An objective of Physical Security Interoperability Alliance (PSIA) is to create and promote broad industry adoption of specifications that provide interchangeability and ease of use of physical security products to the benefit of the end user. At the same time, PSIA encourages technical innovation and improved product technology in physical security products. In order to balance these objectives and strategies, PSIA has developed this Intellectual Property Policy (“IP Policy”).

1. Policy

1.1. Agreement. Members and Associates shall agree to comply with this IP Policy as a condition of participating as Members or Associates in the work of PSIA Committees, and PSIA shall accept Contributions only from Members and Associates that have agreed to comply with this IP Policy. In addition, PSIA may accept Contributions from parties other than Members or Associates that have agreed in writing to comply with the obligations set forth in this IP Policy.

1.2. Contributions to Committees. Members, Associates and other parties that have agreed to this IP policy pursuant Section 1.1 (collectively, “Contributors”) may make Contributions to one or more committees established by the Board to develop Specifications under procedures and directions established by the Board (“Committees”).

(a) “Contribution” means a submission, comment, suggestion or feedback to a Committee for incorporation into, or to revise or modify, a Specification or portion thereof. A Contribution may be written, oral, or electronic.

(b) “Specifications” means design or performance criteria for physical security products as adopted by a PSIA Committee or Working Group and published by the PSIA Board. “Proposed Specifications” are new specifications, or modifications to existing specifications, proposed for formal adoption in a Committee.

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1.4. Disclosure and Licensing for Contributions. A Contributor shall provide written assurance at the time a Contribution is made to a Committee that, in the event a Specification incorporates or is based on the Contribution, the Contributor will, upon request, license or cause an applicable Affiliate to license, on reasonable and nondiscriminatory terms on a reciprocal basis any and all of its Essential Patent Claims (as defined in Section 1.6) embodied in or reading on the Contribution, solely for purposes of implementing a Specification that incorporates the Contribution in a product that complies fully with all required portions of the Specification (and not extending such license rights to any portion or function of a product not required to comply with the Specification). PSIA will provide a form to be completed and signed by Contributors or their Affiliates, as applicable, for this purpose. In addition, at the time a Contribution is made or at any time thereafter, the individual representing a Contributor making a Contribution shall disclose to the relevant Committee any patent rights of Contributor or its Affiliates personally known to the individual which, in the judgment of the Contributor, would constitute Essential Patent Claims if the Contribution were ultimately incorporated in a Specification. No Contributor or individual representative shall be required to conduct a patent search with respect to the Contribution, however.

1.5. Review of Proposed Specifications. To ensure that Members and Associates have an opportunity to review a Proposed Specification under consideration for adoption, for intellectual property as well as technical or other matters, the Committee shall circulate a Proposed Specification for that purpose to all Members and Associates participating in the work of that Committee (collectively, for purposes of this Section 1.5, “Participants”) at least thirty (30) days prior to any vote to adopt the Proposed Specification. Within that thirty (30)-day review period, each Participant that has participated in the work of that Committee shall review the proposed Specification, and shall disclose to the Committee any patent rights of Participant or its Affiliates that are personally known to the Participant’s representative which, in the judgment of the Participant, constitute Essential Patent Claims necessary to implement the Proposed Specification. No Participant or individual representative shall be required to conduct a patent search for that purpose, however. Additionally, no Participant shall have any obligation of disclosure or licensing under this Section 1.5 with respect to Specifications or Proposed Specifications which are under consideration by a Committee in which the Participant does not participate.
Within the same thirty (30)-day review period, each Participant shall provide a written assurance with one or both of the following statements:

(a) If the Proposed Specification is adopted, Participant will, upon request, license, or will cause its applicable Affiliates, on reasonable and nondiscriminatory terms on a reciprocal basis any and all of its Essential Patent Claims (subject to any exclusions declared pursuant to Section 1.5 (b) below), solely for purposes of implementing the Specification in a product that complies fully with all required portions of the Specification (and not extending such license rights to any portion or function of a product not required to comply with the Specification).

(b) Solely with respect to one or more portions of the Specification not based on Participant’s own Contributions, Participant is unwilling, or is unwilling or unable to cause its applicable Affiliate, to license Essential Patent Claims on the terms set forth in Section 1.5(a) above.

In the event Participant makes a statement pursuant to Section 1.5(b) above, Participant will identify with reasonable particularity the portions of the Proposed Specification to which it objects and the relevant Essential Patent Claims of Participant that Participant believes are infringed by such portions of the Proposed Specification. The Participants will then cooperate in good faith to attempt to resolve the concerns of the objecting Participant within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of the statement of objecting Participant made pursuant to this Section 1.5. If the Participants are unable to resolve the objecting Participant’s concerns within such thirty (30)-day period, the objecting Participant may withdraw from the relevant Committee. If a Participant makes a statement under Section 1.5(b) more than once, the PSIA Board of Directors may require such Participant to withdraw from the PSIA. Notwithstanding any withdrawal from a Committee or the PSIA, the objecting Participant’s licensing obligations with respect to its and its Affiliates’ Contributions under Section 1.3 hereto shall survive such withdrawal.

1.6. Essential Patent Claims. “Essential Patent Claims” shall mean claims in any patent or patent application that a Contributor owns or controls which would necessarily be infringed by implementation of the Specification. A claim is necessarily infringed only when there is no technically feasible non-infringing alternative for implementing the required portions of the Specification.

The following shall not be deemed to constitute Essential Patent Claims:

(a) claims other than as set forth above even if contained in the same patent as Essential Patent Claims;
(b) claims which would be infringed only by 
   (i) portions of an implementation that are not required by the Specification, as applicable; 
   (ii) enabling technologies that may be necessary to make or use any product or portion thereof that complies with the Specification, as
applicable, but are not themselves expressly set forth in the Specification, as applicable (e.g., compiler technology, object oriented technology, basic operating system technology, networking technology, and the like);

(iii) claims that would be infringed by the implementation of technology developed elsewhere and merely incorporated by reference in the body of the Contribution or Specification, as applicable; and

(iv) claims that would be infringed solely by implementation of an optional implementation example contained in the Contribution or Specification, as applicable.

1.7. **PSIA Responsibility.** PSIA is not responsible for identifying all Essential Patent Claims which may relate to a Specification, or for conducting inquiries into the legal validity or scope of Essential Patent Claims brought to its attention. For any patent licenses made available pursuant to this Policy, the determination of specific license terms and conditions, and evaluation of whether such license terms and conditions are reasonable and nondiscriminatory are not matters that are properly the subject of discussion or debate at a meeting of the committee considering the specification.

1.8. **Affiliates.** For purposes of this IP Policy, “Affiliate” of a Contributor or Participant means any entity, whether incorporated or not, which is controlled by, under common control with, or controls such Contributor or Participant, where “control” means the ability, whether directly or indirectly, to direct the affairs of another by means of ownership, contract, or otherwise.

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Notices in substantially the following form shall be included on all PSIA Specifications:

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