

## Dell APEX Reseller Agreement – Germany for APEX Outcome Based Services

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This Dell APEX Reseller Agreement for APEX Outcome Based Services (the “**Agreement**”) applies to the Dell Technologies “**APEX**” branded service (“**APEX Service**”) and any other related Dell Technologies services identified on a Quote (“**Related Service(s)**”) ordered by you, on behalf of your company, (“**Reseller**”) from the Dell Technologies entity which invoices Reseller for the APEX Service (“**Dell**”). By agreeing to Dell’s Quote (through physical signature, electronic signature or clicking to accept): **(a) Reseller agrees to be legally bound by the Agreement; and (b) you represent to Dell that you are authorized to agree to the Agreement on behalf of Reseller.** The “**Effective Date**” of the Agreement is the earlier of the date Reseller agreed to the Quote referencing this Agreement or the date Customer first used the APEX Service and/or the Related Service.

### 1. Definitions.

“**Affiliate**” means: (a) with respect to Reseller, any other entity that directly or indirectly controls, is owned by, controlled by or under common ownership or control with Reseller; and (b) with respect to Dell means Dell Inc. and its wholly-owned or wholly-controlled subsidiaries. “**Control**” means more than 50% of the voting power or ownership interests.

“**APEX System**” means the Dell-branded IT hardware (“**Equipment**”) and/or software (including microcode, firmware, operating systems, or applications) (“**Software**”) which are used to operate the APEX Service. References to the APEX Service include the APEX System.

“**Colocation Site**” means, where applicable, a third party Site.

“**Customer**” means a customer of Reseller that purchases the APEX Service and any Related Service from Reseller for its own internal business purposes and not for resale.

“**Customer Content**” means data (including but not limited to all text, sound, video, and image files), software (including machine images), and other information Customer or End Users store, use or make available to Dell on the APEX Service. Customer Content does not include System Data relating to Customer’s or End Users’ use of the APEX Service and which is described in the Service Offering Description.

“**Dell APEX Terms for Channel End Customers**” or “**Flow Down Terms**” means the terms and conditions that apply to a Customer’s access and use of the APEX Service and Related Service, including the applicable Service Offering Description. The Dell APEX Terms for Channel End Customers can be found at [https://www.dell.com/learn/us/en/uscop1/legal\\_terms-conditions\\_dellwebpage/apex-terms-for-channel-end-customers](https://www.dell.com/learn/us/en/uscop1/legal_terms-conditions_dellwebpage/apex-terms-for-channel-end-customers) and may be updated from time to time.

“**End Users**” means Customer’s customers or other third parties to whom Customer may provide a service using the APEX Service.

“**Order**” means Reseller’s order for the APEX Service and any Related Services that is confirmed by Dell. Confirmation of Orders is described in Clause 4.1.A (Order Confirmation).

“**Quote**” means Dell’s written quotation or online quotation for an APEX Service and any Related Services. A “Quote” also includes an “APEX Subscription Quote” or an amendment to an APEX Subscription Quote.

“**Service Level Agreement**” or “**Service Level Objective**” means the then-current version of Dell’s performance commitments for the APEX Service. If applicable, these will be provided in the Service Offering Description.

“**Service Offering Description**” means the then-current version of the Dell document that describes the APEX Service Reseller ordered.

“**Site**” means the location where the APEX System is installed. The Site will be either Customer’s premises or a Colocation Site. Reseller will provide Dell with the required Site information.

**“Subscription Term”** means the period of each APEX Service in Reseller’s Order, and any extensions. The initial Subscription Term begins as specified in the Order and/or the Service Offering Description.

**“Territory”** means the European Economic Area (“EEA”) and Switzerland. Reseller’s focus territory is Germany.

**“Third-Party Claim”** means any third-party allegation, claim, action, demand, or lawsuit arising from or relating to: (a) Customer Content or Third-Party Products; (b) Reseller’s use of any APEX Service and any Related Services in violation of the Agreement; (c) Customer’s or End User’s use of APEX Service and any Related Service in violation of the Flow Down Terms; (d) combination of the APEX Service with non-Dell products, non-Dell content including any Customer Content, and/or any Third-Party Products; or (e) Reseller’s infringement or misappropriation of Dell’s, Dell Affiliates’ or third parties’ intellectual property rights.

**“Third-Party Products”** means hardware, software, products, or services that are not Dell-branded. Third-Party Products are not embedded components of the APEX Service.

## **2. The APEX Service.**

### **2.1 Scope; Right to Resell.**

A. The Agreement applies to the APEX Service Reseller ordered when Reseller agrees to the Quote. Orders for other APEX Services and other Related Services, including amendments to APEX Subscription Quotes, will be governed by the Agreement agreed by Reseller with the new Quote or amendment to the APEX Subscription Quote from Dell. This Agreement does not apply to any other Dell products and services Reseller purchases and resells pursuant to a separate resale agreement with Dell (each an **“Existing Reseller Agreement”**). The Agreement shall not be deemed to modify, supersede, or amend any Existing Reseller Agreement, and any Existing Reseller Agreement shall not apply to Reseller’s purchase and resale of the APEX Service. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by Dell, this Agreement does not apply to the purchase of APEX Service and any Related Services for Reseller’s or Reseller Affiliate’s internal end-use.

B. Subject to compliance with local laws and the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Reseller is authorized to resell the APEX Service and Related Service to a Customer that is located in the Territory, agrees to the Flow Down Terms, and is identified in the Order (the **“Resale Right”**). Reseller shall cause such resale to be described in a contract separately executed between Reseller and the Customer (the **“Customer Agreement”**). Reseller shall not directly or knowingly indirectly market, resell, or distribute the APEX Service or Related Service: (i) outside the Territory or (ii) to any consumers. Reseller shall not market, resell, distribute, or use the APEX Service or Related Service other than as expressly permitted in this Agreement.

C. Reseller shall ensure that the Customer Agreement, at a minimum and without contradiction, contains the Flow Down Terms and provisions that: (i) specify the APEX Service and any Related Service being ordered pursuant to this Agreement for resale to Customer; (ii) are sufficient to enable Dell to access the Site to provide any warranty maintenance or support services, monitor and meter the APEX Service as described in this Agreement and the Service Offering Description, and to take possession of the APEX System in the event of any termination of, or default under, the Customer Agreement, the Flow Down Terms, or this Agreement or in the event of any Customer Bankruptcy or Customer Non-Payment Event; and (iii) name Dell as a third party beneficiary to the Customer Agreement; (iv) state the Customer’s obligation to pay Reseller for the APEX Service is unconditional by explicitly stating such obligations are “absolute, unconditional and non-cancellable and shall not be subject to any abatement, reduction, set off, defense, delay or counterclaim for any reason whatsoever”; (v) allow disclosure of the Customer Agreement to Dell, its Affiliates and funding partners; and (vi) are sufficient to satisfy Reseller’s obligations contained herein including but not limited to those obligations to include certain provisions in the Customer Agreement, and those obligations to ensure Customer’s agreement, compliance and/or cooperation, throughout this Agreement. Reseller shall indemnify Dell from any damages or liability which arise from Reseller’s failure to meet the requirements of this Clause 2.1.C.

### **2.2 Site Options and Requirements.**

A. **Dell Colocation Site.** If Reseller Ordered a Dell offered Colocation Site option (where available), then (a) Dell will be responsible for arranging hosting of the APEX System in an appropriate data center environment; and (b) the following clauses of the Agreement will not apply: Clause 4.5 (Shipment), Clause 4.6 (Title to APEX System), Clause 4.7 (Bankruptcy Rights), Clause 4.8 (Risk of Loss), Clause 4.9 (Insurance), Clause 4.10 (Financial Statements), Clauses 6.4.A(b)

(Generally), Clause 6.4.B (Additional Recovery Rights), Clause 7.2 (Site Access), and Clause 7.5 (Replaced Parts).

**B. Non-Dell Colocation Site.** If Reseller locates the APEX System at a non-Dell provided Colocation Site, then Reseller and Customer will be responsible for ensuring that Dell has the level of access to the non-Dell provided Colocation Site required in Clause 7.2 (Site Access). Reseller agrees to hold Dell harmless from and against any and all disputes, claims or controversies (whether in contract, tort (including negligence) or otherwise) resulting from Reseller or Customer locating the APEX System at a non-Dell provided Colocation Site.

**C. Landlord Waiver.** If requested by Dell, Reseller will arrange (or Reseller will ensure that Customer arranges) for Colocation Site landlord to sign a landlord waiver agreement confirming Dell's ownership of the APEX System and Dell's right to access the APEX System in connection with the APEX Service and this Agreement.

**2.3 Service Offering Description.** The scope and details of the APEX Service, including the Colocation Site option if ordered from Dell, are provided in the Service Offering Description. Unless otherwise defined in the Service Offering Description, the references in the Service Offering Description to "Customer" or "you" shall be understood as a reference to the Customer that is entitled to receive the APEX Service, except that for pricing, billing, refund, ordering (including without limitation, expansion, extensions, and add-ons), cancellation, and similar financial terms, the references to "Customer" or "you" shall mean Reseller.

## **2.4 Use and Ownership of the APEX Service and Related Services.**

**A.** Reseller may access and use the APEX Service only: (i) during the Subscription Term; (ii) as necessary to exercise the Resale Right; (iii) as otherwise permitted by the Customer, subject to Customer's rights to grant any such access and use as provided in the Flow Down Terms and the Service Offering Description; and (iv) in accordance with the Agreement.

**B.** Customer may access and use the APEX Service only: (i) during the Subscription Term; and (ii) as provided in the Flow Down Terms and the Service Offering Description. Reseller will notify Dell if Reseller becomes aware of Customer's violation of any of the Flow Down Terms. If the APEX Service includes Software that is licensed by Dell, then the Customer Agreement will require Customer to use the Software only: (a) in connection with Customer's use of the APEX Service and as provided in the Flow Down Terms; (b) for the Subscription Term; and (c) in accordance with Dell's [End User License Agreement](#) ("EULA"). The Customer Agreement will also require that Customer must not: (1) resell or rent the use of the APEX Service; or (2) use the APEX Service in support of an offering, or for a purpose, which is intended to compete with Dell's APEX Service business.

**C.** If Dell believes a problem with the APEX Service is caused by, or results from, Customer Content, or Reseller's or Customer's use of the APEX Service, then Reseller agrees to cooperate with Dell in order to identify and resolve the problem.

**D.** Reseller agrees that Dell owns all rights, titles, and interests in and to the APEX Service and any Related Services and all improvements, enhancements, modifications, and derivative works, and all intellectual property rights in all of these. Reseller's rights to use the APEX Service are limited to those specifically stated in writing in the Agreement. Reseller agrees that Reseller and Customer do not have any other implied rights in, or to, the APEX Service or any Related Services. Dell reserves all rights not granted to Reseller in the Agreement.

## **3. Modifications.**

**3.1 Generally.** Dell may modify the APEX Service from time to time. Modifications may include optional new features for the APEX Service, which Customer may use subject to the then-current Service Offering Description or changes to components of the APEX System. Dell will inform Reseller and/or Customer of material modifications, either by email, through the APEX Console, through a Dell sales representative, or directly through the APEX Service. Customer's continued use of the APEX Service after the date of any modification will be considered as Reseller's and Customer's acceptance of the modified APEX Service and any associated changes to the Service Offering Description.

### **3.2 Material Modifications.**

**A. Option to Terminate.** If Dell removes a material feature or materially reduces the functionality of the APEX Service, then Reseller will have the right to terminate the Order for the APEX Service if Customer chooses to terminate its order for

the APEX Service with Reseller by notifying Dell within 30 days from the date of Dell's modification notice. If Reseller elects to terminate that Order, then termination occurs on: (a) the date Dell receives Reseller's notice of termination; or (b) any later date Reseller specifies in Reseller's notice (though this date must not occur more than 90 days after the date Dell receives Reseller's termination notice).

B. **Right to Refund.** Reseller remains responsible for the payment of all fees incurred through the termination date. Dell will promptly refund any prepaid fees for the APEX Service or Related Services that will not be provided as a result of termination by Reseller under Clause 3.2.A (Option to Terminate).

#### **4. Orders, Payment, Shipment, Title to APEX System, and Insurance.**

##### **4.1 Orders.**

A. **Ordering Process.** Reseller may request a Quote for the APEX Service and any Related Services from Dell. Quoted prices are effective until the expiration date of the Quote (or 30 days if there is no expiration date stated in the Quote) but may change due to shortages in materials or resources, increase in the cost of manufacturing, or other factors. Reseller orders the APEX Service and Related Services which are subject of a Quote by agreeing to Dell's Quote (through physical signature, electronic signature or clicking to accept) and issuing a purchase order that references Dell's Quote. Reseller's orders are subject to Dell's confirmation, as provided in Clause 4.1.B (Order Confirmation), to Dell credit approval, and to availability, and are cancellable only by Dell. Dell is not responsible for pricing, typographical or other errors in any Quote and may cancel Orders affected by such errors.

B. **Order Confirmation.** Reseller's Orders are subject to Dell's confirmation. An Order is confirmed upon the earlier of: (a) Dell's written confirmation; or (b) as otherwise provided in the Service Offering Description. Dell is not required to provide the APEX Service and any Related Services until (i) Reseller has provided all information Dell needs to process the Order and provision the APEX Service and Related Services and (ii) the Customer has agreed to the Flow Down Terms. Unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, all Orders are non-refundable and non-cancellable.

C. **Payment of Fees.** Reseller must pay all APEX Service and Related Services fees Reseller or Customer incurs. Fees may consist of a committed amount as well as additional amounts, including fees for add-on features that Reseller orders or Reseller or Customer enables, and fees based on actual usage of the APEX Service. Reseller must establish a method of payment to cover all fees when ordering an APEX Service and any Related Services.

D. **Additional Fees.** Dell may invoice Reseller directly for any additional fees arising from an Order. Reseller agrees that Dell may invoice Reseller for fees even if a corresponding purchase order was not received from Reseller.

E. **Customer Evidence.** Dell may request, and Reseller agrees to provide, evidence (excluding confidential terms and pricing) that a final binding purchase order has been placed by the Customer for the APEX Services and any Related Services being ordered. Reseller's submitted evidence will be subject to Dell's approval and will not include letters of intent, purchases conditional on a future event, internal distributor documentation, or awards of public tender offers.

4.2 **Payment Terms.** Reseller must pay all fees within the time period noted on Dell's invoice or, if not noted, then within 30 days from the date of invoice, subject to maintaining credit approval with Dell, and in the currency agreed in the Order. Interest on late payments will accrue after the due date at the legal rate. If Reseller defaults on payments due under this Agreement, then Dell may suspend the APEX Service and Related Services.

4.3 **Taxes.** The fees invoiced for the APEX Service and any Related Services are exclusive of all taxes (including VAT, sales, use, or other equivalent taxes), governmental fees, levies, customs, and duties resulting from Reseller's Order (other than taxes on Dell's income or employees). If Dell is required to collect and remit any taxes, then Dell will add the appropriate amount to Reseller's invoices as a separate line item. Reseller agrees to pay the taxes to Dell in addition to the APEX Service and any Related Services fees. If Reseller is tax exempt, Reseller must promptly provide a valid tax exemption certificate or other appropriate proof of exemption at the time of onboarding to the APEX Console or at Dell's request. If Reseller is required to withhold taxes, Reseller will: (a) provide Dell with 10 days' notice of intent to withhold taxes and the applicable withholding tax rate based on local tax laws and relevant tax treaties; and (b) provide Dell with satisfactory evidence (e.g., official withholding tax receipts) of withheld taxes within 60 days from the date Reseller remitted them to the applicable tax authority.



**4.4 Invoice Errors.** If Reseller finds a material error in an invoice, then Reseller must notify Dell in writing within 10 days from its receipt. Any amounts Dell and Reseller both agree in writing to be correct must be paid before the later of: (a) 14 days following the date of Dell's corrected invoice; (b) the original due date; or (c) the due date as provided in the corrected invoice. If Reseller withholds payment on the basis that an invoice is incorrect and Dell finds that the amount is accurate, then Reseller must pay interest on the unpaid disputed amount from the invoice due date until Dell receives payment. Reseller may not offset, defer, or deduct any invoiced amounts that Dell determines are correct following completion of this process.

**4.5 Shipment.** Dell will ship the APEX System to the Site when included as part of the APEX Service. The terms and process for shipment and delivery of the APEX System will be stated in the applicable Service Offering Description.

**4.6 Title to APEX System.** Dell owns all rights, title, and interest in the APEX System (including any replaced parts), and the APEX System must be returned to Dell at the end of the Subscription Term (or promptly upon replacement with respect to replaced Equipment or parts). The APEX System will be identified as Dell's, and Reseller or Customer will not remove, cover, or alter plates, labels or any other markings placed upon the APEX System by Dell. The APEX System is NOT subject to any of the liens and security interests of Reseller's or Customer's lender(s). Further, Reseller or Customer cannot use the APEX System as collateral for a loan or as security against any debt. Reseller will immediately notify Dell in writing if Reseller's (or if Reseller is aware Customer's) lenders or creditors or other third parties claim any rights to, or seek to take possession of, the APEX System. Reseller shall prevent the APEX System from being attached to or fixed to Customer's or the Customer's landlord's property in a manner that the APEX System becomes an essential part of the realty or an essential part of a uniform thing.

**4.7 Bankruptcy Rights.** If this Agreement is determined to be anything other than a services agreement from Dell to Reseller, then Reseller grants Dell a first priority security interest in the APEX System (and all proceeds thereof) and Dell retains the first lien and security interest in the APEX System and all proceeds. Reseller agrees that Dell may file protective documents with government or other authorities in Reseller's jurisdiction of incorporation or other applicable locations in order to inform third parties and lenders that Dell owns the APEX System at the Site (including UCC-1 filings if the Site is located in the United States of America). For the purpose of U.S. bankruptcy law, Reseller agrees that the Agreement is an "Executory Contract" with mutual obligations for both Reseller and Dell.

**4.8 Risk of Loss.** As between Dell and Reseller, the entire risk of loss, theft, damage or destruction of the APEX System transfers to Reseller upon Dell's delivery of such to the Site until the time the APEX System is returned to Dell. If any loss, theft, damage or destruction to the APEX System occurs during the time Reseller bears such risk, Dell shall be relieved of its APEX Service obligations to the extent such event impacts Dell's ability to provide such APEX Service until such time as the APEX System is repaired or replaced. Charges shall continue to accrue during this period of such interruption. If the APEX System is materially damaged, stolen or destroyed, Reseller shall ensure Dell is promptly notified.

**4.9 Insurance.** Reseller will insure (or cause to be insured) the APEX System with a reputable insurance company against all: (a) liability whatsoever to any third party arising from Reseller's or Customer's use of the APEX System; and (b) loss or damage to the APEX System from all insurable risks for its full replacement cost; and (c) other risks that a prudent person would reasonably insure. In regard to (a) and (b), Dell will be named as both additional insured and loss payee respectively. When requested, Reseller will provide Dell with evidence that the required insurance is in effect. Reseller must immediately notify Dell of any loss claim and Reseller agrees not to settle any insurance claims without Dell's prior written agreement.

**4.10 Financial Statements.** Reseller agrees to (i) furnish Reseller's financial statements (prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles) and other financial information, relating to the Agreement within five (5) business days as Dell may from time to time reasonably request; and (ii) provide Dell with the Customer's financial statements (prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles), and other financial information related to an Order for Customer that Dell may reasonably request ("**Customer Financial Information**"), prior to acceptance of an Order, and within five business days as Dell may otherwise reasonably request from time to time; the provision of (i) and/or (ii) being subject to the applicable confidentiality terms as provided for in the Agreement. Any determination by Dell, at any time, that any information provided pursuant to this paragraph is wrong, misleading, or not authentic, shall constitute an Event of Default pursuant to Clause 6.3.1.A of this Agreement.

**4.11 Reseller Pricing.** Reseller is free to determine and set its own resale pricing to the Customer of the APEX Service and any Related Services.

## 5. Suspension.

5.1 **Generally.** Dell may suspend all APEX Services and any Related Services subject of a current Order if: (a) Reseller is in material breach of the Agreement (including failure to pay invoices when due) and has not cured that breach within 10 days from Dell's notice unless a different period is stated in the notice; (b) Customer is in material breach of the Flow Down Terms and has not cured that breach within 10 days from Dell's notice unless a different period is stated in the notice; or (c) with immediate effect if Reseller or Customer breaches [Dell's Acceptable Use Policy](#), including all Dell updates to the Acceptable Use Policy during the Subscription Term ("AUP"). Dell will give Reseller notice before suspending the APEX Service(s) and any Related Services if permitted by law or, unless Dell reasonably believes that providing notice presents a risk of harm to the APEX Service(s), to other users of the APEX Service(s), or to any person or property, in which case, Dell will notify Reseller as soon as feasible or permitted. Dell will promptly reinstate the APEX Service(s) and any Related Services once Dell agrees that the issue(s) causing the suspension has been resolved.

5.2 **Effect of Suspension.** Reseller must pay all applicable fees incurred before and during any suspension. Reseller will not be entitled to any service credits under an applicable Service Level Agreement or Service Level Objective during any suspension.

5.3 **Termination for Suspension.** If Dell has the right to suspend the APEX Service(s) and any Related Services under Clause 5.1(c) (Suspension - Generally), then Dell also has the right to terminate the APEX Service(s) and any Related Services: (a) immediately upon written notice to Reseller in the event of a breach of the AUP; or (b) as provided under Clause 6.2(c) (Termination) provided that the 30 day cure period is considered to start from the date of Dell's first notice under Clause 5.1(a) or Clause 5.1(b) (Suspension - Generally).

## 6. Term and Termination.

6.1 **Agreement Term.** This Agreement commences on the Effective Date and continues until terminated in compliance with this Clause.

6.2 **Termination.** Reseller may only terminate the Agreement (including any Order) as authorized in this Agreement. Either party may terminate the Agreement (including any Order) for cause. Notwithstanding other possible causes, the following shall constitute such cause: (a) Reseller is in default with payment of due fees (for at least two consecutive due payments) or not insignificant parts of due fees; (b) Reseller completely suspends payments or discontinues its business operations; or (c) the other party's financial condition has been materially impaired since the conclusion of the Agreement; (d) an application for insolvency has been filed with respect to the other party's assets or any insolvency proceedings have been instituted with regard to the other party's assets or any insolvency proceedings are dismissed for lack of assets; or (e) the other party commits a material breach of the Agreement and has failed to cure the breach within 30 days from the other party's written notice.

### 6.3 Events of Default; Assignment of Customer Agreement

#### 6.3.1 **Events of Default; Remedies.**

A. **Events of Default.** The occurrence of any of the following in connection with this Agreement or any Order shall constitute an Event of Default: (i) Reseller shall fail to pay the APEX Service and/or any Related Service fee within thirty (30) days of its due date; (ii) Reseller shall fail to perform any provision, covenant, condition or agreement, and such failure shall continue for thirty (30) days after notice thereof; (iii) reorganization or opening of an insolvency proceeding, shall be instituted by or against Reseller or any insolvency proceedings are dismissed for lack of assets, or (iv) reorganization or opening of an insolvency proceeding shall be instituted by or against Customer or any insolvency proceedings are discussed for lack of assets ("**Customer Bankruptcy**").

B. **Remedies.** If an Event of Default shall occur, then Dell may exercise any one or more of the following remedies: (i) immediately terminate the Agreement; (ii) by notice in writing to Reseller, declare immediately due and payable, and Reseller shall be obliged to pay immediately, (1) all past due APEX Service fees and other past due amounts plus (2) all APEX Service and Related Service fees for the remainder of the Subscription Term with clause (2) being discounted to present value using the discount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago on the Effective Date of the Agreement; and

(iii) with notice and in accordance with applicable law, Dell may enter upon the Sites where the APEX System is located, free from all claims by Customer; provided that the parties shall reasonably cooperate to enable Customer to migrate and erase Customer Content and, for Dell to recover the APEX System, and Reseller shall be responsible for the payment of the actual documented costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Dell in retaking possession of the APEX System and/or seeking to recover amounts due. The parties agree that Dell should retake and regain immediate possession of the APEX System if Reseller and/or Customer are subject to (preliminary) insolvency proceedings. Reseller will ensure that the right of use is with Dell when Reseller and/or customer are subject to insolvency (preliminary) proceedings. If and as long as the (preliminary) insolvency administrator should deny Dell's request to repossess the APEX System or if other reasons should prevent the return of the APEX System to Dell, Dell is entitled to an appropriate compensation that amounts at least equal to the APEX Service and any Related Services fees owed to Dell under this Agreement (contractual service fees).

C. **Recovery of APEX System.** Reseller shall ensure that the Customer Agreement provides for Customer's consent to Dell's recovery of the APEX System in the circumstances and manner described in this Agreement.

#### 6.3.2 Assignment of Customer Agreement.

A. **Event of Assignment.** A Customer Agreement shall be assigned to Dell, subject to and in accordance with the terms of this Clause 6.3.2, if any of the following occur: (i) an Event of Default pursuant to Clause 6.3.1.A. (i), (ii) or (iii) of this Agreement, is declared by Dell; (ii) Customer Bankruptcy as to the Customer that is party to the Customer Agreement; (iii) a Customer's uncured failure to pay for the APEX Service and/or any Related Service when due occurs within the first six (6) calendar months of the Subscription Term ("**Customer Non-Payment Event**"); (iv) Customer is in default of the Customer Agreement due to an uncured failure to make any payment when due and Dell has determined in its commercially reasonable discretion that its ability to collect from the Customer will be materially impacted by delaying any further, and Dell or Reseller has requested assignment to Dell and Dell and Reseller have consented to such assignment to Dell which consent by either party shall not be unreasonably withheld; or, (v) if Dell and Reseller otherwise agree to such assignment of the Customer Agreement, and Customer consents to such assignment, in writing.

B. **Requirements for Assignment – Reseller Default.** In order to provide Customer with uninterrupted services in the occurrence of an Event of Default, Dell shall take assignment of a Customer Agreement pursuant to Clause 6.3.2.A.(i), only if the Customer Agreement meets the requirements set forth in Clause 6.3.2.C.(x)-(xi). below, and the Customer is not in default or material breach of the terms of the Customer Agreement.

C. **Requirements for Assignment – Customer Bankruptcy, Customer Non-Payment Event, or as Consented to.** Dell shall only be required to take assignment of a Customer Agreement in relation to the events described in Clauses 6.3.2.A.(ii), (iii), and (iv), if: (i) if in the case of Clause 6.3.2.A.(iii) Reseller has received no payment from the Customer under the applicable Customer Agreement; (ii) Reseller has, if requested by Dell, promptly provided the Customer with a notice indicating the Customer Bankruptcy constitutes a default or material breach pursuant to the Customer Agreement; (iii) Reseller has provided Dell prompt notice of every instance of Customer's uncured failure to pay for the APEX Service or Related Service; (iv) Reseller has provided to Dell all applicable Customer contacts and any other information necessary for Dell to conduct cash collection activities and any other associated activities; (v) Reseller is current on all, and has no outstanding overdue, payment obligations under this Agreement; (vi) Reseller has requested, in writing, that Dell take assignment of the Customer Agreement; (vii) Reseller, immediately following any Customer Non-Payment Event, has provided to the Customer any notices of non-payment that may be required by the Customer Agreement, and has taken all reasonable steps necessary to collect overdue amounts; (viii) Reseller provided timely and accurate invoices to the Customer in compliance with the terms of the Customer Agreement; and (ix) any related Customer default or material breach caused by the Customer's uncured non-payment of amounts due is not directly related to (a) a dispute in regard to the provision of the APEX Service or Reseller's performance, under any agreement between Reseller and Customer, (b) administrative or operational billing, invoicing and/or collections, and/or (c) Customer's attempt or intent to terminate, cancel or otherwise discontinue the Customer Agreement and/or APEX Service for any reason other than its financial inability to pay; (x) the applicable Customer Agreement: (a) unconditionally obligates the Customer to pay for the APEX Service and any Related Service in amounts that equal or exceed the amounts Reseller is obligated to pay Dell for the remainder of the Subscription Term; (b) states the Customer's obligation to pay Reseller for the APEX Service and any Related Service is unconditional by explicitly stating such obligations are "absolute, unconditional and non-cancellable and shall not be subject to any abatement, reduction, set off, defense, delay or counterclaim for any reason whatsoever;" (c) has a payment structure substantially similar to the payment structure of this Agreement, including but not limited to, containing net 30 payment

terms, and providing no ability to cure any non payment which exceeds 30 days from the payment due date; (d) names Dell as a third party beneficiary; (e) states that Customer Bankruptcy, and uncured failure to pay amounts owed when due are each, separately, events constituting default, or material breach, of the Customer Agreement (“**Customer Default**”), that a Customer Default under any single Customer Agreement with the applicable Customer shall constitute a Customer Default under all Customer Agreements with that Customer, and that Reseller’s rights in remedy of such Customer Default are equivalent to the rights Dell has in remedy against Reseller in an Event of Default, listed in Clause 6.3.1.B. above, each remedy being cumulative and not alternative, and able to be enforced separately or together; (f) includes Customer’s consent to the assignment of the Customer Agreement to Dell, without notice, upon the occurrence of any Customer Default, such consent to assignment to explicitly include consent to Dell’s right, upon such assignment, to directly receive payment and seek collections directly from, and exercise and enforce Reseller’s remedies directly against, the Customer; (g) may not include the provision of, and, must be billed separately from, any products or services which are not included in the Orders under this Agreement; and, (h) meets all the requirements of Clause 2.1.C. above; and, (xi) Dell has not, in its sole discretion, determined that the Customer Financial Information provided pursuant to this Agreement is wrong, misleading, or is not authentic. Given the risk accepted by Dell and the contractual structure, Distributor warrants that Dell will not pay any cost or additional price for the assignment of the Customer Agreement to Dell (assignment free of charge). In the event of Customer Bankruptcy including but not limited to insolvency proceedings over the assets of the Customer, the respective insolvency administrator shall – if legally required – be approached to approve the assignment of the Customer Agreement to Dell pursuant to Clause 6.3.2.C instead of the Reseller or Customer. Furthermore, Reseller agrees that Dell may contact the insolvency administrator on Reseller’s behalf in order to obtain the administrator’s consent to an assignment of the Customer Agreement to Dell.

D. **Giving Effect to Assignment.** Dell shall not be required to take assignment of any Customer Agreement, pursuant to this Clause 6.3.2., if Reseller does not, if requested by Dell, provide to Dell a written agreement to such assignment from the Customer and/or Reseller. If assignment of the Customer Agreement pursuant to this Clause 6.3.2. is not possible, is determined to be invalid, or is blocked, delayed, or enjoined under any legal process then Dell may exercise any, or all, of its remedies pursuant to Clause 6.3.1.B.

E. **Requests for Assignment in Customer Non-Payment.** If Dell has requested, in writing, assignment of the Customer Agreement pursuant to Clause 6.3.2.A.(iv) and Reseller refuses such assignment, or does not respond to such request within 10 days, Dell shall not be required to take assignment of the Customer Agreement pursuant to Clause 6.3.2.A.(ii), (iii), or (iv).

F. **Rights After Assignment.** If Dell takes assignment of a Customer Agreement pursuant to this Clause 6.3.2: (i) Reseller shall have no rights in any amounts Dell receives or recovers from the Customer and shall be obligated to immediately send to Dell any and all payments received from the Customer pursuant to the Customer Agreement after such assignment; (ii) Dell will excuse Reseller from Reseller’s obligation to pay the APEX Service fee for the remainder of the Subscription Term and, by notice in writing to Reseller, declare immediately due and payable, and Reseller shall be obliged to pay immediately, all past due APEX Service and Related Service fees and other past due amounts related to this Agreement; (iii) Reseller will have no further obligation to invoice or collect payment from Customer, or to recover or return the APEX System, provided that Reseller shall cooperate with Dell and provide all necessary assistance in Dell’s efforts to both collect the fees owed by Customer and repossess the APEX System; (iv) Reseller shall be obligated to pay Dell within 30 days of such assignment, amounts equal to any or all financial incentives, fees, and /or rebates (“**Incentives**”) (if the event triggering such assignment occurred after the first 6 months of the Subscription Term such amount shall be prorated based on the number of months remaining in the Subscription Term) and Dell shall not be required to pay Reseller any Incentives related to the applicable Customer Agreement or Order which have not yet been paid to Reseller; and (v) if Dell subsequently determines that the Customer Financial Information provided pursuant to this Agreement is wrong, misleading, or is not authentic, Dell’s consent to such assignment shall be revoked and/or void, and Dell may exercise any of its remedies pursuant to Clause 6.3.1.B.

#### 6.4 **Effects of Termination.**

A. **Generally.** When the APEX Service and any Related Services expire, terminate, or are rejected for any reason, Reseller must: (a) stop using the APEX Service and any Related Services and ensure the Customer stops using the APEX Service and any Related Services; (b) return (or ensure that Customer returns) the APEX System in compliance with the Service Offering Description, or if the Service Offering Description requires Dell to recover the APEX System, then Reseller will provide (or ensure that Customer provides) Dell with prompt access to the Site to recover the APEX System; and (c)



return or, if requested by Dell, destroy, any of Dell's Confidential Information in Reseller's possession or under Reseller's control (other than information that applicable law requires Reseller to retain). The Service Offering Description will state when Dell will delete any Customer Content. Reseller will notify Customer that the Customer is responsible for making sure that Customer has copies of all Customer Content that Customer requires prior to the date of any termination.

**B. Additional Recovery Rights.** Reseller agrees that upon expiration or termination of the APEX Service for any reason: (a) Dell may seek a court order to enforce Dell's right to recover the APEX System from the Site, and Reseller agrees to reasonably cooperate with Dell to enforce Dell's rights with Customer under any such court order; and (b) Dell is entitled to recover from Reseller the reasonable attorney fees resulting from this enforcement action. Reseller is liable for any return costs and shall reimburse Dell for the reasonable value of the APEX System (or any part thereof) that is not returned or is returned in a condition that evidences damage in excess of reasonable wear and tear.

**C. Refunds.** Reseller may be entitled to a refund of fees Reseller pre-paid to Dell for the APEX Service and any Related Services that will not be provided as a result of a termination in the following cases: (a) If Dell terminates the APEX Service under Clauses 8.1(b) (APEX Service Limited Warranty) or Clause 15.2(2) (Indemnification by Dell); and/or (b) If Reseller terminates the APEX Service and/or any Related Services under Clauses 3.2 (Material Modifications) or, if applicable, 6.2 (Termination) or 16.6 (Force Majeure). Any other termination/rejection of the APEX Service and/or any Related Services will not entitle Reseller to any refunds, credits, or exchanges. If: (i) Dell terminates the APEX Service and/or any Related Services due to Reseller's or Customer's material breach or following Dell's suspension of the APEX Service; or (ii) Reseller or Customer returns or surrenders the APEX System without Dell's prior permission before the end of the Subscription Term, then Reseller will promptly pay Dell all fees due for the APEX Service and any Related Services through the remainder of the Subscription Term.

**D. Survival.** The provisions relating to payment of outstanding fees, confidentiality, liability, and the Partner DPA (as defined in Clause 11.3 (Data Processing)) so long as Dell continues to process Reseller's "**Personal Data**" (as defined in the Partner DPA), all rights of action accruing prior to termination, along with any other provision of the Agreement that, expressly, or by its nature and context, is intended to survive, will survive termination.

## **7. Support Services.**

**7.1 Generally.** The APEX Service includes the support and maintenance services described in the Service Offering Description ("**Support Services**").

**7.2 Site Access.** Dell requires the right to access the APEX System in a timely way and as provided in the Service Offering Description to provide the Support Services or as may be provided in the Quote with respect to any Related Services. Failure to provide (or failure to ensure that Customer provides) Dell with timely access to a Site will relieve Dell of the Support Services or Related Services obligations and Dell may also, at Dell's discretion, suspend the APEX Service.

**7.3 Changes.** Reseller and Customer may not relocate the APEX System without Dell's prior written approval. If the applicable Service Offering Description allows Reseller or Customer to perform the following actions, then Reseller must notify Dell before Reseller or Customer doing so: (a) make changes to the APEX System configuration; or (b) deactivate the remote support features of any components of the APEX System. Dell will review all requests and may approve or deny them in Dell's sole discretion. Additional fees may apply.

**7.4 Access to Customer Content.** When providing Support Services, Dell will not access or use any Customer Content stored on the APEX System unless Reseller or Customer has authorized Dell to do so.

**7.5 Replaced Parts.** Reseller will notify Customer that Customer is responsible for removing all Customer Content stored on replaced parts of the APEX System, before their return to Dell. Reseller agrees that Dell has no liability for any Customer Content that Customer did not remove. Reseller may purchase a data deletion service from Dell, if available.

## **8. Warranty.**

**8.1 APEX Service Limited Warranty.** Dell warrants that the APEX Service will be provided in material conformance with the Service Offering Description. If the APEX Service does not comply with this warranty, Dell's entire liability and Reseller's and Customer's exclusive remedies are as follows: (a) Dell will make reasonable efforts to correct the non-conformance as provided in any applicable Service Level Agreement or Service Level Objective, or if none is provided,

within a reasonable period of time; and (b) if Dell is unable to correct the non-conformance for reasons for which Dell is responsible, then Dell may terminate the APEX Service and refund Reseller any pre-paid fees for the APEX Service that will not be provided as a result of the termination. Reseller must promptly notify Dell in writing of any non-conformance claims covered by this warranty. Without prejudice to the nature of the contract, and to the extent applicable under mandatory local law German Civil Code (“BGB”) sections 536 and 536a are excluded, except in cases of unlimited liability according to Clause 14 (Limitation of liability). Warranty claims are time barred after 12 months. For the avoidance of doubt Reseller’s and Customers rights of unjustified enrichment (Ansprüche aus ungerechtfertigter Bereicherung) shall not be affected.

**8.2 Related Services Warranty.** Dell will perform Related Services in a workmanlike manner in accordance with generally accepted industry standards. Reseller must notify Dell of any failure to so perform within 10 days after the date on which such failure first occurs. In such case, Dell will use reasonable efforts to correct such failure within a reasonable period of time. If, after reasonable efforts, Dell is not able to correct such deficiencies for reasons for which Dell is responsible, then Reseller may terminate the part of the Order related to the Related Services for cause by providing written notice to Dell. Dell will refund Reseller any pre-paid fees for the Related Service that will not be provided as a result of the termination. Without prejudice to the nature of the contract, and to the extent applicable under mandatory local law German Civil Code (“BGB”) sections 536 and 536a are excluded, except in cases of unlimited liability according to Clause 14 (Limitation of liability). Warranty claims are time barred after 12 months. For the avoidance of doubt Reseller’s and Customers rights of unjustified enrichment (Ansprüche aus ungerechtfertigter Bereicherung) shall not be affected.

**8.3 Limitations.** The warranties set forth in this Clause 8 (Warranty) do not apply to any Trial Service or APEX Service provided free of charge and does not cover problems caused by: (a) accident or neglect by Reseller, Customer or any third party; (b) any Third-Party Products, or other third party items or services with which the APEX Service is used; (c) installation, operation or use not in accordance with Dell’s instructions and the applicable documentation; (d) use in a manner or for a purpose for which the APEX Service was not designed; (e) modification, alteration or repair by anyone other than Dell; or (f) other causes beyond Dell’s control. Except where the APEX System is installed at a Dell provided Colocation Site, Dell has no obligation for any non-compliance caused by elements of the APEX System whose original identification marks have been altered or removed or if the APEX System is installed in an environment for which it was not designed. The APEX Service is not fault-tolerant and is not designed for, and must not be used in, hazardous environments requiring fail-safe performance, including any application where the failure of the APEX Service could lead to death, bodily injury, or physical or property damage (collectively, “**High-Risk Activities**”). Dell expressly disclaims any express or implied warranty of fitness for High-Risk Activities.

**8.4 Warranty Disclaimer.** . Dell does not warrant that the use of APEX Service or performance of the Related Services will be uninterrupted or error-free. Dell is not liable for delays, interruptions, service failures, or other problems inherent in use of the internet and electronic communications or for issues related to non-Dell provided Colocation Sites. Reseller agrees that Reseller is not relying on delivery of future functionality, public comments or advertising by Dell, or product roadmaps when ordering the APEX Service.

**8.5** Reseller shall not make any warranty on Dell’s behalf, and Reseller shall indemnify and hold Dell harmless from any claims related to any warranty Reseller grants that is beyond the warranties described in this Clause 8.

**9. APEX Trial Services.** Dell may provide Reseller with the ability to evaluate, or allow a Customer to evaluate, free of charge certain APEX Services or a feature of the APEX Service (“**Trial Service**”). Each Trial Service commences on the date Dell first provides Reseller or Customer with access to the Trial Service and the duration of the Trial Service is stated at the time of the order (“**Trial Term**”). For the purpose of Reseller’s or Customer’s use of Trial Services, Reseller agrees and will require Customer to agree that:

- (a) Use of a Trial Service is subject to the applicable Service Offering Description;
- (b) Reseller and Customer must not disclose to any third party the results of any comparisons that Reseller or Customer make between the Trial Service and any competitive offerings; and
- (c) Except as provided in this Clause 9 (APEX Trial Services) or otherwise stated in the Agreement, Trial Services are “APEX Services” for the purpose of other Clauses of the Agreement.

**10. Third-Party Offerings.** Dell may offer Third-Party Products for use with the APEX Service through an online marketplace, or using Dell's then-current Third-Party Product resale programs (e.g. "Extended Technologies Complete", "Software & Peripherals (S&P)"). Third-Party Products that Reseller orders from Dell through these resale programs are referred to as "**Third-Party Offerings**". Reseller may offer Third-Party Offerings to Customer for Customer's use, at Reseller's option, if available. If Reseller chooses to offer Third-Party Offerings to Customer for Customer's use, Reseller and Customer are responsible for complying with any terms applicable to the Third-Party Offerings, including any separate fees imposed by the provider of that Third-Party Offering (whether payable to Dell or directly to the third-party provider). Reseller agrees to comply with the standard license, services, warranty, indemnity, and support terms of the third-party manufacturer/supplier (or an applicable direct agreement between Reseller and the third-party manufacturer/supplier) for the Third-Party Offering. Even if Dell invoices for them, Dell does not provide support services for Third-Party Offerings. Reseller must contact the applicable third-party directly for support. **Third-Party Offerings are provided "AS IS"**. Dell may suspend or terminate provision and hosting of any Third-Party Offerings at any time, and that suspension or termination will not be deemed a material change to the APEX Service for the purpose of Clause 3.2 (Material Modifications).

## **11. Data Protection.**

**11.1 Security Measures.** Without limiting Dell's obligations under this Data Protection Clause, Dell will provide the APEX Service or any Related Service as applicable in compliance with reasonable and appropriate security measures stated in the [APEX Information Security Measures Addendum](#), including all updates during the Subscription Term ("**AISMA**"). The AISMA and the applicable Service Offering Description define the administrative, physical, technical and other safeguards applied to Customer Content residing in the APEX Service. Reseller will cause Customer to agree that Customer is responsible for applying appropriate security measures to Customer Content including: (a) controlling access Customer provides to Customer's personnel and/or End Users; (b) configuring the APEX Service appropriately; (c) ensuring the security of Customer Content (e.g., through encryption) while it is in transit and at rest; and (d) backing up Customer Content consistent with the requirements of Clause 14.2 (Prevention and Mitigation). Reseller acknowledges that, and will notify Customer that, Customer is solely responsible for ensuring that Customer has implemented appropriate security measures for Customer Content and Customer's intended use of the APEX Service. Reseller acknowledges that, and will notify Customer that, uploading Customer Content to the APEX Service does not constitute a disclosure by Customer of Customer's Confidential Information to Dell.

**11.2 Reseller Security Measures.** Through the APEX Console, Reseller may have access to Customer and/or End User data. Reseller agrees to implement commercially reasonable technical and organizational security procedures and measures, that are no less stringent than those required of Dell in the AISMA, to preserve the security and confidentiality of such data.

**11.3 Data Processing.** The Dell [APEX Partner Data Processing Addendum](#), including all updates during the Subscription Term ("**Partner DPA**") describes the parties' respective roles for the processing and control of Personal Data the parties may exchange in the performance of this Agreement. Reseller is responsible for providing any necessary legal notices to Reseller's personnel and/or purchasers, Customers, or End Users and obtaining any legally required consents related to Reseller's use, collection, disclosure, sharing, cross border data transfer and processing of Personal Data.

**11.4 Required Disclosures.** If Dell is required by a government body or court of law to disclose any Customer Content, Dell will provide Reseller and/or Customer, as appropriate, with notice and a copy of the demand as soon as practicable, unless prohibited by applicable law. Dell will take reasonable steps at Customer's expense to contest any required disclosure if requested by Customer.

## **12. Confidentiality.**

**12.1 Scope.** Information disclosed by one party to another in connection with the Agreement will be treated as "Confidential Information" if it is marked or identified as "confidential" or similar designation, or should reasonably be known by the receiver to be confidential. Confidential Information does not include information that is: (a) rightfully in the receiver's possession without prior obligation of confidentiality from the discloser; (b) a matter of public knowledge; (c) rightfully furnished to the receiver by a third party without confidentiality restriction; or (d) independently developed by the receiver (including its Affiliates) without reference to the discloser's Confidential Information.

**12.2 Protection.** The receiver will: (a) use Confidential Information of the discloser only for the purposes contemplated in the Agreement; and (b) protect Confidential Information from unauthorized disclosure to third parties for the following time

periods: (i) indefinitely with respect to technical information about a discloser's products and services (including the APEX Service) or any information about unreleased products or services; and (ii) 3 years from the date of receipt for all other Confidential Information. The obligations under this Clause will survive any termination of the Agreement.

**12.3 Exceptions.** Either party may disclose Confidential Information: (a) to an Affiliate, or to a subcontractor or supplier used by Dell to provide the APEX Service or the Related Service provided that they comply with the foregoing; and (b) if required by a government body or court of law, provided that the receiver gives the discloser reasonable notice, if permitted by law, so that the discloser may contest the disclosure or seek a protective order. In addition, Dell may disclose Confidential Information to relevant Dell distributors or Customers for the purpose of fulfilling Dell obligations to Reseller or Customer or in connection with the Dell Technologies Partner Program or channel sale or marketing activities associated with such program.

**12.4 Feedback.** Any feedback, enhancement requests, corrections, or suggestions that Reseller provides to Dell in connection with a Trial Service, the APEX Service, or a Related Service ("**Feedback**") is Dell's Confidential Information. Reseller agrees that Dell may use the Feedback without any restriction from Reseller or compensation to Reseller, and Reseller assigns to Dell all rights in, and to, Feedback.

**13. Monitoring.** Dell monitors the APEX Service and collects telemetry data relating to Reseller's and Customer's use of the APEX Service as further provided in the Service Offering Description. For any telemetry data to which Reseller has access, Reseller will use the data in accordance with the Service Offering Description and this Agreement including Clauses 11.2 (Reseller Security Measures) and 11.3 (Data Processing).

#### **14. Limitation of Liability.**

**14.1** For all claims of either party to the other in connection with this Agreement or any Order hereunder, whatever the legal basis may be (including tort), the following shall apply:

(a) **Unlimited Liability.** Claims based on the product liability act (Produkthaftungsgesetz), or claims resulting from personal injury or death shall be treated in accordance with applicable laws. The same applies to a defect occurring following the provision of a guarantee for the composition of Equipment and Software or works, in case of fraudulently concealed defects, as well as claims based on default in pre-contractual negotiations (Culpa in Contrahendo) already existing at the moment of conclusion of this Agreement. Nothing herein shall exclude or limit liability for: (i) Reseller's violation of the restrictions on use of the APEX Service, (ii) a party's indemnity obligations in the Agreement, or (iii) a party's violation or misappropriation of the other party's intellectual property rights.

(b) **Limitations.** In case of slight negligence, the parties (Reseller and Dell) are only liable in case of a violation of essential contractual duties (an obligation the performance of which is essential to allow the implementation and proper execution of the Agreement, and the compliance with which the other party usually relies or may rely on). The liability for slight negligence is then limited to contract-typical, foreseeable damages. This applies to all damage claims independent of their legal basis, including, in particular, tort claims.

(c) **Liability Cap.** In case of slight negligence for each damaging event or series of damaging events, Dell's liability shall be capped at 500.000,- Euro; and in any calendar year Dell's total liability shall not exceed the total amount of the net fees paid or payable by Reseller to Dell during the twelve (12) months period immediately preceding such claims for the APEX System giving rise to the liability claim, or one (1) Million Euros, whichever amount is higher.

(d) **Exclusions.** In case of slight negligence neither party shall be liable for: (i) loss of profit, income or revenue; (ii) loss of use of systems or networks; and (iii) loss of goodwill or reputation.

(e) **Data.** For loss of, corruption of or damage to data, software the liability is limited to the costs of re-installing a backup, even if, against Clause 14.2 (Prevention and Mitigation), no backup was created.

**14.2 Prevention and Mitigation.** In the Customer Agreement, Reseller will notify Customer that Customer is solely responsible for Customer Content and require Customer to implement IT architecture and processes enabling Customer to prevent and mitigate damages in line with the criticality of the Customer Content for Customer's business and its data protection requirements, including a business recovery plan. Reseller will also require Customer to: (a) provide for a backup process on a regular (at least daily) basis and backup relevant data before Dell performs any remedial, upgrade or other



works on the APEX Service or Customer's IT systems; (b) monitor the availability and performance of Customer's IT environment, including the APEX Service; and (c) promptly react to messages and alerts received from Dell or through notification features of the APEX Service and immediately report any issue Customer identifies to Dell. To the extent that Dell has any liability for loss of Customer Content, Dell will only be liable for the cost of commercially reasonable and customary efforts to recover the lost Customer Content from Customer's last available backup.

**14.3 Limitation Period.** Except as stated in this Clause, all claims must be made within the period specified by applicable law. If the law allows the parties to specify a shorter period for bringing claims, or the law does not provide a time at all, then claims must be made within 18 months after the event(s) giving rise to a dispute occurs.

**14.4 Guarantees.** Dell does not give a guarantee in relation to APEX System, APEX Service or Related Service (Beschaffenhheitsgarantie) that would entail an unlimited liability of Dell or a liability regardless of negligence or fault pursuant to the German Civil Code, except if an unlimited liability and/or liability regardless of negligence or fault has been expressly agreed in writing. The mere use of terms such as "to guarantee", "to ensure" or similar wording in Orders covered by this Agreement shall not be considered sufficient to establish such liability, but a binding contractual commitment of Dell that is subject to the agreed limitation of liability.

## **15. Indemnities.**

**15.1 Indemnification by Reseller.** Subject to the remainder of this Clause 15 (Indemnities), Reseller will: (a) defend Dell against any Third-Party Claim; and (b) indemnify Dell by paying (i) the resulting costs and damages finally awarded against Dell by a court of competent jurisdiction to the extent such are the result of the Third-Party Claim; or (ii) the amounts stated in a written settlement negotiated and approved by Reseller. Reseller may not, without Dell's prior written consent, settle any Third-Party Claim if that settlement obligates Dell to admit any liability, to make any monetary payment, or to undertake any material obligation, or if that settlement would affect any APEX Service, Related Service or Dell's business practices or policies.

**15.2 Indemnification by Dell.** Subject to the remainder of this Clause 15 (Indemnities), Dell will: (a) defend Reseller against any claim made by a third party to the extent it alleges that the APEX Service purchased from Dell or used by Reseller in compliance with the Agreement infringes that party's patent, copyright, or trade secret enforceable in the country where Reseller ordered the APEX Service from Dell (in this Clause "**Dell Indemnified Claim**"); and (b) indemnify Reseller by paying: (i) the resulting costs and damages finally awarded against Reseller by a court of competent jurisdiction to the extent they result from the Dell Indemnified Claim; or (ii) the amounts stated in a written settlement negotiated and approved by Dell. In addition, should any APEX Service become, or in Dell's opinion be likely to become, the subject of a Dell Indemnified Claim, Dell may, at its option: (1) modify or replace the affected APEX Service with a non-infringing substitute; or (2) terminate the APEX Service and refund any fees Reseller prepaid to Dell for the portion of APEX Service that will not be provided as a result of the termination. Dell will not be liable for any claims or damages due to Reseller's continued resale or use of an APEX Service that Dell has modified, replaced, or terminated as provided herein. Except as otherwise provided by law, this Clause 15.2 (Indemnification by Dell) states Reseller's exclusive remedies for any Dell Indemnified Claim relating to the APEX Service. Nothing in the Agreement or elsewhere will obligate Dell to provide Reseller any greater indemnity.

**15.3 Limitations.** Except for cases of gross negligence and willful misconduct, Dell will have no obligation under Clause 15.2 (Indemnification by Dell): (a) if Reseller is in material breach of the Agreement; or (b) for any Dell Indemnified Claim resulting or arising from: (i) any combination, operation or use of the APEX Service with any other products, services, items, or technology that are not Dell-branded, including Third-Party Products and open source software; (ii) Customer Content, Third-Party Products, Trial Services, or APEX Services provided free of charge; (iii) use for a purpose or in a manner for which the APEX Service was not designed, or use after Dell notifies Reseller or Customer to cease this use due to a possible or pending Dell Indemnified Claim; (iv) any modification to, or customized configuration of, the APEX Service performed by any person other than Dell or Dell's authorized representatives; (v) any modification to, customized configuration of, the APEX Service performed by Dell pursuant to Reseller's instructions, designs, specifications or any other information Reseller provided; (vi) use of any version of the APEX Service when an upgrade or newer iteration of the APEX Service made available by Dell would have avoided the infringement; (vii) services Reseller provides (including Dell Indemnified Claims seeking damages based on any revenue or value Reseller derives from Reseller's services or Customer Content); or (viii) any data or information that Reseller, Customer, or a third party records on or utilizes in connection with the APEX Service.

**15.4 Mutual Indemnity.** Except to the extent that a claim against Dell arises from Reseller's non-compliance with the restriction on High-Risk Activities, each party will defend and indemnify the other party against any third party claim or action for personal bodily injury, including death, to the extent directly caused by the indemnifying party's gross negligence or willful misconduct in the course of performing its obligations under the Agreement.

**15.5 Indemnification Process.** A party's duty to defend and indemnify under the Agreement is contingent upon the other party: (a) sending prompt written notice of the Indemnified Claim to the indemnifying party and taking reasonable steps to mitigate damages; (b) granting to the indemnifying party the sole right to control the defense and resolution of the Indemnified Claim; and (c) cooperating with the indemnifying party in the defense and resolution of the Indemnified Claim and in mitigating any damages. "Indemnified Claim" in this Clause 15.5 (Indemnification Process) means any and all claims indemnified by a party under this Clause 15 (Indemnities). If Reseller chooses to pursue remedy under any common law, statutory rights or analogous rights allowed by applicable law, Reseller's rights to Indemnified Claims under this Clause 15 (Indemnities) are waived.

## **16. General.**

**16.1 Governing Law; Jurisdiction.** The Agreement and all disputes in connection with the Agreement and/or the APEX Service are governed by the substantive laws in force in Germany, without regard to its conflict of law rules; and the exclusive place of jurisdiction for any dispute will be in Frankfurt am Main. In any event, neither the U.N. Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, nor the Uniform Computer Information Transaction Act will apply to the Agreement or any dispute.

**16.2 Trade Compliance.** Reseller is subject to and responsible for compliance with the export control and economic sanctions laws of the United States, the European Union and other applicable jurisdictions (collectively, "Applicable Trade Laws"). The APEX Service, Related Service, and any other services are for Reseller's authorized use and sale under this Agreement, and may not be used, sold, leased, exported, imported, re-exported, or transferred except in compliance with the Applicable Trade Laws. Reseller represents and warrants that it is not the subject or target of, or located in a country or territory that is the subject or target of economic sanctions under the Applicable Trade Laws. For further information about geographical restrictions and compliance with Applicable Trade Laws, visit [Dell Trade Compliance](#).

**16.3 Reseller Responsibility.** Reseller agrees that Reseller will obtain all necessary rights, permissions and consents associated with: (a) technology or data (including personal data) that Reseller provides to Dell; and (b) non-Dell software or other components that Reseller directs or requests that Dell use with, install, or integrate with the APEX Service or Related Service.

**16.4 Independent Contractors, Third-Party Rights.** The parties are independent contractors for all purposes under the Agreement and cannot obligate any other party without prior written approval. The parties do not intend anything in the Agreement to allow any party to act as an agent or representative of a party, or the parties to act as joint venturers or partners for any purpose. No party is responsible for the acts or omissions of any other. There are no third-party beneficiaries to the Agreement under any laws.

**16.5 Audit and Record-Keeping.** Reseller will maintain legible, accurate and complete books and records relating to the Agreement or the sale, licensing, delivery, or end-use of the APEX Service and any Related Services for a period of 5 years from the date of creation, unless mandatory local laws require a longer record retention period. At the end of the retention period, Reseller must dispose of all records appropriately. At Dell's request, Reseller must cooperate and assist Dell with any audit, review, or investigation ("**Audit**") that relates to (i) the Agreement or Reseller's compliance with law; (ii) Reseller's sale, distribution, licensing, or delivery of the APEX Service; (iii) any amounts payable by Dell; or (iv) any amounts due to Dell. In connection with an Audit, Reseller will deliver all records, information, and documents reasonably requested by Dell. Dell has the right to conduct onsite Audits, and Reseller will grant Dell and its employees and representatives reasonable access to information, records, personnel, and customers (including Customer Agreements and other agreements to verify Reseller's compliance with the Agreement), and provide entry and access to Reseller's premises or other locations (during normal business hours) where such information and records are located. Failure to cooperate with an Audit or provide the information or records requested by Dell is a material breach of this Agreement. Dell will pay the costs of an Audit except where a discrepancy of five (5) percent or more is discovered in the information disclosed by Reseller, in which case Reseller agrees to be responsible for all reasonable costs.

**16.6 Force Majeure.** Except for payment of fees, neither party will be liable for failure to perform its obligations during any period if performance is delayed or rendered impracticable or impossible due to circumstances beyond that party's reasonable control. If any delay or failure lasts longer than 30 days, then the other party may immediately terminate, in whole or in part, the relevant APEX Service and/or any Related Services by giving written notice to the delayed party.

**16.7 Assignment and Subcontracting.** Neither party will assign, transfer, or novate the Agreement, or any right or obligation or delegate any performance without the other party's prior written consent, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing: (a) Dell may use Affiliates or other qualified subcontractors to perform its obligations, provided that Dell will remain responsible for their performance; and (b) Dell may assign rights to payments arising from the APEX Service and any Related Services without Reseller's consent.

**16.8 Waiver and Severability.** Failure to enforce a provision of the Agreement will not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision of the Agreement. If any part of the Agreement is held unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions will not be affected.

**16.9 Notices.** The parties will provide all notices under the Agreement in writing. Reseller must provide notices to the local Dell entity which invoices for the APEX Service. Reseller consents to receiving notices from Dell through the APEX Console or as otherwise provided in the Agreement. Reseller is responsible for collecting Customer input in a timely manner as necessary for Reseller to fulfill Reseller's notice obligations in the Agreement. For clarity, it is Reseller's obligation to notify Dell where required herein, including as provided in the Service Offering Description, regardless whether Customer has separately notified Dell.

**16.10 References.** Reseller agrees that Dell may identify Reseller as an APEX Service and/or Related Services reseller in promotional or marketing materials provided that such materials do not disclose any of Reseller's Confidential Information.

**16.11 Entire Agreement, Conflict and Order of Precedence, Modifications.** The following are part of the Agreement: (a) the AUP; (b) the Partner DPA; (c) the AISMA; (d) the Service Offering Description; and (e) the Order. In the event of conflict, they will prevail in the following order: (i) the Service Offering Description (and all documents incorporated into it); (ii) the Agreement; (iii) the AUP; (iv) the Partner DPA; (v) the AISMA; and (vi) the Order. Reseller acknowledges that Reseller has read the Agreement, that Reseller understands it, that Reseller agrees to be bound by its terms, and that the Agreement, is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between Reseller and Dell regarding the APEX Service and any Related Services that Reseller is purchasing now. All previous representations, discussions, and writings are superseded by this Agreement and the parties disclaim any reliance on them. All content referenced in the Agreement by hyperlink is incorporated into the Agreement in its entirety and is available to Reseller in hardcopy form upon Reseller's request. The pre-printed terms of Reseller's purchase order or any other document that is not issued or signed by Dell do not apply to the APEX Service and any Related Services. Reseller represents that Reseller did not rely on any representations or statements that do not appear in the Agreement when accepting the Agreement. The Agreement may only be modified in writing signed by both parties; provided, however, that Dell may, in its sole discretion update the AUP, the AISMA, the Flow Down Terms, and the Partner DPA at any time. Dell will provide written notice if any such updates result in a material modification under Clause 3.2 (Material Modifications).