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Node Operator Agreement

Including the Node Operator Indemnity Schedule

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Applies to: Node Operators hosting Nx1/Hx1 Home Stations

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Recitals

(A) the Company ("the Company"), a company incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands with company number , operates a global distributed infrastructure network (the "the Company Network") whose physical layer is composed of Nx1/Hx1 Home Station devices (each an "Nx1/Hx1 Home Station") hosted by individuals and small entities ("Node Operators").

(B) The Node Operator wishes to host one or more Nx1/Hx1 Home Stations and to contribute unused internet capacity and computational resources to the Company Network. Participation rewards, if any, are governed exclusively by the agreements published by the Node Operator's Community Operator on the relevant community platform, and are outside the scope of this Agreement.

(C) For the avoidance of doubt, the contracting party to this Agreement — and the entity that bears the indemnity obligations in Section 9 — is Auralink Nova Technology L.L.C (Dubai, UAE, Reg. No. 1607764), the Technology Provider, referred to in this Agreement as the “Company”.

(C) This Node Operator Agreement (the "Agreement") sets out the specific rights and obligations of the Node Operator and of the Company in connection with the hosting of an Nx1/Hx1 Home Station, and supplements (and is incorporated into) the Company Terms and Conditions, the Acceptable Use Policy, the Privacy and Cookies Policy, the Risk Disclosure Policy, and the Data Minimisation & Retention Policy.

1. Definitions

Capitalised terms not defined in this Agreement have the meanings given in the Company Terms and Conditions. In addition:

- "AUP" means the Company Acceptable Use and Network Abuse Policy.
- "Workload" means a unit of compute, storage, or connectivity capacity scheduled to one or more Nx1/Hx1 Home Stations by a Workload Publisher.
- "Workload Publisher" means a third party that has entered into a Workload Publisher Agreement with the Company and is approved to submit Workloads.
- "Workload Session" means an instance of a Workload running on a specific Nx1/Hx1 Home Station, identified by a unique Workload Session ID.
- "Default-Allowed Workload Class" means a Workload class that an Nx1/Hx1 Home Station will accept without the Node Operator opting in. As at the date of this Agreement these are: privacy-preserving compute, decentralised storage shards, Bitcoin Proof-of-Work participation, and the Company-managed VPN endpoint serving the Node Operator and the Node Operator's family.
- "Opt-In Workload Class" means a Workload class that requires the Node Operator to expressly opt in from the Company dashboard before any such Workload may be scheduled to that Node Operator's Nx1/Hx1 Home Station.

2. The Nx1/Hx1 Home Station

2.1 Title.

Subject to payment of all amounts due, title in the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station hardware passes to the Node Operator on delivery. The Node Operator may keep the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station at the end of the 5-year participation cycle in accordance with Section 51 of the Company WIKI.

2.2 Software and Workload Runtime.

The Company Workload Runtime (the "Runtime") is licensed, not sold. The Company grants the Node Operator a non-exclusive, non-transferable, royalty-free licence to run the Runtime on the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station for the duration of this Agreement, solely for the purpose of participating in the Company Network. The Node Operator shall not modify, reverse-engineer, decompile, or attempt to derive the source code of the Runtime, except to the extent such restriction is prohibited by mandatory applicable law.

2.3 Updates.

The Company may push updates to the Runtime over the air. Updates include security patches, performance fixes, and new Workload classes. Security-critical updates may be applied without prior notice; non-critical feature updates will be notified to the Node Operator at least seven (7) days before installation.

3. Permitted use by the Company

The Node Operator hereby grants the Company the right to:

1. Schedule Default-Allowed Workloads to the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station at any time and for any duration consistent with the bandwidth and capacity rules of the Company Network.
2. Schedule Opt-In Workloads to the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station only after the Node Operator has expressly opted into that class from the dashboard.
3. Use the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station's public IP address to deliver outbound traffic on behalf of a Workload Session, subject to the AUP and to the Workload class restrictions of Section 4.
4. Collect and process the operational telemetry described in Section 4 of the Data Minimisation & Retention Policy.

4. Workload classes and opt-in controls

4.1 Default-Allowed.

Class	Description	IP exit-point?
Privacy-preserving compute	Confidential computation run inside a sandbox; bytes-in and bytes-out from the Company coordination plane only	No
Decentralised storage shards	Encrypted erasure-coded chunks of customer data	No
Bitcoin Proof-of-Work participation	SHA-256 work on Bitcoin block headers, sent to a the Company-maintained pool	No
Nx1/Hx1 Home Station-Owner VPN (5 subs)	WireGuard endpoint serving the Node Operator and up to 4 family/friends	Yes, but only Node Operator's and authorised user's traffic

4.2 Opt-In.

Class	Description	IP exit-point?
Enterprise edge compute	Containerised workloads from B2B partners; cryptographically signed	No (egress-restricted to whitelisted endpoints)
Consumer connectivity relay	Third-party VPN-style egress for Workload Publishers approved by the Company	Yes — Node Operator must opt in and accept the IP-reputation risk
DePIN-partner integrations	Specialised Workloads from partner DePIN projects (Helium-class, Render-class, etc.)	Varies; class-specific

4.3 Hard-prohibited classes.

No Workload class within the categories listed in Section 3.1 of the AUP (CSAM, terrorism, malware C2, DDoS staging, residential-proxy-for-anonymous-buyers, etc.) will ever be scheduled to any Nx1/Hx1 Home Station, regardless of opt-in. The Company screens all Workload Publishers under its Sanctions & OFAC Compliance Policy and signs Workload artefacts to ensure provenance.

5. Bandwidth, capacity and electricity

The Node Operator agrees to:

5. Provide at least 200 Mbps of dedicated bandwidth per Nx1/Hx1 Home Station, with a maximum of 5 Nx1/Hx1 Home Stations on a single 1 Gbps connection (or proportionally fewer on slower connections).
6. Provide a 230V/110V AC outlet capable of supplying continuous power.
7. Bear the cost of electricity to operate the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station (estimated USD 0.10–0.50/month per device).
8. Place the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station in a location where ambient operating conditions (temperature, humidity) are within the manufacturer's specifications.

6. ISP compatibility — Node Operator's responsibility

The Node Operator is responsible for ensuring that the operation of the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station is permitted under the terms of service of their Internet Service Provider ("ISP"). The Company publishes guidance in the separate ISP Compatibility & Acceptable Use Note for Node Operators (NL-ISP-01) but does not warrant the position of any specific ISP. Where the Node Operator's ISP prohibits the operation of the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station, the Node Operator must either obtain ISP consent, switch to a business or pro plan that permits it, or cease operation of the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station.

7. Network segmentation requirement

The Company strongly recommends, and as a contractual term requires, that the Node Operator places the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station on a network segment that is logically isolated from the Node Operator's home or business LAN containing sensitive devices (such as NAS, IoT cameras, printers, file servers, and admin interfaces). Recommended configurations are published in the Network Architecture & Workload Isolation Document (NL-ARCH-01). The Node Operator acknowledges and accepts that the Company cannot enforce this requirement on the Node Operator's side of the demarcation point.

8. Rewards

Participation rewards are governed exclusively by the agreements between the Node Operator and the Node Operator's Community Operator, as published on the relevant community platform. This Agreement grants no reward entitlement and contains no reward terms.

9. The Company's indemnity to the Node Operator

9.1 Scope.

Subject to Section 9.2, the Company shall indemnify, defend, and hold the Node Operator harmless from and against any third-party claim, demand, fine, civil-penalty, or reasonable legal cost arising directly from a third-party Workload Session scheduled by the Company to the Node Operator's Nx1/Hx1 Home Station, where:

- The Node Operator did not initiate the Workload;
- The Node Operator complied with this Agreement and the AUP at all relevant times; and
- The Node Operator notified the Company of the claim, demand, or complaint as soon as reasonably practicable after becoming aware of it, and cooperated with the Company's investigation.

9.2 Exclusions.

- Claims arising from the Node Operator's own personal use of the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station's IP or LAN.
- Claims arising from the Node Operator's opt-in to a Workload class where the claim falls within the disclosed risks of that class, except where the Workload Publisher itself breached the AUP.
- Tax claims and any indirect, consequential, or punitive losses, including loss of revenue or reputation, except where mandated by applicable law.

9.3 What the Company covers.

Where a claim, demand, complaint or proceeding arises from a Workload scheduled by the Company and is not the Node Operator's fault (as set out in Sections 9.1 and 9.2), the Company will take care of it: the Company will assume and conduct the defence, appoint and pay the lawyers, bear all legal fees and related costs, and pay any resulting settlement, damages, fine or penalty. The Node Operator is not expected to bear any of these costs.

9.4 Status of this indemnity.

This indemnity is a binding contractual undertaking by the Company. It is not insurance and does not derive from a third-party insurer. The Company intends to procure a cyber-liability and operator-indemnity insurance binder to back-stop this indemnity; the target placement date is set out in the Compliance and Certification Roadmap. Until that binder is in place, the indemnity is supported by the Company's general corporate balance sheet.

10. Node Operator warranties

The Node Operator warrants and undertakes that:

9. They are at least 18 years of age and legally capable of entering into this Agreement.
10. They have the right to operate the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station at the address provided and, if not the legal owner of the premises, have the consent of the lawful occupier.
11. They will comply with this Agreement, the AUP, and the other the Company policies as amended from time to time.

12. They will not introduce malicious code into the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station and will not knowingly assist any other person in violating the AUP.

11. The Company warranties

The Company warrants that:

- 13. It will exercise reasonable skill and care in operating the Company Network.
- 14. It will not (and the AUP prohibits Workload Publishers from) using an Nx1/Hx1 Home Station for any of the universally-prohibited activities in Section 3.1 of the AUP.
- 15. It will comply with its obligations under the GDPR (where applicable), the Australian Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) (where applicable), the California Consumer Privacy Act and California Privacy Rights Act (where applicable), and equivalent data-protection laws.

12. Suspension and termination

The Company may suspend or terminate the Node Operator's participation in the network in accordance with Sections 5 and 7 of the AUP, Section 5 of the Terms and Conditions, and the Risk Disclosure Policy. The Node Operator may terminate this Agreement at any time by ceasing to operate the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station and providing 30 days' written notice to the Company. On termination, the treatment of any accrued but unpaid rewards is governed by the agreements of the Node Operator's Community Operator.

13. Governing law and dispute resolution

This Agreement is governed by the laws of the British Virgin Islands. Disputes are resolved in accordance with the dispute-resolution clause in the Company Terms and Conditions.

14. Entire agreement / variation

This Agreement, together with the documents it incorporates by reference, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. The Company may vary this Agreement on notice in accordance with Section 7 of the AUP and the Terms and Conditions.

Indemnity Schedule (Schedule A)

A.1 How to claim under Section 9.

- 16. Within 7 calendar days of becoming aware of a third-party claim, written demand, ISP complaint, abuse notice, or formal allegation, the Node Operator notifies the Company at support@novalink.tech with the subject line "Indemnity Claim — [Nx1/Hx1 Home Station Serial]".

17. The Node Operator provides: (a) the full text of the demand or complaint; (b) the identity of the complainant; (c) the date and time of the alleged incident; (d) the Nx1/Hx1 Home Station serial number; (e) the Node Operator's declaration of compliance with the AUP.
18. The Company will (a) acknowledge within 24 hours, (b) commence its Workload Session attribution analysis, (c) within 5 business days, confirm whether the incident was attributable to a Workload Session and provide a corroborating statement (an "Attribution Letter") to be furnished to the complainant.
19. Where the Company confirms attribution to a Workload Session, the Company will (i) assume conduct of the defence (with the Node Operator's consent), or (ii) reimburse the Node Operator's reasonable defence costs up to the cap in Section 9.3, or (iii) where appropriate, settle the claim direct with the complainant.

A.2 Things the Company can do for a Node Operator immediately.

- Issue a signed letter on the Company letterhead attributing the disputed traffic to a the Company-scheduled Workload Session.
- Contact the complainant or the complainant's ISP, in writing, to clarify that the residential IP is part of a managed infrastructure network.
- Suspend the Workload class implicated in the incident from the Node Operator's Nx1/Hx1 Home Station, on a temporary or permanent basis.
- Provide the Node Operator with the Compliance and Certification Roadmap to share with the complainant.

A.3 What we cannot do.

- We cannot prevent an ISP from terminating a residential contract if its terms-of-service prohibit hosting infrastructure-grade workloads. (This is why Section 6 places ISP-compatibility responsibility on the Node Operator.)
- We cannot provide an indemnity for activity initiated by the Node Operator personally.