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4. You are either the sole author or the sole owner of all rights to said material, or the duly authorized agent of the lawful owner of said material; and that you have full power and authority to submit said material to AFGWP on the terms and conditions hereof, each and all of which shall be binding not only on you but on any and all persons for whom you are acting. This disclaimer shall inure to AFGWP's benefit and to the benefit of AFGWP's parent, subsidiary and affiliated corporations and their, and each of their owners, directors, attorneys, officers, employees, agents, assignees and licensees.

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8. You have retained at least one copy of said material, and you hereby release AFGWP of and from any and all liability for loss of, or damage to, the copies of said material submitted to AFGWP hereunder.

9. You hereby state that you have read and understand this agreement and that no oral representations of any kind have been made to you, and that this agreement states our entire understanding with reference to the subject matter hereof. Any modification or waiver of any of the provisions of this agreement must be in writing and signed by both of us.

10. Should any provision or part of any provision be void or unenforceable, such provision or part thereof shall be deemed omitted, and this disclaimer with such provision or part thereof omitted shall remain in full force and effect. This disclaimer shall at all times be construed so as to carry out the purposes hereof.

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