): a recognized standard, established by the IMS Global Learning Consortium, that facilitates the integration and interoperability of external learning tools and applications with a Virtual Learning Environment.

- 1.2 Clause, schedule and paragraph headings shall not affect the interpretation of this agreement.
- 1.3 A person includes an individual, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality) and that person's legal and personal representatives, successors or permitted assigns.
- 1.4 A reference to a company shall include any company, corporation or other body corporate, wherever and however incorporated or established.
- 1.5 Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and in the plural shall include the singular.
- 1.6 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.
- 1.7 A reference to a statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as it is in force as at the date of this agreement.
- 1.8 A reference to a statute or statutory provision shall include all subordinate legislation made as at the date of this agreement under that statute or statutory provision.
- 1.1 A reference to **writing** or **written** includes fax and email.
- 1.2 References to clauses and schedules are to the clauses and schedules of this agreement; references to paragraphs are to paragraphs of the relevant schedule to this agreement.

2. User subscriptions

2.1 Subject to the Customer purchasing the User Subscriptions in accordance with clause 3.3 and clause 10.1, the restrictions set out in this clause 2 and the other terms and conditions of this agreement, the Supplier hereby grants to the Customer a non-exclusive, non-transferable right and licence, without the right to grant sublicences, to permit the Authorised Users to use the Services and the Documentation during the Subscription Term solely for the Customer's students' academic studies while enrolled for a course or module at the Customer's academic institution.

2.2 In relation to the Authorised Users, the Customer undertakes that:

- (a) the maximum number of Authorised Users that it authorises to access and use the Services and the Documentation shall not exceed the number of User Subscriptions it has purchased from time to time;
- (b) it will not allow or suffer any User Subscription to be used by more than one individual Authorised User unless it has been reassigned in its entirety to another individual Authorised User, in which case the prior Authorised User shall no longer have any right to access or use the Services and/or Documentation;
- (c) each Authorised User shall keep a secure password for their use of the Services and Documentation, and that each Authorised User shall keep their password confidential;
- (d) it shall maintain a written, up to date list of current Authorised Users and provide such list to the Supplier within 5 Business Days of the Supplier's written request at any time or times;
- (e) it shall permit the Supplier or the Supplier's designated auditor to audit the Services in order to establish the name and password of each Authorised User and the Customer's data processing facilities to audit compliance with this agreement. Each such audit may be conducted no more than once per quarter, at the Supplier's expense, and this right shall be exercised with reasonable prior notice, in such a manner as not to substantially interfere with the Customer's normal conduct of business;
- (f) if any of the audits referred to in clause 2.2(e) reveal that any password has been provided to any individual who is not an Authorised User, then without prejudice to the Supplier's other rights, the Customer shall promptly disable such passwords and the Supplier shall not issue any new passwords to any such individual; and
- (g) if any of the audits referred to in clause 2.2(e) reveal that the Customer has underpaid Subscription Fees to the Supplier, then without prejudice to

the Supplier's other rights, the Customer shall pay to the Supplier an amount equal to such underpayment as calculated in accordance with the prices set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 within 10 Business Days of the date of the relevant audit.

- 2.3 The Customer shall not access, store, distribute or transmit any Viruses, or any material during the course of its use of the Services that:
- (a) is unlawful, harmful, threatening, defamatory, obscene, infringing, harassing or racially or ethnically offensive;
 - (b) facilitates illegal activity;
 - (c) depicts sexually explicit images;
 - (d) promotes unlawful violence;
 - (e) is discriminatory based on race, gender, colour, religious belief, sexual orientation, disability; or
 - (f) is otherwise illegal or causes damage or injury to any person or property;

and the Supplier reserves the right, without liability or prejudice to its other rights to the Customer, to disable the Customer's access to any material that breaches the provisions of this clause.

- 2.4 The Customer shall not:
- (a) except as may be allowed by any applicable law which is incapable of exclusion by agreement between the parties and except to the extent expressly permitted under this agreement:
 - (i) attempt to copy, modify, duplicate, create derivative works from, frame, mirror, republish, download, display, transmit, or distribute all or any portion of the Software and/or Documentation (as applicable) in any form or media or by any means; or
 - (ii) attempt to de-compile, reverse compile, disassemble, reverse engineer or otherwise reduce to human-perceivable form all or any part of the Software or the Services; or
 - (b) access all or any part of the Services and Documentation in order to build a product or service which competes with the Services and/or the Documentation; or
 - (c) use the Services and/or Documentation to provide services to third parties; or
 - (d) subject to clause 23.1, license, sell, rent, lease, transfer, assign, distribute, display, disclose, or otherwise commercially exploit, or otherwise make the

Services and/or Documentation available to any third party except the Authorised Users, or

- (e) attempt to obtain, or assist third parties in obtaining, access to the Services and/or Documentation, other than as provided under this clause 2; or
- (f) introduce or permit the introduction of, any Virus or Vulnerability into the Services or the Supplier's network and information systems.

2.5 The Customer shall use all reasonable endeavours to prevent any unauthorised access to, or use of, the Services and/or the Documentation and, in the event of any such unauthorised access or use, promptly notify the Supplier.

2.6 The rights provided under this clause 2 are granted to the Customer only, and shall not be considered granted to any subsidiary or holding company of the Customer.

3. Additional user subscriptions

3.1 Subject to clause 3.2 and clause 3.3, the Customer may, from time to time during any Subscription Term, purchase additional User Subscriptions in excess of the number set out in paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 and the Supplier shall grant access to the Services and the Documentation to such additional Authorised Users in accordance with the provisions of this agreement.

3.2 If the Customer wishes to purchase additional User Subscriptions, the Customer shall notify the Supplier in writing. The Supplier shall evaluate such request for additional User Subscriptions and respond to the Customer with approval or rejection of the request (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld). Where the Supplier approves the request, the Supplier shall activate the additional User Subscriptions within 1 business day of its approval of the Customer's request.

3.3 If the Supplier approves the Customer's request to purchase additional User Subscriptions, the Customer shall, within 30 days of the date of the Supplier's invoice, pay to the Supplier the relevant fees for such additional User Subscriptions as set out in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 and, if such additional User Subscriptions are purchased by the Customer part way through the Initial Subscription Term or any Renewal Period (as applicable), such fees shall be pro-rated from the date of activation by the Supplier for the remainder of the Initial Subscription Term or then current Renewal Period (as applicable).

4. Services

4.1 The Supplier shall, during the Subscription Term, provide the Services and make available the Documentation to the Customer on and subject to the terms of this agreement.

- 4.2 The Supplier shall use commercially reasonable endeavours to make the Services available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except for:
- (a) planned maintenance carried out during the maintenance window of 10.00 pm to 2.00 am UK time; and
 - (b) unscheduled maintenance performed outside Normal Business Hours, provided that the Supplier has used reasonable endeavours to give the Customer at least 6 Normal Business Hours' notice in advance.

4.3 The Supplier will, as part of the Services and at no additional cost to the Customer, provide the Customer with the Supplier's standard customer support services during Normal Business Hours in accordance with the Supplier's Support Services Policy in effect at the time that the Services are provided. The Supplier may amend the Support Services Policy in its sole and absolute discretion from time to time. The Customer may purchase enhanced support services separately at the Supplier's then current rates.

5. Data protection

5.1 To the extent the Supplier processes personal data on behalf of the Customer and Authorised Users the terms of the data processing agreement are hereby incorporated to this agreement by reference. Customer's acceptance of this agreement, shall be treated as its execution of the data processing agreement.

5.2 Supplier will retain Customer Data for as long as reasonably necessary to fulfil the purposes for collection, including for the purposes of satisfying any legal, regulatory, tax, accounting or reporting requirements. Supplier may retain Customer Data for a longer period in the event of a complaint or there is a prospect of litigation in respect this agreement or the parties' relationship.

5.3 The Supplier shall not transfer or otherwise process Customer Data outside the UK and European Economic Area (EEA) without obtaining the Customer's prior written consent.

6. Artificial Intelligence/ Machine Learning

6.1 Except as expressly permitted in this agreement, Customer shall not, and will not authorise third parties to, use any contact, data, output, or other information received or derived from the Services to directly or indirectly create, train or otherwise improve any machine learning algorithms or artificial intelligence systems, including any architectures, models, or weights (collectively "AI Training" and each algorithms and systems, an "AI system").

6.2 Except as expressly permitted this agreement, Supplier shall not use any Customer Data to directly or indirectly undertake AI training for Supplier AI systems.

7. Third party providers

The Customer acknowledges that the Services may enable or assist it or Authorised Users to access the website content of, correspond with, and purchase products and services from, third parties via third-party websites and that Customer or Authorised Users does so solely at their own risk. The Supplier makes no representation, warranty or commitment and shall have no liability or obligation whatsoever in relation to the content or use of, or correspondence with, any such third-party website, or any transactions completed, and any contract entered into by the Customer, with any such third party. Any contract entered into and any transaction completed via any third-party website is between the Customer and the relevant third party, and not the Supplier. The Customer shall refer to the third party's website terms and conditions and privacy policy prior to linking the Services to third parties' websites or using the relevant third-party website. The Supplier does not endorse or approve any third-party website nor the content of any of the third-party website made available via the Services.

8. Supplier's obligations

8.1 The Supplier shall perform the Services substantially in accordance with the Documentation and with reasonable skill and care.

8.2 The Supplier's obligations at clause 8.1 shall not apply to the extent of any non-conformance which is caused by use of the Services contrary to the Supplier's instructions, or modification or alteration of the Services by any party other than the Supplier or the Supplier's duly authorised contractors or agents. If the Services do not conform with the terms of clause 7.1, Supplier will, at its expense, use reasonable commercial endeavours to correct any such non-conformance promptly. Such correction constitutes the Customer's sole and exclusive remedy for any breach of the undertaking set out in clause 8.1.

8.3 The Supplier:

(a) does not warrant that:

- (i) the Customer's use of the Services will be uninterrupted or error-free; or;
- (ii) that the Services, Documentation and/or the information obtained by the Customer through the Services will meet the Customer's requirements; or

- (iii) the Software or the Services will be free from Vulnerabilities or Viruses; or
 - (iv) the Software, Documentation or Services will comply with any Heightened Cybersecurity Requirements.
 - (b) is not responsible for any delays, delivery failures, or any other loss or damage resulting from the transfer of data over communications networks and facilities, including the internet, and the Customer acknowledges that the Services and Documentation may be subject to limitations, delays and other problems inherent in the use of such communications facilities.
- 8.4 This agreement shall not prevent the Supplier from entering into similar agreements with third parties, or from independently developing, using, selling or licensing documentation, products and/or services which are similar to those provided under this agreement.
- 8.5 The Supplier warrants that it has and will maintain all necessary licences, consents, and permissions necessary for the performance of its obligations under this agreement.
- 8.6 The Supplier shall follow its archiving procedures for Customer Data. In the event of any loss or damage to Customer Data, the Customer's sole and exclusive remedy against the Supplier shall be for the Supplier to use reasonable commercial endeavours to restore the lost or damaged Customer Data from the latest back-up of such Customer Data maintained by the Supplier in accordance with the Supplier's archiving procedure. The Supplier shall not be responsible for any loss, destruction, alteration or disclosure of Customer Data caused by any third party (except those third parties sub-contracted by the Supplier to perform services related to Customer Data maintenance and back-up for which it shall remain fully liable).

9. Customer's obligations

- 9.1 The Customer shall:
 - (a) provide the Supplier with:
 - (i) all necessary integrations with Customer or third party systems required to perform the Services;
 - (ii) all necessary documentation and support to facilitate integrations with Customer or third party systems required to perform the Services;
 - (iii) all necessary co-operation in relation to this agreement; and

(iv) all necessary access to such information as may be required by the Supplier;

in order to provide the Services, including but not limited to Customer Data, security access information and configuration services;

- (b) without affecting its other obligations under this agreement, comply with all applicable laws and regulations with respect to its activities under this agreement;
- (c) carry out all other Customer responsibilities set out in this agreement in a timely and efficient manner. In the event of any delays in the Customer's provision of such assistance as agreed by the parties, the Supplier may adjust any agreed timetable or delivery schedule as reasonably necessary;
- (d) ensure that the Authorised Users use the Services and the Documentation in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement and shall be responsible for any Authorised User's breach of this agreement;
- (e) obtain and shall maintain all necessary licences, consents, and permissions necessary for the Supplier, its contractors and agents to perform their obligations under this agreement, including without limitation the Services;
- (f) ensure that its network and systems comply with the relevant specifications provided by the Supplier from time to time; and
- (g) be, to the extent permitted by law and except as otherwise expressly provided in this agreement, solely responsible for procuring, maintaining and securing its network connections and telecommunications links from its systems to the Supplier's data centres, and all problems, conditions, delays, delivery failures and all other loss or damage arising from or relating to the Customer's network connections or telecommunications links or caused by the internet.

9.2 The Customer shall own all right, title and interest in and to all of the Customer Data that is not personal data and shall have sole responsibility for the legality, reliability, integrity, accuracy and quality of all such Customer Data.

9.3 Customer agrees that the Supplier may use Customer's name and logo and may disclose that Customer is a customer of the Supplier in advertising, press, promotion and similar public disclosures. This clause shall survive the expiry or termination of this agreement.

10. Charges and payment

10.1 The Customer shall pay the Subscription Fees to the Supplier for the User Subscriptions in accordance with this clause 10 and Schedule 1.

10.2 The Customer shall on the Effective Date provide to the Supplier valid, up-to-date and complete credit card details or approved purchase order information acceptable to the Supplier and any other relevant valid, up-to-date and complete contact and billing details and, if the Customer provides:

(a) its credit card details to the Supplier, the Customer hereby authorises the Supplier to bill such credit card:

(i) on the Effective Date for the Subscription Fees payable in respect of the Initial Subscription Term; and

(ii) subject to clause 15.1, on each anniversary of the Effective Date for the Subscription Fees payable in respect of the next Renewal Period;

(b) its approved purchase order information to the Supplier, the Supplier shall invoice the Customer:

(i) on the Effective Date for the Subscription Fees payable in respect of the Initial Subscription Term; and

(ii) subject to clause 15.1, at least 30 days prior to each anniversary of the Effective Date for the Subscription Fees payable in respect of the next Renewal Period,

and the Customer shall pay each invoice within 30 days after the date of such invoice.

10.3 If the Supplier has not received payment within 7 days after the due date, and without prejudice to any other rights and remedies of the Supplier:

(a) the Supplier may, on no less than 5 Business Days' notice to the Customer and without liability to the Customer, disable the Customer's password, account and access to all or part of the Services and the Supplier shall be under no obligation to provide any or all of the Services while the invoice(s) concerned remain unpaid; and

(b) interest shall accrue on a daily basis on such due amounts at an annual rate equal to 8% over the then current base lending rate of Bank of England from time to time, commencing on the due date and continuing until fully paid, whether before or after judgment.

10.4 All amounts and fees stated or referred to in this agreement:

- (a) shall be payable in pounds sterling;
- (b) are, subject to clause 14.3(b), non-cancellable and non-refundable;
- (c) are exclusive of value added tax, which shall be added to the Supplier's invoice(s) at the appropriate rate.

10.5 If, at any time whilst using the Services, the Customer exceeds the amount of storage space specified in the Documentation, the Supplier shall charge the Customer, and the Customer shall pay, the Supplier's then current excess data storage fees. The Supplier's excess data storage fees current as at the Effective Date are set out in Schedule 1.

10.6 The Supplier shall be entitled to increase the Subscription Fees, the fees payable in respect of the additional User Subscriptions purchased pursuant to clause 3.3, the support fees payable pursuant to clause 4.3 and/or the excess storage fees payable pursuant to clause 10.5 at the start of each Renewal Period upon 30 days' prior notice to the Customer and Schedule 1 shall be deemed to have been amended accordingly.

11. Proprietary rights

11.1 The Customer acknowledges and agrees that the Supplier and/or its licensors own all Intellectual Property Rights in the Services and the Documentation. Except as expressly stated herein, this agreement does not grant the Customer any Intellectual Property Rights to the Services or the Documentation.

11.2 The Supplier confirms that it has all the rights in relation to the Services and the Documentation that are necessary to grant all the rights it purports to grant under, and in accordance with, the terms of this agreement.

11.3 Other than as expressly set out herein, nothing in this Agreement shall confer any rights in or to the Background Intellectual Property Rights of the other party.

12. Confidentiality and compliance with policies

12.1 Confidential Information means all confidential information (however recorded or preserved) disclosed by a party or its Representatives (as defined below) to the other party and that party's Representatives whether before or after the date of this agreement including but not limited to:

- (a) the existence and terms of this agreement or any agreement entered into in connection with this agreement;
- (b) any information that would be regarded as confidential by a reasonable business person relating to:

- (i) the business, assets, affairs, customers, clients, suppliers, or plans, intentions, or market opportunities of the disclosing party or of any member of the group of companies to which the disclosing party belongs; and
 - (ii) the operations, processes, product information, know-how, designs, trade secrets or software of the disclosing party or of any member of the group of companies to which the disclosing party belongs;
- (c) any information developed by the parties in the course of carrying out this agreement and the parties agree that:
 - (i) details of the Services, and the results of any performance tests of the Services, shall constitute Supplier Confidential Information; and
 - (ii) Customer Data shall constitute Customer Confidential Information;

Representatives means, in relation to a party, its employees, officers, contractors, subcontractors, representatives and advisers.

- 12.2 The provisions of this clause shall not apply to any Confidential Information that:
- (a) is or becomes generally available to the public (other than as a result of its disclosure by the receiving party or its Representatives in breach of this clause);
 - (b) was available to the receiving party on a non-confidential basis before disclosure by the disclosing party;
 - (c) was, is or becomes available to the receiving party on a non-confidential basis from a person who, to the receiving party's knowledge, is not bound by a confidentiality agreement with the disclosing party or otherwise prohibited from disclosing the information to the receiving party;
 - (d) the parties agree in writing is not confidential or may be disclosed; or
 - (e) is developed by or for the receiving party independently of the information disclosed by the disclosing party.
- 12.3 Each party shall keep the other party's Confidential Information secret and confidential and shall not:
- (a) use such Confidential Information except for the purpose of exercising or performing its rights and obligations under or in connection with this agreement (**Permitted Purpose**); or
 - (b) disclose such Confidential Information in whole or in part to any third party, except as expressly permitted by this clause 11.

- 12.4 A party may disclose the other party's Confidential Information to those of its Representatives who need to know such Confidential Information for the Permitted Purpose, provided that:
- (a) it informs such Representatives of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information before disclosure; and
 - (b) at all times, it is responsible for such Representatives' compliance with the confidentiality obligations set out in this clause.
- 12.5 A party may disclose Confidential Information to the extent such Confidential Information is required to be disclosed by law, by any governmental or other regulatory authority or by a court or other authority of competent jurisdiction provided that, to the extent it is legally permitted to do so, it gives the other party as much notice of such disclosure as possible and, where notice of disclosure is not prohibited and is given in accordance with this clause 11.5, it takes into account the reasonable requests of the other party in relation to the content of such disclosure.
- 12.6 A party may, provided that it has reasonable grounds to believe that the other party is involved in activity that may constitute a criminal offence under the Bribery Act 2010, disclose Confidential Information to the Serious Fraud Office without first informing the other party of such disclosure.
- 12.7 Each party reserves all rights in its Confidential Information. No rights or obligations in respect of a party's Confidential Information other than those expressly stated in this agreement are granted to the other party, or to be implied from this agreement.
- 12.8 On termination or expiry of this agreement, each party shall:
- (a) destroy or return to the other party all documents and materials (and any copies) containing, reflecting, incorporating or based on the other party's Confidential Information;
 - (b) erase all the other party's Confidential Information from computer and communications systems and devices used by it, including such systems and data storage services provided by third parties (to the extent technically and legally practicable); and
 - (c) certify in writing to the other party that it has complied with the requirements of this clause, provided that a recipient party may retain documents and materials containing, reflecting, incorporating or based on the other party's Confidential Information to the extent required by law or any applicable governmental or regulatory authority. The provisions of this

clause shall continue to apply to any such documents and materials retained by a recipient party, subject to clause 15 (Termination).

- 12.9 No party shall make, or permit any person to make, any public announcement concerning this agreement without the prior written consent of the other parties (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), except as required by law, any governmental or regulatory authority (including, without limitation, any relevant securities exchange), any court or other authority of competent jurisdiction.
- 12.10 Except as expressly stated in this agreement, no party makes any express or implied warranty or representation concerning its Confidential Information.
- 12.11 The above provisions of this clause 12 shall continue to apply after termination or expiry of this agreement.

13. Indemnity

- 13.1 The Customer shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Supplier against claims, actions, proceedings, losses, damages, expenses and costs (including without limitation court costs and reasonable legal fees) arising out of or in connection with the Supplier's use of Customer Data to provide the Services and Customer's use of the Services and/or Documentation, provided that:
- (a) the Customer is given prompt notice of any such claim;
 - (b) the Supplier provides reasonable co-operation to the Customer in the defence and settlement of such claim, at the Customer's expense; and
 - (c) the Customer is given sole authority to defend or settle the claim.
- 13.2 The Supplier shall defend the Customer, its officers, directors and employees against any claim that the Customer's use of the Services or Documentation in accordance with this agreement infringes any United Kingdom patent, effective as of the Effective Date, copyright, trade mark, database right or right of confidentiality, and shall indemnify the Customer for any amounts awarded against the Customer in judgment or settlement of such claims, provided that:
- (a) the Supplier is given prompt notice of any such claim;
 - (b) the Customer does not make any admission, or otherwise attempt to compromise or settle the claim and provides reasonable co-operation to the Supplier in the defence and settlement of such claim, at the Supplier's expense; and
 - (c) the Supplier is given sole authority to defend or settle the claim.

- 13.3 In the defence or settlement of any claim, the Supplier may procure the right for the Customer to continue using the Services, replace or modify the Services so that they become non-infringing or, if such remedies are not reasonably available, terminate this agreement on 2 Business Days' notice to the Customer without any additional liability or obligation to pay liquidated damages or other additional costs to the Customer.
- 13.4 In no event shall the Supplier, its employees, agents and sub-contractors be liable to the Customer to the extent that the alleged infringement is based on:
- (a) a modification of the Services or Documentation by anyone other than the Supplier; or
 - (b) the Customer's use of the Services or Documentation in a manner contrary to the instructions given to the Customer by the Supplier; or
 - (c) the Customer's use of the Services or Documentation after notice of the alleged or actual infringement from the Supplier or any appropriate authority; or
 - (d) the Customer's breach of this agreement.
- 13.5 The foregoing and clause 14.3(b) state the Customer's sole and exclusive rights and remedies, and the Supplier's (including the Supplier's employees', agents' and sub-contractors') entire obligations and liability, for infringement of any United Kingdom patent, copyright, trade mark, database right or right of confidentiality.

14. Limitation of liability

- 14.1 Except as expressly and specifically provided in this agreement:
- (a) the Customer assumes sole responsibility for results obtained from the use of the Services and the Documentation by the Customer, and for conclusions drawn from such use. The Supplier shall have no liability for any damage caused by errors or omissions in any Customer Data, information, instructions or scripts provided to the Supplier by the Customer in connection with the Services, or any actions taken by the Supplier at the Customer's direction;
 - (b) all warranties, representations, conditions and all other terms of any kind whatsoever implied by statute or common law are, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, excluded from this agreement; and
 - (c) the Services and the Documentation are provided to the Customer on an "as is" basis.
- 14.2 Nothing in this agreement excludes the liability of the Supplier:

- (a) for death or personal injury caused by the Supplier's negligence; or
- (b) for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

14.3 Subject to clause 14.1 and clause 14.2:

- (a) the Supplier shall have no liability for any:
 - (i) loss of profits,
 - (ii) loss of business,
 - (iii) wasted expenditure,
 - (iv) depletion of goodwill and/or similar losses,
 - (v) loss or corruption of data or information, or
 - (vi) any special, indirect or consequential loss, costs, damages, charges or expenses; and
- (b) the Supplier's total aggregate liability to the Customer (including in respect of the indemnity at clause 13.2), in respect of all breaches of duty occurring within any contract year shall not exceed the cap. If breaches committed in more than one contract year give rise to a single claim or a series of connected claims, the Supplier's total liability for those claims shall not exceed the single highest annual cap for those contract years.
- (c) In clause 14.3(b):
 - (i) The cap is one hundred (100%) of the total Subscription Fees paid in the contract year in which the breaches occurred.
 - (ii) A contract year means a 12 month period commencing on the Effective Date or any anniversary of it.

14.4 References to liability in this clause 14 include every kind of liability arising under or in connection with this agreement including but not limited to liability in contract, tort (including negligence), misrepresentation, restitution or otherwise.

14.5 Nothing in this agreement excludes the liability of the Customer for any breach, infringement or misappropriation of the Supplier's Intellectual Property Rights.

15. Term and termination

15.1 This agreement shall, unless otherwise terminated as provided in this clause 15, commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for the Initial Subscription Term and, thereafter, this agreement shall be automatically renewed for successive periods of 12 months (each a **Renewal Period**), unless:

- (a) either party notifies the other party of termination, in writing, at least 60 days before the end of the Initial Subscription Term or any Renewal Period, in which case this agreement shall terminate upon the expiry of the applicable Initial Subscription Term or Renewal Period; or
- (b) otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of this agreement;

and the Initial Subscription Term together with any subsequent Renewal Periods shall constitute the **Subscription Term**.

15.2 Without affecting any other right or remedy available to it, either party may terminate this agreement with immediate effect by giving written notice to the other party if:

- (a) the other party fails to pay any amount due under this agreement on the due date for payment and remains in default not less than seven (7) days after being notified in writing to make such payment;
- (b) the other party commits a material breach of any other term of this agreement and (if such breach is remediable) fails to remedy that breach within a period of fourteen (14) days after being notified in writing to do so;
- (c) the other party suspends, or threatens to suspend, payment of its debts or is unable to pay its debts as they fall due or admits inability to pay its debts or is deemed unable to pay its debts within the meaning of section 123 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (**IA 1986**) as if the words "it is proved to the satisfaction of the court" did not appear in sections 123(1)(e) or 123(2) of the IA 1986;
- (d) the other party commences negotiations with all or any class of its creditors with a view to rescheduling any of its debts, or makes a proposal for or enters into any compromise or arrangement with its creditors other than for the sole purpose of a scheme for a solvent amalgamation of that other party with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of that other party;
- (e) the other party applies to court for, or obtains, a moratorium under Part A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986;
- (f) a petition is filed, a notice is given, a resolution is passed, or an order is made, for or in connection with the winding up of that other party other than for the sole purpose of a scheme for a solvent amalgamation of that other party with one or more other companies or the solvent reconstruction of that other party;
- (g) an application is made to court, or an order is made, for the appointment of an administrator, or if a notice of intention to appoint an administrator is

- given or if an administrator is appointed, over the other party (being a company, partnership or limited liability partnership);
- (h) the holder of a qualifying floating charge over the assets of that other party (being a company or limited liability partnership) has become entitled to appoint or has appointed an administrative receiver;
 - (i) a person becomes entitled to appoint a receiver over the assets of the other party or a receiver is appointed over the assets of the other party;
 - (j) a creditor or encumbrancer of the other party attaches or takes possession of, or a distress, execution, sequestration or other such process is levied or enforced on or sued against, the whole or any part of the other party's assets and such attachment or process is not discharged within 14 days;
 - (k) any event occurs, or proceeding is taken, with respect to the other party in any jurisdiction to which it is subject that has an effect equivalent or similar to any of the events mentioned in clause 15.2(c) to clause 14.2(j) (inclusive);
 - (l) the other party suspends or ceases, or threatens to suspend or cease, carrying on all or a substantial part of its business;
 - (m) the other party's financial position deteriorates so far as to reasonably justify the opinion that its ability to give effect to the terms of this agreement is in jeopardy; or
 - (n) there is a change of control of the other party (within the meaning of section 1124 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010).

15.3 On termination of this agreement for any reason:

- (a) all licences granted under this agreement shall immediately terminate and the Customer shall immediately cease all use of the Services and/or the Documentation;
- (b) each party shall return and make no further use of any equipment, property, Documentation and other items (and all copies of them) belonging to the other party;
- (c) the Supplier may destroy or otherwise dispose of any of the Customer Data in its possession unless the Supplier receives, no later than ten days after the effective date of the termination of this agreement, a written request for the delivery to the Customer of the then most recent back-up of the Customer Data. The Supplier shall use reasonable commercial endeavours to deliver the back-up to the Customer within 30 days of its receipt of such a written request, provided that the Customer has, at that time, paid all fees and charges outstanding at and resulting from termination (whether or not due at the date of termination). The Customer

shall pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Supplier in returning or disposing of Customer Data; and

- (d) any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities of the parties that have accrued up to the date of termination, including the right to claim damages in respect of any breach of the agreement which existed at or before the date of termination shall not be affected or prejudiced.

16. Force majeure

Neither party shall be in breach of this agreement or otherwise liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations if such delay or failure results from events, circumstances or causes beyond its reasonable control. The time for performance of such obligations shall be extended accordingly. If the period of delay or non-performance continues for 2 weeks, the party not affected may terminate this agreement by giving 14 days' written notice to the affected party.

17. Conflict

If there is an inconsistency between any of the provisions in the main body of this agreement and the Schedules, the provisions in the main body of this agreement shall prevail.

18. Variation

No variation of this agreement shall be effective unless it is in writing and signed by the parties (or their authorised representatives).

19. Waiver

19.1 A waiver of any right or remedy is only effective if given in writing.

19.2 A delay or failure to exercise, or the single or partial exercise of, any right or remedy shall not waive that or any other right or remedy, nor shall it prevent or restrict the further exercise of that or any other right or remedy.

20. Rights and remedies

Except as expressly provided in this agreement, the rights and remedies provided under this agreement are in addition to, and not exclusive of, any rights or remedies provided by law.

21. Severance

- 21.1 If any provision or part-provision of this agreement is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable, it shall be deemed deleted, but that shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the rest of this agreement.
- 21.2 If any provision or part-provision of this agreement is deemed deleted under clause 21.1 the parties shall negotiate in good faith to agree a replacement provision that, to the greatest extent possible, achieves the intended commercial result of the original provision.

22. Entire agreement

- 22.1 This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes and extinguishes all previous and contemporaneous agreements, promises, assurances and understandings between them, whether written or oral, relating to its subject matter.
- 22.2 Each party acknowledges that in entering into this agreement it does not rely on, and shall have no remedies in respect of, any statement, representation, assurance or warranty (whether made innocently or negligently) that is not set out in this agreement.
- 22.3 Each party agrees that it shall have no claim for innocent or negligent misrepresentation or negligent misstatement based on any statement in this agreement.
- 22.4 Nothing in this clause shall limit or exclude any liability for fraud.

23. Assignment

- 23.1 The Customer shall not, without the prior written consent of the Supplier, assign, transfer, mortgage, charge, subcontract, delegate, declare a trust over or deal in any other manner with any of its rights and obligations under this agreement.
- 23.2 The Supplier may at any time assign, mortgage, charge, subcontract, delegate, declare a trust over or deal in any other manner with any or all of its rights and obligations under this agreement.

24. No partnership or agency

Nothing in this agreement is intended to or shall operate to create a partnership between the parties, or authorise either party to act as agent for the other, and neither party shall have the authority to act in the name or on behalf of or otherwise

to bind the other in any way (including, but not limited to, the making of any representation or warranty, the assumption of any obligation or liability and the exercise of any right or power).

25. Third party rights

25.1 Unless it expressly states otherwise, this agreement does not give rise to any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this agreement.

25.2 The rights of the parties to rescind or vary this agreement are not subject to the consent of any other person.

26. Counterparts

26.1 This agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall constitute a duplicate original, but all the counterparts shall together constitute the one agreement.

27. Notices

27.1 Any notice given to a party under or in connection with this agreement shall be in writing and shall be:

(a) delivered by hand or by pre-paid first-class post or other next working day delivery service at its registered office (if a company) or its principal place of business (in any other case); or

(b) sent by email to the following addresses (or an address substituted in writing by the party to be served):

(i) Supplier:

Address: Nexus, Discovery Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS2 3AA

Email: legal@plato.ac

(ii) Party 2: [ADDRESS].]

27.2 Any notice shall be deemed to have been received:

(a) if delivered by hand, at the time the notice is left at the proper address;

(b) if sent by pre-paid first-class post or other next working day delivery service, at 9.00 am on the second Business Day after posting; or

(c) if sent by email, at the time of transmission, or, if this time falls outside Business Hours in the place of receipt, when Business Hours resume.

27.3 This clause does not apply to the service of any proceedings or other documents in any legal action or, where applicable, any arbitration or other method of dispute resolution.

28. Governing law

This agreement and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims) shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of England and Wales.

29. Jurisdiction

Each party irrevocably agrees that the courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with this agreement or its subject matter or formation (including non-contractual disputes or claims).

This agreement has been entered into on the date stated at the beginning of it.