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Appendix B to the NCE Network Agreement

Confidentiality Agreement (Reciprocal Non-Disclosure)

This Agreement made as of the _____ day of _____, 200_.

BETWEEN:

("Disclosing Party")

AND:

("Receiving Party")

WHEREAS:

A. Each party (hereinafter referred to in its role as a provider of information as the "Disclosing Party") to this Agreement has information concerning a certain subject which is its confidential and proprietary property; and

B. Each party (hereinafter referred to in its role as recipient of information from the Disclosing Party as the "Receiving Party") to this Agreement wishes the Disclosing Party to disclose its information to it and the Disclosing Party is willing to disclose its information to the Receiving Party provided that the confidentiality of all such information so disclosed is maintained as hereinafter provided.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants herein set forth, the parties hereto have covenanted and agreed as follows:

1. Information covered by this Agreement must be identified as Confidential

In this Agreement, "Information" shall mean any and all knowledge, know-how, information, and/or techniques disclosed by the Disclosing Party to the Receiving Party relating to financial and/or commercial information, and/or relating to research projects or technologies developed by members of NCE Program or _____ University or _____ Company or any combination of NCE Program, _____ University or _____ Company inclusive of:

- a) _____,
- b) _____,
- c) _____,
- d) _____, and
- e) _____,

all of the above which include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, all research, data, specifications, plans, drawings, prototypes, models, documents, records, instructions, manuals, papers, or other materials of any nature whatsoever, whether written or otherwise, relating to same, as well as the existence of this Agreement and its terms and conditions. In order to constitute "Information" for the purposes of this Agreement, the Disclosing Party must clearly identify it in writing as being confidential, or if the disclosure takes place orally or in some other non-tangible form, the Disclosing Party must summarize it in writing within 15 days of making the disclosure.

2. Specified use of Confidential Information

The Receiving Party shall not, without the Disclosing Party's prior written consent, use the Disclosing Party's Information, directly or indirectly, for any purpose other than:

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Receiving Party shall not use, manufacture, or sell the Disclosing Party's Information or any device or means incorporating any of the Disclosing Party's Information, and shall not use any of the Disclosing Party's Information as the basis for the design or creation of any device or means.

3. Permitted exceptions to the obligation to keep information confidential

The Receiving Party shall keep and use all of the Disclosing Party's Information in confidence and shall not, without the Disclosing Party's prior written consent, disclose any part of the Disclosing Party's Information to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity unless and until that part of the Disclosing Party's Information:

- a) is made subject to an order by judicial or administrative process requiring the Receiving Party to disclose any or all of the Disclosing Party's Information, provided however that the Receiving Party shall promptly notify the Disclosing Party and allow the Disclosing Party reasonable time to oppose such process before disclosing any of the Disclosing Party's Information;
- b) is published or becomes available to the general public other than through a breach of this Agreement;
- c) is obtained by the Receiving Party from a third party with a valid right to disclose it, provided that said third party is not under a confidentiality obligation to the Disclosing Party;
- d) is independently developed by employees, agents or consultants of the Receiving Party who had no knowledge of or access to the Disclosing Party's Information as evidenced by the Receiving Party's business records; or
- e) was possessed by the Receiving Party prior to receipt from the Disclosing Party, other than through prior disclosure by the Disclosing Party, as evidenced by the Receiving Party's business records.

4. Agreement does not create a license or contract

The Receiving Party acknowledges and agrees that any and all disclosures of the Disclosing Party's Information pursuant to this Agreement are on a non-exclusive basis and that the Disclosing Party is free to make similar or other disclosures to third parties. Nothing in this Agreement shall create, or be construed to create, any license to the Receiving Party or any obligation on either party to enter into a license or other agreement with respect to the Information. Furthermore, nothing contained herein shall be deemed or construed to create between the parties hereto an agency relationship, partnership or joint venture. Neither party shall be liable for any act, omission, representation, obligation, or debt of the other party, even if informed of such act, omission, representation, obligation, or debt.

5. No warranty given by Disclosing Party

The Disclosing Party makes no representations or warranties, either express or implied, with respect to the merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose of its Information. The Disclosing Party shall in no event be liable for any loss of profits, be they direct, consequential, incidental, or special or other similar or like damages arising from any defect, error or failure to perform with respect to its Information, even if the Disclosing Party has been advised of the possibility of such damages.

6. Receiving Party's indemnifies Disclosing Party

The Receiving Party hereby indemnifies, holds harmless and defends the Disclosing Party, its Board of Governors, directors, officers, employees, faculty, students, invitees, and agents against any and all claims (including all legal fees and disbursements incurred in association therewith) arising from or out of the receipt or use of the Disclosing Party's Information by the Receiving Party including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any damages or losses, consequential or otherwise, arising from or out of the receipt or use of the Disclosing Party's Information by the Receiving Party, howsoever the same may arise. In the event that the Receiving Party is prohibited by law from granting the indemnity contemplated herein, the Receiving Party shall carry insurance in an amount of no less than \$1,000,000 and which shall provide coverage to

the Disclosing Party, its Board of Governors, directors, officers, employees, faculty, students, invitees, and agents against any and all claims (including all legal fees and disbursements incurred in association therewith) arising from or out of the receipt or use of the Disclosing Party's Information by the Receiving Party including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any damages or losses, consequential or otherwise, arising from or out of the receipt or use of the Disclosing Party's Information by the Receiving Party, howsoever the same may arise.

7. No transfer of rights and duties under this Agreement

Neither party shall assign, transfer, mortgage, charge or otherwise dispose of any or all of its rights, duties or obligations granted to it under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other.

8. Term of this Agreement and return of all copies of information

This Agreement will be deemed to have come into force on the earlier date of the first date above written or the date when Information was transferred under this Agreement regardless of the date of execution, and shall be read and construed accordingly. This Agreement shall terminate on the expiration of a term of five (5) years after this Agreement comes into force unless earlier terminated by the mutual agreement in writing executed by duly authorized signatories of the parties. Forthwith upon the termination of this Agreement, the Receiving Party shall cease to use the Disclosing Party's Information in any manner whatsoever and upon the written request of the Disclosing Party shall forthwith deliver up to the Disclosing Party all of the Disclosing Party's Information, together with all full or partial copies thereof as shall then be in the Receiving Party's possession or control, except that the Receiving Party may retain one complete record copy of said Information for archival purposes to assure compliance with this Agreement. Notwithstanding any termination or expiration of this Agreement, the obligations created in this Agreement shall survive and continue to be binding upon the Receiving Party, its successors and assigns for the full term set forth above.

9. Applicable laws

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the « Province of the Participating Institution » and the laws of Canada in force therein without regard to its conflict of law rules.

10. Arbitration

In the event of any dispute arising between the parties concerning this Agreement, its enforceability or the interpretation thereof, the same shall be finally resolved by the provisions of Article 9 of the « network » Network Agreement.

11. Notices

All notices or other documents that either of the parties hereto are required or may desire to deliver to the other party hereto may be delivered only by personal delivery, by courier, by telecopy, or by registered or certified mail, all postage and other charges prepaid, at the address for such party set forth above or at such other address as that party may hereinafter designate in writing to the other.

12. **Miscellaneous Provisions**

No condoning, excusing or overlooking by either party of any default, breach or non-observance by the other party at any time or times in respect of any covenants, provisos, or conditions of this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of such party's rights under this Agreement in respect of any continuing or subsequent default, breach or non-observance so as to defeat in any way the rights of such party in respect of any such continuing or subsequent default or breach, and no waiver shall be inferred from or implied by anything done or omitted by such party, save only an express waiver in writing.

13.

This Agreement may be executed in counterpart, each such counterpart when taken as a whole with the other executed counterparts, constituting an original Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto executed this Agreement on the dates set forth below but effective as of the date first above written.

Signed for and on behalf of « _____ » by its duly authorized officer:

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Signed for and on behalf of « _____ » by its duly authorized officer:

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

I, « **Network Investigator** », «of the University » hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the provisions of this agreement.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____