

# Assignment Agreement

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## **13. Miscellaneous**

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13.4 "The failure of either party to require performance by the other party of any provision of this Agreement in one situation shall not affect the right of a party to require such performance at any time in the future. A waiver of performance under a provision in one situation shall not be considered a waiver of the performance of the provision in the future or a waiver of the provision in its entirety.

13.5 "If any provision of this Agreement is found void and unenforceable, such provision will be replaced to the extent possible with a provision that comes closest to the meaning of the original provision and which is enforceable. The terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement shall apply notwithstanding any failure of essential purpose of this Agreement or any limited remedy to the maximum extent possible under law.

13.6 "You agree to take any and all reasonable additional actions and to execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all documents that the other party may reasonably request in order to effect the intent and purposes of this Agreement, and the transactions contemplated within this Agreement.

#### 14. Term

This Agreement will remain in effect in perpetuity.

[ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED]

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