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Other examples of prohibited conduct include but are not limited to a prohibition against posting files with viruses, impersonating other persons or entities, restricting another person’s use of the Site, posting or transmitting spam, chain letters, commercial advertising/solicitation, surveys, or other similar activities.

Owner does not control the information posted by you, and has no obligation to monitor your postings. However, if Owner is notified of allegedly infringing, defamatory, damaging, illegal or offensive content generated by you (e.g., through Owner-controlled interactive media), Owner may investigate the allegation and determine in its sole discretion whether to remove or request the removal of such Content from the Site. Owner may disclose any Content or electronic communication of any kind: (i) to satisfy any law, regulation or government request; (ii) if such disclosure is necessary or appropriate to operate the Site; or (iii) to protect the rights or property of Owner, its users, or Providers.

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VII. SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDELINES
A. GENERAL

These guidelines govern interactions by you on Owner-controlled interactive media including, but not limited to, websites, blogs, listservs, pages, feeds, channels, and other means of interactive communication (collectively, “Owner Social Media”). Owner Social Media are NOT private nor protected sites and can be viewed by members of the public. These guidelines apply to all users of Owner Social Media, including employees and third parties. You agree to abide by these guidelines in addition to any additional terms of use that may be noted on the specific Owner Social Media used.

B. POSTING PERSONAL, PRIVATE, AND/OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PROHIBITED

Owner Social Media is generally available to the public. THE POSTING OF PERSONAL, PRIVATE, AND/OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, WHETHER IT IS APPLICABLE TO YOU OR ANOTHER PARTY, SUCH AS ADDRESSES, TELEPHONE NUMBERS, ACCOUNT INFORMATION, PASSWORDS, BALANCES, ETC. ON ANY OWNER SOCIAL MEDIA IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND YOU AGREE THAT YOU WILL NOT DO SO. Owner is not responsible for anything that may occur if you post your own or a third party’s personal, private, and/or confidential information to Owner Social Media. Further you agree to be responsible for any damages that may result from posting any personal, private, and/or confidential information about you or a third party. If you have any doubt whether information could be confidential, IT SHOULD NOT BE POSTED.

C. DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

Your posting on Owner Social Media shall not contain the following:

- Confidential Content. Content which discloses any confidential or non-public third party information which you do not have permission and/or authority to disclose;

- Disparaging Content. Content that disparages any person or entity, including Owner and any entity affiliated with Owner, and/or any of their respective products or services;

- Infringing Content. Content that violates or infringes the rights of any person or entity including, but not limited to, privacy, publicity and/or intellectual property
rights, including the copyrights and brand rights of Owner and/or of third parties;

- Hateful Content. Content that is hateful, tortious, defamatory, slanderous, libelous, or obscene;

- Discriminatory Content. Content that promotes bigotry, racism, sexism, hatred or harm against any group or individual or promotes discrimination based on race, sex, religion, nationality, disability, sexual orientation or age;

- Unlawful Content. Content that is unlawful, in violation of or contrary to laws or regulations, including but not limited to those applicable to Owner and/or Owner Social Media; and

- Spam. We observe and enforce a zero-tolerance policy for posting sales pitches for outside products or services or posting comments that drive traffic to a third party's website (including for personal, political, or monetary gain).

All decisions regarding whether a posting on Owner Social Media violates these guidelines will be made by Owner, in its sole and absolute discretion. Owner reserves the right to remove any posting, whether created by Owner, an employee, or a third party, at any time, for any reason, without notice or explanation.

D. USER REPRESENTATIONS

By using Owner Social Media, you represent the right to post the content contained in the message and that you have obtained any necessary permission and clearances.

E. POSTINGS BY THIRD PARTIES, INCLUDING EMPLOYEES

Owner does not endorse any comments made by third parties, including its employees, unless they are specifically authorized spokespersons for Owner. Owner does not validate assertions or statements made by third parties. All statements and viewpoints expressed in comments are strictly and solely those of the commenter and do not necessarily represent the viewpoints, positions, strategies or opinions of Owner.

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IX. TERMINATION OF USAGE

Owner may terminate your access, or suspend your access to all or part of the Site, without notice, for any conduct that Owner, in its sole discretion, believes is in violation of any applicable law or is harmful to the interests of another user, a third party Provider, a service provider, or the Site.

X. USAGE BY CHILDREN UNDER 13

Owner cannot prohibit minors from visiting the Site. Owner must rely on parents, guardians and those responsible for supervising children under 13 to decide which materials are appropriate for such children to view and/or purchase.

The Site requires that all purchases be made either: (i) by individuals 13 years of age or older, or (ii) by minors under 13, through an Owner-authorized affiliated program which permits parents and other guardians to both pay for the purchases of minors, and give verifiable permission for such minors to purchase items on our site and for the collection by us of certain information in accordance with the terms of our privacy policy. EACH TIME YOU PURCHASE A PRODUCT AT WWW.TML.ORG, YOU ARE REPRESENTING TO OWNER THAT YOU ARE EITHER (I) AN INDIVIDUAL 13 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, OR (II) A MINOR UNDER 13 WHO IS PURCHASING THROUGH AN OWNER-AUTHORIZED AFFILIATED PROGRAM WHICH PERMITS PARENTS AND OTHER GUARDIANS TO BOTH PAY FOR THE PURCHASES OF MINORS AND GIVE VERIFIABLE PERMISSION FOR SUCH MINORS TO PURCHASE ITEMS ON OUR SITE AND FOR THE COLLECTION BY US OF CERTAIN INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF OUR PRIVACY POLICY.

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