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1 Management Summary – Scope of this Document

This document describes the license model for non IO-Link Members.

2 Terms, definitions, and abbreviated terms

2.1 CoC

Confirmation of Completion of Conformance Tests

2.2 IO-Link Service Center

Central office of the IO-Link community, see publisher

2.3 IOLTC

IO-Link Test center accredited by IO-Link community providing services for tests

2.4 MD

Manufacturer Declaration

2.5 VID

Vendor ID, the vendor identification of a device or a master

2.6 WG/PG

Working Group / Project Group

3 Licensing for non-members

Non-members also are allowed to put IO-Link products on the market and use the IO-Link Trademark accordingly. A license is required in that cases. This license needs to be applied for by the vendor. The license model does not include active participation in WGs/PGs or access to work results of the WGs/PGs.

3.1 Obligations of the licensee:

- The necessary tests for the Manufacturer Declaration (MD) must be performed and documented by a CoC.
- The associated costs are settled directly between issuer of CoC and licensee.
- Future changes to the product properties require a license update, and a corresponding update of the MD. See rules explained in [2].
- The licensee is responsible to acquire the right to use IO-Link-relevant patents. The patent list and the patent holders are listed in [1].

3.2 Rights of the licensee:

For the duration of the license the licensee gets the following rights:

- Assignment and usage of a company-specific VID.

- 41 • Access to current specifications via www.IO-Link.com.
- 42 • Usage of the word marks/figurative marks (logos) for the licensed product.
- 43 • After expiration of the license a follow up license can be aquired:
 - 44 ○ Without a new MD, provided that no change has been made to the product
 - 45 properties.
 - 46 ○ With a new MD, if changes have been made to the product [2].
- 47 • Launch and sell the licensed product.
- 48 • Add the IODD to the IODDFinder.
- 49 • Enter the licensed product to the "Approved Component List".

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52 **4 Manufacturer Declaration (MD) & License Process**

- 53 1. Contact an IOLTC or the brand label provider to get the
- 54 "Conformance test commitment for licences" to apply for a VID (see Annex A).
- 55 2. Apply for a VID at the IO-Link Service Center.
- 56 3. Ask IOLTC or the brand label provider for the CoC (see [3]).
- 57 4. Fill out and sign the MD.
- 58 5. Provide the MD, the CoC and a filled application form to the IO-Link Service Center to
- 59 buy the licence.
- 60 6. After payment the vendor/licensee has got the rights of the license (see 3.).
- 61 7. Add the MD to the Approved component list.
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63 **5 Renewal of License**

64 After expiration of the license period the vendor can order a follow up license by the IO-Link
65 Service Center.
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67 **6 License Fees**

68 The license fees are related to a single device referenced by DeviceID or a Master referenced by
69 ordering number. The following amounts are fixed

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|----|----------------------|--------------------|
| 70 | - For IO-Link Master | 5,000€ per 3 years |
| 71 | - For IO-Link Device | 2,500€ per 3 years |

72 The fees for initial licenses and the follow up licenses are identical.

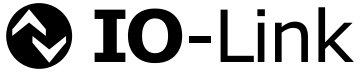
73 These license fees do **not** include the fees to be paid at the IOLTC for the test services and issuing
74 of a test report.

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Annex A

Test Commitment



(Company logo)

Test commitment for Licensees

We:

<Company's name and address>

or

<TestCenter and address>

declare that the product(s):

<Trademark, IO-Link product>

(annotate "IO-Link Master" or "IO-Link Device")

Is intended to be

Brand labeled

Tested

for:

<Company's name and address>

Issued at *<location, date>*

Authorized signatory

Name: *<First, last name>*

Title: *<Job title>*

Signature: *<Signature>*

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