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# Non-Disclosure Agreement regarding external qualification projects in the joint bachelor's/master's programme in Computational Science and Engineering (CSE) offered by Ulm University of Applied Sciences Ulm and Ulm University

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Ulm University and Ulm University of Applied Sciences encourage links with industry and also support the frequent requests from students to undertake a final thesis (bachelor's, master's or doctoral thesis) on a topic suggested by industry or to carry out the research at external industrial organisations. We are delighted that your company wishes to contribute to the academic training of our CSE students.

We are aware that, in the course of external supervision of their thesis, students may come into contact with your company's trade and business secrets, and that this, in turn, could result in confidential information also becoming known to the supervisor appointed by Ulm University or Ulm University of Applied Sciences. We also recognise that, in this case, your organisation has a legitimate interest in protecting this confidential information.

That said, final theses are primarily course-related examination achievements and serve exclusively to assess the student's subject knowledge and their ability to undertake independent academic research on a specified topic. As a university or university of applied sciences, we are obliged to ensure a proper and lawful examination procedure whilst at the same time safeguarding the legitimate interests of our staff. This includes, in particular, our duty to ensure that no undue influence is exerted on the content of the thesis and that the supervisors and examiners appointed by the university or university of applied sciences are able to assess the thesis freely, impartially and without influence from third parties, in accordance with examination regulations.

In view of the aforementioned obligations, the fact that we cannot guarantee a case-by-case assessment given the large volume of external theses, and a number of unfortunate incidents in this regard, we ask for your understanding that we are unable to accept external non-disclosure agreements.

In consultation with a number of well-known industrial companies on the one hand, and with the management of Ulm University and Ulm University of Applied Sciences as well as the institutes of Ulm University and Ulm University of Applied Sciences on the other, we have drawn up a template which we recommend as the sole model to be used. We will be happy to forward this to you.

Best regards

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(Ulm University is responsible for administering the joint degree programme)