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9. FEE

9.1 FEE SCHEDULE

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9.2 FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Fee may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Licensor and Licensee. Adjustments to the Fee may also occur as a result of clauses elsewhere in the License Agreement and shall be made at the time of annual invoicing within a term, or at renewal or termination.

9.3 INVOICES

Invoices shall be sent to the Licensee no later than sixty (60) days before the payment schedule due dates as outlined in Schedule 2. In the event that the invoice is received by the Licensee less than sixty (60) days before the due dates as set out in the payment schedule outlined in Schedule 2, payment to Licensor will be due sixty (60) days after receipt of the invoice.

10. TERM, RENEWAL, AND TERMINATION

10.1 AGREEMENT TERM

This License Agreement shall commence and shall terminate automatically on the dates as set out in Schedule 1 unless terminated earlier in accordance with Section 10.2 [Early Termination].

10.2 EARLY TERMINATION

10.2.1 EARLY TERMINATION FOR PAYMENT DEFAULT

The Licensor may terminate this Agreement by notice to the Licensee if the Licensee willfully defaults in making payment of the Fee as provided in this License Agreement and fails to remedy such default within sixty (60) days of notification in writing by the Licensor.

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10.2.4 EARLY TERMINATION FOR FINANCIAL EXIGENCY

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Upon termination of this License Agreement by Licensee under Section 10.2.2 [Early Termination for Breach] or Section 10.2.3 [Early Termination for Licensor Insolvency], the Licensor shall forthwith refund the proportion of the Fee that represents the paid but unexpired part of the term of this License Agreement.

10.2.6 EARLY TERMINATION BY A MEMBER

The performance of a Member of their obligations under the License Agreement shall be subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds provided, allocated, or allotted in institutional budgets for the purpose of the License Agreement for the current and future license term. Any Member may, at its option, provide notice to the Licensor and Licensee, by October 1st of each applicable calendar year within the License Agreement, of the non-availability of such funds and the intent to terminate their participation in the License Agreement beginning on January 1st of the forthcoming year. In the case of early termination under this clause, the Licensee's Members will continue to receive new content until the end of the period for which Licensee has paid in full.

If a Member executes this option, no refund of payments already received by the Licensor will be owed to the Member. The determination of whether funds are available shall be made in the sole discretion of the applicable Member. The termination of participation by any Member will not constitute a default or a termination of participation of any other Members under the License Agreement and shall not be grounds for any increase in fees payable by other Members. Upon termination, a Member has the ability to execute their rights under clause 10.5.3 [Continued Access to Licensed Materials].

10.3 RENEWAL OF TERM

This License Agreement shall be renewable at the end of the current term if agreed in writing by both parties prior to the termination of this License Agreement.

10.4 EXTENSION OF TERM

This License Agreement may be extended for a limited period of time at the end of the current term if agreed in writing by both parties prior to the termination of this License Agreement, or due to cause as outlined in section 6.8 [Service Interruption].

10.5 TERMINATION

10.5.1 NOTIFICATION OF TERMINATION

Upon termination of this License Agreement, the Licensee shall immediately notify the Members.

10.5.2 TERMINATION RIGHTS

Upon termination, all rights and obligations of the parties automatically terminate except for rights and obligations in respect of Licensed Materials for which Perpetual Access is granted in clause 2.2 [Perpetual Access Rights], for rights and obligations in respect of a refund under clause 10.2.5 [Early Termination Refund], if applicable, and for rights and obligations under such other provisions that, by their nature or their terms, survive termination.

10.5.3 CONTINUED ACCESS TO LICENSED MATERIALS

SPRINGER NATURE

Upon termination of this License Agreement, Licensor will provide continued access to the Licensed Materials for which Perpetual Access was granted in this License Agreement. The means by which Authorized Users shall have access to such Licensed Materials shall be in a manner and form substantially equivalent to the means by which access is provided during the term of this License Agreement, with provisions for ensuring forward compatibility with new technologies.

In order to provide this access, Licensor shall, as necessary and in Licensor's sole discretion:

- a.) provide continuing online access to archival copies of the Licensed Materials on the Licensor's Platform without supplementary fees to the Licensee or Members; or
- b.) provide to the Licensee, Member, or third-party archiving service, upon request and within 90 days, one copy of the entire set of Licensed Materials and associated metadata to be maintained as an archival copy for the purpose of delivering continuing online access to Authorized Users.

The cost of electronic delivery of Licensed Materials and associated metadata to the Licensee or Member or a third-party archiving service shall be borne by Licensor, unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties.

The archival copy from the Licensor shall be provided without Digital Rights Management Technology in a mutually agreeable medium suitable to the content, but may not contain all the links and other features and functionality associated with the Licensed Materials pursuant to this License Agreement.

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11. GENERAL

11.1 ENTIRE LICENSE AGREEMENT

The following documents shall comprise the entire License Agreement between both parties concerning the subject matter of this License Agreement, and, in the event of any dispute concerning construction thereof, shall have the following order of precedence:

- a.) This License Agreement and all schedules and other documents attached and incorporated by reference.

11.2 ALTERATIONS

Alterations to this License Agreement and to the schedules to this License Agreement are only valid if they are recorded in writing and signed by both parties.

11.3 ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER

Licensor may assign its rights or delegate its obligations, or any part thereof under this License Agreement, or use subcontractors, without the prior consent of Licensee or its Members, provided that such assignment does not constitute a novation of this License Agreement. Licensor will require any such party comply with Licensor's obligations under this License Agreement. Except with consent of the Licensee, no assignment or subcontracting relieves the Licensor of the obligations of this License Agreement. This License Agreement may not be assigned or transferred by Licensee any other person or organization without the prior written consent of Licensor, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld, conditioned, or delayed.

11.4 EXECUTION

This License Agreement and any amendment thereto may be executed in counterparts, and signatures exchanged by mail or electronic means are effective to the same extent as original signatures.

11.5 FORCE MAJEURE

Neither a party's nor a Member's delay or failure to perform any provision of this License Agreement as a result of circumstances beyond its control (including, without limitation, war, strikes, floods, governmental restrictions, power, telecommunications or Internet failures, "denial of service" or similar attacks, or damage to or destruction of any network facilities) shall be deemed to be, or to give rise to, a breach of this License Agreement.



11.6 SEVERABILITY

The invalidity or un-enforceability of any provision of this License Agreement shall not affect the continuation or enforceability of the remainder of this License Agreement.

11.7 WAIVER OF CONTRACTUAL RIGHT

Either party's waiver, or failure to require performance by the other, of any provision of this License Agreement will not affect its full right to require such performance at any subsequent time, or be taken or held to be a waiver of the provision itself.

11.8 NOTICES

Any notices to be served on either of the parties or on a Member by the other shall be sent by registered mail, electronic mail, or courier to the address of the addressee as set out in this License Agreement or to such other address as notified by either party to the other as its address for service of notices. Any such notice sent by registered mail shall be deemed to have been given 14 days after the date of posting the mail. Any such notice sent by courier or electronic mail shall be deemed to have been given on the date of receipt.

11.9 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

If the parties disagree over an interpretation of this License Agreement or whether a party or a Member is in breach of any part of this License Agreement, the parties and any such Member shall, in good faith, enter into negotiations to resolve the disagreement and discuss the feasibility of resolving the disagreement by mediation or other means short of litigation. The parties shall cooperate in good faith in pursuing mediation or such other means.

11.10 GOVERNING LAW

This License Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the province of the registered address of the Consortium, and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

11.11 VENUE

The Licensor agrees that any action or proceeding instituted by it relating to this License Agreement or its dealings with the Licensee or a Member pursuant to this License Agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in the Province of the registered address of the Consortium, Canada, and for that purpose the Licensor now irrevocably and unconditionally attorns and submits to the jurisdiction of such court. The Licensor further agrees that Licensee may, at its sole discretion, bring any action or proceeding relating to this License Agreement in a court of competent jurisdiction in the Province of the registered address of the Consortium, Canada or in any jurisdiction in which the Licensor is incorporated, registered or resident. In any such event, the Licensor agrees that it will irrevocably waive any right to, and will not, oppose any such action or proceeding on any jurisdictional basis, including forum non conveniens.