Mutual NDA (EXAMPLE)

Below is an example of a mutual non-disclosure agreement (NDA) for our clients to review. An NDA is used to define what information is confidential and why it should not be disclosed by either party. Pro-Omni highly recommends that an NDA be in place before any product details are discussed. This NDA has all the information Pro-Omni wants to see, but our clients can provide their own NDA or modify the one below to suit their needs. Either way, Pro-Omni also recommends that our clients have a lawyer review the NDA before signing it and moving forward with us. Also, the information in *Orange Itailics* below needs to be provided before the document is complete.

MUTUAL NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

This is an agreement between Pro-Omni Engineering, 4967 Vista Place, San Diego, California 92116 and *Client Name, Address* involving the material exchange of confidential information and shall be effective *Date*.

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Each party (the "Receiving Party") understands that the other party (the "Disclosing Party") has disclosed or may disclose information including, without limitation, computer programs, code, algorithms, know-how, formulas, processes, ideas, inventions (whether patentable or not), and other technical, business, financial and product development plans, forecasts, strategies and information, which to the extent previously, presently, or subsequently disclosed to the Receiving Party, is hereinafter referred to as "Proprietary Information" of the Disclosing party.

All Proprietary Information shall be protected and safeguarded if it is (a) marked as the Disclosing Party's confidential or proprietary information (or with an equivalent legend) at the time of disclosure, if disclosed in tangible form; or (b) identified as Proprietary Information at the time of disclosure. Notwithstanding the failure of the Disclosing Party to mark information as confidential or proprietary as described above, information that, by its very nature, or under the particular circumstances of disclosure, should reasonably be understood to be confidential or proprietary, shall be deemed to be Proprietary Information.

In consideration of the parties' discussions and access the Receiving Party may have to Proprietary Information of the Disclosing Party, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

- 1. The Receiving Party agrees (i) to hold the Disclosing Party's Proprietary Information in confidence and to take all necessary precautions to protect such Proprietary Information including, without limitation, all precautions the Receiving Party employs with respect to its own confidential materials, (ii) not to divulge any such Proprietary Information or any information derived therefrom to any third person, (iii) not to make any use of such Proprietary Information, except for the below stated purpose, and (iv) not to copy or reverse engineer, or attempt to derive the composition or underlying information of any such Proprietary Information.
- The Receiving Party agrees that the Proprietary Information shall not be used except for the following purpose: Confidential information will be exchanged so that Pro-Omni Engineering can assist *Client Name* in developing their products.
- 3. The Receiving Party further agrees to limit the use of and access to the Disclosing Party's Proprietary Information to the Receiving Party's employees who need to know such Proprietary Information for said purposes and shall cause such employees to comply with the obligations set forth herein.



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- 4. The Disclosing Party agrees that the foregoing obligations shall not apply with respect to information that (i) was in the possession of the Receiving Party or known by it prior to receipt from the Disclosing Party, or (ii) was rightfully disclosed to the Receiving Party by another person without restriction, or (iii) was independently developed by the Receiving Party without access to such Proprietary Information, or (iv) is required to be disclosed pursuant to any statutory or regulatory authority or court order, provided the Receiving Party has given the Disclosing Party prompt notice of such requirement and the opportunity to contest it.
- 5. During the term of this Agreement, neither party shall attempt to do business with, or otherwise solicit any business contacts found or otherwise referred by Disclosing Party to Receiving Party for the purpose of circumventing, the result of which shall be to prevent the Disclosing Party from realizing or recognizing a profit, fees or otherwise, without the specific written approval of the Disclosing Party. If such circumvention shall occur the Disclosing Party shall be entitled to any commissions due pursuant to this Agreement or relating to such transaction.
- 6. Immediately upon a request by the Disclosing Party at any time, the Receiving Party will turn over to the Disclosing Party all Proprietary Information of the Disclosing Party and all documents or media containing any such Proprietary Information and all copies or extracts thereof and will promptly and permanently delete any Proprietary Information which is electronically or optically recorded or stored.
- 7. The Receiving Party acknowledges and agrees that due to the unique nature of the Disclosing Party's Proprietary Information, there can be no adequate remedy at law for any breach of its obligation hereunder, that any such breach may allow the Receiving Party or third parties to unfairly compete with the Disclosing Party resulting in irreparable harm to the Disclosing Party, and therefore, that upon any such breach or any threat thereof, the Disclosing Party shall be entitled to seek appropriate equitable relief in addition to whatever remedies it might have at law. The Receiving Party will notify the Disclosing Party in writing immediately upon the occurrence of any such unauthorized release or other breach. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held by a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, the remaining portions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.
- 8. Neither party acquires any intellectual property rights under this Agreement or any disclosure hereunder, except the limited right to use such Proprietary Information in accordance with this Agreement.
- 9. NO WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND (INCLUDING IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE) ARE GIVEN WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPRIETARY INFORMATION DISCLOSED OR USED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, AND NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR CAUSED BY DEFECTS OR DEFICIENCIES IN THE PROPRIETARY INFORMATION OF EITHER PARTY, WHETHER DIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL OR OTHERWISE.
- 10. If either party employs attorneys to enforce any rights arising out of or relating to this agreement, the prevailing party in such action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover its attorneys' fees in addition to other costs and expenses incurred and other damages and remedies available to said prevailing party.
- 11. This Agreement supersedes all prior discussions and writings and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. No waiver or modification of this Agreement will be binding upon either party unless made in writing and signed by a duly authorized representative of such party, and no failure or delay in enforcing any right will be deemed a



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waiver. The obligations of non-use and non-disclosure shall survive for a period of as long as Pro-Omni Engineering is contracted to do work for *Client* from the date of disclosure of the Proprietary Information. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and may be enforced in any court in California.

12. This Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement shall be signed on behalf of Pro-Omni Engineering by *Pro-Omni Representative, Title* and on behalf of *Client Company Name* by *Client Representative, Title*.

Pro-Omni Engineering

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<i>Name of Pro-Omni Representative Title of Pro-Omni Representative</i>	
Client Company Name	
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