

# JELURIDA PUBLIC LICENSE

## **Preamble:**

*Being a company engaged predominantly in the creation of blockchain technology, Jelurida IP B.V. has prepared the following "coinleft" license whose goal is to implement new requirements consistent with the specific nature of the blockchain software. We recognize the fundamental advantages that the decentralized ledger technology has to offer and we truly believe in its potential to change the world for the better. Therefore we wish to continue the already established tradition to publish blockchain software as an open source and in this way to give our contribution to the further development of the blockchain technology world-wide. At the same time we wish to protect our IP rights and to address the fact that our software was copied many times during its existence and as a result a lot of "clones" have been created which dilute the value of the tokens with no significant technological improvements behind them.*

*The exact terms and conditions for using, copying and modification follow:*

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **I. General Conditions**

#### **Introduction**

*The existent copyleft licensing models were designed to protect the value of the code which is created in open source projects. They make sure anyone who builds on top of this code also releases their code under the same copyleft license, thus sharing back with the community and the developers of the original project the added value of the derived work.*

*Copyleft licenses however were created long before crypto currency and blockchain technologies appeared, and could not have anticipated the fact that today the value of an open source distributed ledger project is contained not only in the program code being written, but in the unique public blockchain instance or crypto currency token, maintained by this project, with its developers, community and holders sharing the common interest to preserve and increase the value of this blockchain token.*

*Crypto currency tokens today have value of their own, people can buy, sell and invest in them and the unlimited permission of cloning the existing blockchains platforms and creating new coins inevitably results in decreasing the value of the original tokens.*

*With the above being said, the terms and conditions for using, copying and modification of distributed ledger software programs are outlined below, called the Jelurida Public License (JPL). The JPL is inspired by the GNU General Public License versions 2 and 3, with adaptations specifically aimed at*

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**“based on [the Program/Covered Work/...]”** means derived from the original Covered Work (or part thereof) by the act(s) of copying it, modifying it, including it (in whole or in part) or by linking to the original Covered Work (or part thereof).

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**DLT Instance:** Unique instance of distributed ledger consisting of a network of one or more participants (nodes) running a particular DLT Software and which nodes are in a state of

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**3.4** If the Covered Work is a DLT Software, after your modifications it must continue to work with the original DLT Instance without violating the consensus algorithm or resulting in a permanent fork. For the purpose of this clause modification also includes changing the configuration or network environment in which the Covered Work is run that results in permanent disconnection, fork or isolation from the original DLT Instance. If your modifications result in a different DLT Instance you must satisfy the following sharedrop requirement:

**3.4.1** The token holders from the original distributed ledger instance are allocated a portion (a sharedrop) of the tokens in that new DLT Instance proportional to their token balances. This shall also apply to anyone who intends to make a copy of your copy, i. e. any such person needs to allocate the same sharedrop of the newly created tokens to the account holders from the original DLT Instance (not to your copy). If the Covered Work is not a DLT Software per se this requirement still applies to any other work based on or including this work or portions of it which is a DLT Software or in any other way distributes tokens to its users. The specific percentage of the sharedrop and the tokens to which it applies, which may also depend on how the new DLT Instance relates to the original one, are defined in the Special Conditions.

**3.5** All other provisions, designated in the Special Conditions and consistent with the specific requirements arising from the architecture of each particular decentralized ledger/consensus platform, are observed as well.

**3.6** These requirements apply to the modified work as a whole. If identifiable sections of that work are not derived from the Covered Work, and can be reasonably considered independent and separate works in themselves, then this License, and its terms, do not apply to those sections when you convey them as separate works. But when you convey the same sections as part of a whole which is a work based on the Covered Work, the conveyance of the whole must be on the terms of this License, whose permissions for other licensees extend to the entire whole, and thus to each and every part regardless of who wrote it. Mere aggregation of another work not based on the Covered Work with the Covered Work (or with a work based on the Covered Work) on a volume of a storage or distribution medium does not bring the other work under the scope of this License.

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**Article 7.** Each time you convey the Covered Work, the recipient automatically receives a license from the original Licensor to use, copy, propagate or modify the Covered Work subject to terms and conditions at least equal and in accordance with this License. In this regard, the license granted on behalf of the original Licensor by the propagator of the Covered Work may amend this License only to the following extent:

**7.1** You can add additional sharedrop requirements towards the holders of your unique DLT Instance as long as those do not in any way reduce or interfere with the sharedrop owed to the original DLT Instance account holders.

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**Article 11.** If the Special Conditions contradict the General Conditions or any part of them, the provisions of the General Conditions shall take precedence.

**Article 12.** If you cannot satisfy Article 3.4 and 3.4.1 of the General Conditions or you are not willing to do so, or if you require a customized DLT Instance for internal use (i.e. a private blockchain) based on the DLT Software you must obtain permission or purchase a commercial license from the original Copyright Holder however he is not in any way obliged to grant permission or sell such a license.

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## **II. Special Conditions**

**Article 0.** The Copyright Holder of the Nxt Reference Software (NRS) is Jelurida IP B.V.

**Article 1.** The sharedrop requirement of Article 3.4.1 of the General Conditions, as related to the Nxt Reference Software (NRS) is the following:

**1.1** The NXT holders from the original Nxt Public Blockchain Platform as maintained by Jelurida Swiss SA must be allocated at least 10% (ten percent) of the forging tokens in the new DLT Instance, proportional to their NXT holdings,

**OR**

**1.2** The forging token holders from a DLT Instance which is based on the NRS that has already satisfied the JPL sharedrop requirement, are allocated 100% (one hundred percent) of the forging tokens in that new DLT Instance, proportional to their forging token holdings.

The first case covers clones and forks of the Nxt platform, and ensures that NXT owners will receive a sharedrop from any such clone or fork launched in the future, or any existing Nxt clone that decides to upgrade to this NRS version or copy or backport code from it.

The second case is to cover forks of Nxt clones which have already satisfied the JPL sharedrop, as by definition at the time of the hard fork all accounts start with the same balances on either fork, and it would be difficult to make a hard fork satisfy the first condition. The Nxt holders who received the sharedrop would still have the same balances on either fork.

**Article 2.** In both cases (Articles 1.1 or 1.2 of the Special Conditions), token holdings must be calculated based on a snapshot taken not earlier than 3 months before the launch of the new

DLT Instance. For a new DLT Instance, the snapshot should also be taken not later than 24 h before the launch, to avoid the uncertainty due to the 720 blocks rolling checkpoint.

### **Article 3.**

**3.1** There should be under no circumstances any restrictions or any type of discrimination against accounts receiving tokens as a sharedrop.

**3.2** If token distribution must be restricted by some criteria that not all existing NXT holders can potentially satisfy, a specific exemption from the full JPL sharedrop requirements must be obtained in advance. The Copyright Holder reserves the right to not grant such exemption, or to require a commercial license in such situations, to be decided on a case by case basis.

**3.3** As internal (private) use of Nxt software for evaluating and testing purposes cannot satisfy the JPL sharedrop requirement, any such use will also require an evaluation license agreement with the Copyright Holder if it lasts longer than 3 months.

**Article 4.** DLT Instances that by design do not use a fixed number of tokens issued all at once, or that have substituted the proof-of-stake algorithm with a different one and as a result do not use forging tokens, have to contact the Copyright Holder for a custom license agreement. However the Copyright Holder is in no way obliged to provide a license but he shall negotiate in good faith every such case always trying to satisfy the sharedrop requirement as much as possible.

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