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6.1 The law of the Netherlands shall govern any disputes, remedies, breaches or claims related to the present agreement.

6.2 All matters arising from the present agreement shall be heard by the District Court of the Hague, at the exclusion of the courts of any other country.

6.3 You further agree that the statute of limitations for any claim against ICO shall be brought within one (1) year from when the claim arose, and any claims not brought within such period shall be deemed waived.

ARTICLE 7 ‘MISCELLANEOUS’

7.1 ICO reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to change, modify, add or remove portions of these User Terms and Conditions, at any time.

7.2 It is your responsibility to check these User Terms and Conditions periodically for changes.

7.3 If any court or competent jurisdiction or governmental entity holds that any provision of these User Terms and Conditions is invalid or unenforceable for any reason, (a) the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected or impaired, and all remaining terms of these User Terms and Conditions remain in full force and effect, and (b) to the extent possible, the invalid provision shall be replaced with a new legally valid provision to achieve the purpose of the invalid provision.

7.4 These User Terms and Conditions shall not be interpreted or construed to confer any rights or remedies for any third parties.