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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

For

**Skill Based Training, Internship, Consultancy
and Collaborative Research & Development**

BETWEEN

Army Institute of Technology, Pune 411015

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This **Memorandum of Understanding** (hereinafter called as the 'MOU') is entered into on this the 26th Day of Oct, 2022

Between

Army Institute of Technology

And

eSec Forte® Technologies Pvt. Ltd. with Corporate Office at 285, Udyog Vihar 4, Gurgaon, 122015, Haryana, India is a CMMi Level 3 certified Global Consulting and IT Security company with offerings across Cloud Security, Cyber Forensics, Malware Detection, Security Audit, Red Team Assessment, Threat Hunting, Security Operations Control, Penetration Testing, Secure Access Management, Risk Assessment, IOT Security etc.

We are emplaned by CERT-INDIA for providing Information Security Auditing Services. We are PCI DSS QSA and are authorized by the PCI Security Standards Council to validate an entity's adherence to PCI DSS.

1. **Whereas Army Institute of Technology, Pune** (hereinafter referred to 'AIT' or as First Party and the expression shall include all its present and future units) is an Institute of National importance providing education in the field of forensics.
2. **Whereas eSec Forte Technologies Pvt Ltd – eSec Forte** (hereinafter referred to as 'eSec Forte' OR 'Second Party') shall include its successors – in-office, administrators and assigns is engaged in Consulting, R&D, Implementation, and standardization activities in the field of Cyber Security and Digital Forensics.

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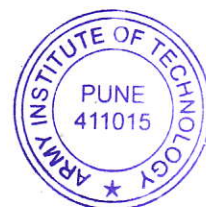
3. Both the parties to this agreement wish to undertake activities for mutual benefit in the true spirit of Skill Based Training, Education and Collaborative Research &

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Development which will promote more effective use of each of their resources and provide each of them with enhanced opportunities. **The aim of this Memorandum of Understanding is to lay down the framework for both parties to engage in long term collaboration** within the scope of activities as mentioned in the subsequent para.

Objectives & Scope of Activities

4. The objectives and scope of activities envisaged are as follows:

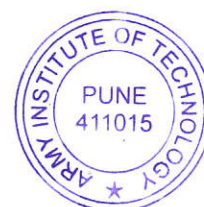
- a. **Joint Research and Development.** Both Parties have agreed to carry out the joint research activities in the field of Information Security, Cyber Forensics, Internet Technologies including Internet of Things, Blockchain, Crypto and Industry 4.0, Web 2.0, and Web 3.0. The joint research development activities will include scaling of the existing projects and programs.
- b. **Students Internships:** Both the parties have agreed that students of Army Institute of Technology, Pune will be offered suitable internship opportunities by eSec Forte.
- c. **Joint Projects.** Both, first party & second party will work together to identify projects of importance in the area of Cyber Security, Cyber Forensics & Internet Governance and may jointly apply for any grant in aid with different Government of India ministries / departments and also on PPP model. The work plan can be decided by mutual consent of both the parties.
- d. **Digital Forensic Research Lab.** Creation of Digital Forensic research Lab at **Army Institute of Technology, Pune** campus in collaboration with eSec Forte which can then work in tandem for advanced Digital Forensics research in India. The lab can be used by both the parties to create their offerings & programs.
- e. **Cyber Security Research Lab.** Creation of Cyber Security research Lab at **Army Institute of Technology, Pune** campus in collaboration with eSec Forte which can then work in tandem for advanced Cyber Security research in India. The lab can be used by both the parties to create their offerings & programs.

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- f. **Open Internet Standards & Protocols.** To create indigenous Internet protocols & standards to make globally accepted make in India IT products.
- g. **Forensic Accounting.** Reviewing the technology dimension of forensics embedded in the indigenous accounting standards in the field of forensic accounting.
- h. **Tools & Products.** eSec Forte will advise **Army Institute of Technology, Pune** on the latest tools & products available globally which may benefit **Army Institute of Technology, Pune** in Academic & research work. The advice will however will not be binding for both the parties.

Terms & Conditions

5. The broad Terms & Conditions within which both the parties would work are:

- a. This MoU does not have any financial bindings. However, where specific collaborative work/project tasks involve funding, both parties would engage on mutually agreeable terms & conditions.
- b. Both parties can mention this MoU and use the logo / name of each other on print & digital media to reflect collaboration.
- c. eSec Forte will endeavor to position **Army Institute of Technology, Pune** at various international organizations for any meetings/ conferences related to work of joint project development or research activity.
- d. eSec Forte will offer internship opportunities to students at **Army Institute of Technology, Pune.**
- e. Both the parties will provide inputs to each other in developing suitable skills / training systems, keeping in mind the needs of the industry and the nation.

Project Agreements

6. This being an Umbrella MoU, both the parties would sign separate agreement for each new project on case-to-case basis on mutually agreed terms and conditions.

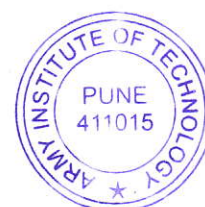
Intellectual Property Rights

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7. Each party shall continue to remain the sole owner of its material contributed to any joint Project / Research. Arrangements relating to new intellectual property rights jointly created should be agreed in writing by both parties.

Arbitration

8. Any divergence or difference derived from the interpretation or application of the MoU shall be resolved by arbitration between the parties as per the Arbitration Act of India. The place of the arbitration shall be at New Delhi, India.

Amendments, Duration & Timeline

9. The MoU will be effective as follows:
- Amendments to this memorandum of Understanding can only be made after consultation and with mutual written consent of both the parties.
 - This memorandum of understanding shall be effective from the date of signing of MoU and continue for a period of five years from that.
 - This memorandum of understanding may be terminated by a party after 30 calendar days' notice to the other party with reason for doing so. In the event of Termination, both parties will have to discharge their obligations.

Confidentiality and Data Protection

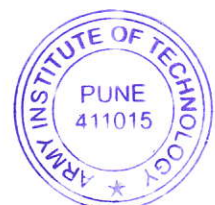
10. Both Parties will not disclose to any third party or itself, except in the performance of this Agreement, any Confidential Information that may be made available to it in connection with its performance of this Agreement, except as may be specifically authorized in writing by a duly authorized representative by other party.
11. The term "Confidential Information" means and includes all information furnished or made available to the parties orally or in writing pursuant to this Agreement or in connection with a Task Order, without limitation, non-public Intellectual Property, Deliverables, ideas, concepts, procedures, agreements, notes, summaries, reports, analyses, compilations, studies, lists, charts, surveys and other materials, both written and oral, in whatever form maintained concerning the business of other party and its clients, customers and/or Subcontractors. Confidential Information shall also include, without limitation, any reports, findings, conclusions, recommendations, or reporting data and analysis prepared by Subcontractor for Company in furtherance of this Agreement.

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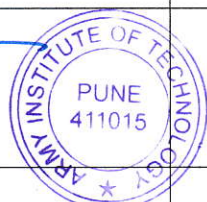


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Non-Solicitation

From the Effective Date until eighteen (18) months following the date of termination, each Party, on behalf of itself and its Affiliates, agrees not to, either directly or through others, solicit, initiate discussions with or attempt to solicit any present officer or employee of the other Party or its Affiliates with whom it has contact during the discussions contemplated by this Non-Disclosure Agreement, or who becomes known to it through disclosure of Confidential information, to terminate his or her relationship with the other Party; provided, however, that the foregoing restriction shall not apply to any such person who (a) has ceased to be employed by a Party or any of its Affiliates for at least six (6) months; or (b) responds to a general solicitation for employment such as may be contained in or on a newspaper, trade publication, a Party's website or employment website.



AGREED:

On Behalf of <u>Army Institute of Technology, Pune</u>	On behalf of eSec Forte
 	 
Director Brig. Abhay Bhat	Sh. Sachin Kumar
Director	Director
<u>Army Institute of Technology</u>	eSec Forte Technologies Pvt Ltd
Alandi Road, Dighi, Pune-411015	Gurugram - 122015

Witness:

1. Dr. Sunil Dhore 
2. Dr. Sagar Ramc 

Witness:

1.  Lt. Col (Dr.) Santosh Khadsare
2.  Dr. U.V. Awasarmol

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