



# Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement

Form M 2024

This Agreement is made and entered into as of the last date signed below (the “Effective Date”) by and between HENNING, INC. (“HENNING”) and

\_\_\_\_\_ together with its wholly owned subsidiaries.

WHEREAS HENNING and \_\_\_\_\_ (each, a “Party” and together, the “Parties”) have an interest in participating in discussions to evaluate a potential transaction relating to:

\_\_\_\_\_ (the “Purpose”)

wherein either Party might share information with the other that the disclosing Party considers to be proprietary and confidential to itself (“Confidential Information”); and

WHEREAS the Parties agree that Confidential Information of a Party might include, but not be limited to that Party’s: (1) business plans, methods, and practices; (2) personnel, customers, and suppliers; (3) inventions, processes, methods, products, patent applications, and other proprietary rights; or (4) specifications, drawings, sketches, models, samples, tools, computer programs, technical information, data or other related information;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Either Party may disclose Confidential Information to the other Party in confidence provided that the disclosing Party identifies such information as proprietary and confidential either by marking it, in the case of written materials, or, in the case of information that is disclosed orally or written materials that are not marked, by notifying the other Party of the proprietary and confidential nature of the information, such notification to be done orally, by e-mail or written correspondence, or via other means of communication as might be appropriate.

2. When informed of the proprietary and confidential nature of Confidential Information that has been disclosed by the other Party, the receiving Party (“Recipient”) shall, for a period of three (3) years from the date of disclosure, refrain from disclosing such Confidential Information to any third party without prior, written approval from the disclosing Party and shall protect such Confidential Information from inadvertent disclosure to a third party using the same care and diligence that the Recipient uses to protect its own proprietary and confidential information, but in no case less than reasonable care. The Recipient shall ensure that each of its employees, officers, directors, shareholders, advisors or agents who has access to Confidential Information disclosed under this Agreement is informed of its proprietary and confidential nature and by a written agreement that contains non-use and confidentiality obligations at least as protective of Recipient’s Confidential Information as those set forth in this NDA or are otherwise bound to confidentiality obligations under their fiduciary duties. The Recipient shall promptly notify the disclosing Party of any disclosure of such Confidential Information in violation of this Agreement and, where legally permissible, provide notice of any subpoena or other legal process requiring production or disclosure of said Confidential Information.

3. All Confidential Information disclosed under this Agreement shall be and remain the property of the disclosing Party and nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as granting or conferring any rights to such Confidential Information on the other Party. Each Party shall use Confidential Information only for the Purpose. The Recipient shall honor any request from the disclosing Party to promptly return or destroy all copies of Confidential Information disclosed under this Agreement and all notes related to such Confidential Information. A party may retain one legal copy for archival purposes. To the extent a party’s computer backups or archiving procedures create copies of the Confidential Information, Recipient may retain such copies for the period it normally archives backed-up computer records so long as such copies are not readily accessible and are not used or consulted. The Parties agree that the disclosing Party will suffer irreparable injury if its Confidential Information is made public, released to a third party, or otherwise used or disclosed in breach of this Agreement and that the disclosing Party shall be entitled to obtain injunctive relief against a threatened breach or continuation of any such breach and, in the event of such breach, an award of actual and exemplary damages from any court of competent jurisdiction.

4. The terms of this Agreement shall not be construed to limit either Party’s right to develop independently or acquire products or information without use of the other Party’s Confidential Information. The disclosing party acknowledges that the Recipient may currently or in the future be developing information internally, or receiving



information from other parties, that is similar to the Confidential Information. Nothing in this Agreement will prohibit the Recipient from developing or having developed for it information, products, concepts, systems or techniques that are similar to or compete with the information, products, concepts, systems or techniques contemplated by or embodied in the Confidential Information provided that the Recipient does not violate any of its obligations under this Agreement in connection with such development.

5. Notwithstanding the above, the Parties agree that information shall not be deemed Confidential Information and the Recipient shall have no obligation to hold in confidence such information, where such information:

- (a) Is already known to the Recipient, having been disclosed to the Recipient by a third party without such third party having an obligation of confidentiality to the disclosing Party; or
- (b) Is or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act of the Recipient, its employees, officers, directors, or agents; or
- (c) Is independently developed by the Recipient without reference or access to any Confidential Information disclosed hereunder; or
- (d) Is approved for release (and only to the extent so approved) by the disclosing Party; or
- (e) Is disclosed pursuant to the lawful requirement of a court or governmental agency or where required by operation of law (such as the California Public Records Act).

6. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to constitute an agency, partnership, joint venture, or other similar relationship between the Parties.

7. Neither Party will, without prior approval of the other Party, make any public announcement of or otherwise disclose the existence or the terms of this Agreement, unless such disclosure is required pursuant to the lawful requirement of a court or governmental agency or where required by operation of law (such as the California Public Records Act).

8. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Parties and in no way creates an obligation for either Party to disclose information to the other Party or to enter into any other agreement.

9. This Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of two (2) years from the Effective Date unless otherwise terminated by either Party giving notice to the other of its desire to terminate this Agreement. The requirement to protect Confidential Information disclosed under this Agreement shall survive termination of this Agreement for the period provided in Section 2 of this Agreement.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this AGREEMENT on the date(s) indicated below.*

**HENNING, INC.**

  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

Henning Zieger  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name

President  
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 Title

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 Signature

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