

## Nessum Alliance Bylaws

### Article 1 (Name)

The name of the organization is "Nessum Alliance" (Formerly known as HD-PLC Alliance.) (hereinafter referred to as the "Alliance").

### Article 2 (Purpose)

Against the backdrop of the rapid spread of broadband and IoT environments, the Alliance will promote the spread of the Nessum method not only in power lines but also in wired lines such as dedicated lines and communication lines, as well as various communication media (Any media) such as wireless and underwater, with the aim of further creating a human-friendly, affluent and sustainable IoT society. The purpose of this project is to promote the creation of a communication compatibility environment that is "safe" and "easy" to connect communication and network devices that conform to the Nessum method and Nessum embedded devices.

### Article 3 (Activities)

In order to achieve the objectives of Article 2, the Alliance shall carry out the following activities (hereinafter referred to as the "Activities").

- Creating a "simple" and "stable" communication environment
  - (1) Implementation of communication compatibility tests between models of different companies
  - (2) Educational activities for equipment manufacturers, electrical materials, construction, electrical wiring companies, system integrators, etc.
  
- Appeal of convenience with Nessum
  - (3) Promotional activities to ensure comfortable adoption and use of Nessum
  - (4) Web dissemination and seminars

(5) SNS, press releases, and other public relations activities, joint exhibitions, etc.

•Promotion activities to connect home appliances, businesses, and equipment from different industries

(6) Cooperation with industry groups

(7) Technology exchange meetings and collaboration with other alliances

(8) We set up the use environment and information sharing

(9) Promotion of standardization

#### Article 4 (Membership Qualifications and Membership Composition)

The members of the Alliance are Promoter, Standard, Start-up, Supporter, Special, and their related members respectively.

2. Promoter, Standard, Start-up, Supporter, or Special members must meet all of the following items and the conditions set forth in this Article.

(1) Agree with the purpose and activities of the Alliance

3. In addition to the conditions set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Promoter member shall be a corporation that satisfies all of the following items and has been approved as a Promoter member by the Steering Committee in accordance with Article 5, and shall play an active role in the dissemination and promotion of the Nessum Method. In addition, the examination by the Steering Committee will be conducted by taking into account whether the corporation seeking to become a Promoter member has been appointed to a major position (e.g., steering committee member, director, director, etc.) of another organization (telecommunications, network, power management, etc.), and if the corporation is appointed to the above position, the corporation that intends to become a Promoter member may not be able to become a Promoter member due to confidentiality or other reasons.

(1) A corporation that has adopted the Nessum method for its products and has commercialized or is planning to commercialize it.

- (2) A corporation recognized by the Steering Committee as being able to make a technical contribution to the promotion activities to promote the achievement of the objectives of the Alliance.
4. In addition to the conditions set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Article, a Standard member shall be a corporation that satisfies any of the following items and has been approved as a Standard member by the Steering Committee in accordance with Article 5, and shall play a role in supporting the activities of the Promoter member as much as possible.
  - (1) Corporations that have adopted or plan to adopt the Nessum method for their products
  - (2) Corporations that are considering the adoption of the Nessum method for their products
5. In addition to the conditions set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Article, the Supporter members shall be corporations that meet all of the following items and have been approved as Supporter members by the Steering Committee in accordance with Article 5, and shall play the role of supporting the activities of Promoter, Standard, and "Start-up members" stipulated in the following paragraph as much as possible. Supporter members are not directly involved in the operation and execution of the Alliance.
  - (1) The period of eligibility as a member (hereinafter referred to as the "Membership Period") is the same fiscal year (as defined in Article 20) from the time of initial enrollment. And so on. Please acknowledge in advance that it is a period until the end of the year. provided, however, that if the period is less than 90 days, the membership eligibility period shall be from the time of initial enrollment to the end of the following fiscal year.
6. In addition to the conditions set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Article, the Start-up member shall be a corporation that satisfies all of the following items, satisfies all of the following items, and has been approved as a Supporter member by the Steering Committee in accordance with Article 5, and shall play

the role of supporting the activities of Promoter and Standard member as much as possible.

- (1) A corporation or organization recognized by the Steering Committee as having the intention to adopt the Nessum method in its products or to contribute to the popularization of the Nessum method.
- (2) A corporation or organization that has been established by taking over excellent human resources, promising technologies, etc. from a general large company, university, academic institution, etc., and has been recognized by the Steering Committee as being beneficial or can be expected to contribute to the activities of the Association.
- (3) A corporation or organization approved by the Steering Committee with a capital of less than 200 thousand (K) U.S. dollars (hereinafter referred to as "USD") or 30 million (M) Japan yen (hereinafter referred to as "JPY"), with less than 20 employees, and up to 10 years after the establishment of the corporation or organization. However, the exchange rate when converting the amount of USD or JPY for the above capital shall be the monthly average exchange rate which the Alliance applies to their own general financial affairs at the time of becoming a Start-up member.
- (4) It is agreed in advance that the membership qualification period is from the time of initial enrollment to the end of the same fiscal year. Even if you were a member of another membership type at the time of initial enrollment and subsequently changed your status to a Start-up member, your membership as a Start-up member will end at the end of the same fiscal year at the time of your first enrollment. However, if the period is less than 90 days, the period of eligibility shall be from the time of initial enrollment to the end of the following fiscal year. The membership period may be renewed for one year from the end of the same fiscal year only if the Steering Committee specifically approves it. The maximum period of renewal of membership shall be until the end of the third consecutive

year. (provided, however, that if the period from the time of first enrollment to the end of the same fiscal year is less than 90 days, the maximum period of eligibility for membership shall be from the time of first enrollment to the end of the fourth consecutive year.) )

7. In addition to the conditions set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Article, Special members shall be corporations, organizations, or individuals who meet any of the following items and have been approved as Special members by the Steering Committee in accordance with Article 5, and shall play a role in supporting the activities of Promoter, Standard, Start-up, and Supporter members. Special members are not directly involved in the operation and execution of the Alliance.

(1) A corporation, organization, or individual who is specifically recognized by the Steering Committee and invited to join the Alliance as being expected to make a significant contribution to the Alliance by joining the Alliance.

(2) Corporations, organizations, or individuals who are specifically recognized by the Steering Committee as having a high name recognition in a specific industry or a wide range of industries, or having an extremely high degree of contribution to the Alliance due to having some significant influence.

(3) Other corporations, organizations, or individuals who are specifically approved by the Steering Committee to join the Alliance.

8. The Affiliated members of Promoter members, the Affiliated members of Standard members, the Affiliated members of Start-up members, the Affiliated members of the Supporter members and the Affiliated members of the Special members shall be the Affiliates (as defined in Article 18) of the Promoter, Standard, Start-up, Supporter, or Special member, and the registration procedures prescribed by the Alliance have been completed by the Promoter, Standard, Start-up, Supporter, or Special Member in accordance with Article 5, Paragraph 3. (Hereinafter, the Promoter members and their affiliated members are collectively referred to as the "Promoter Member Group", and the group is

further referred to as "G", and the Promoter Member Group is referred to as the "Promoter Member G".) Standard members and their affiliated members are collectively referred to as "Standard Member G", Start-up members and affiliated members are collectively referred to as "Start-up Member G", Supporter members and affiliated members are collectively referred to as "Supporter Member G", and Special members and affiliated members are collectively referred to as "Special Member G". However, that in the case of a Promoter, Standard, Start-up, Supporter, or Special member and there is no affiliated member, "Promoter Member G", "Standard Member G", "Start-up Member G", "Supporter Member G", and "Special Member G" shall mean the Promoter, Standard, Start-up, Supporter, or Special member, respectively. )

9. The Steering Committee may, by resolution pursuant to the provisions of Article 12, add or modify the conditions related to membership stipulated in Paragraphs 2 to 5 of this Article.
10. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraphs 3, 8, and 5 of this Article, the Founder and their affiliated members as defined in Article 19 shall be Promoter member and their Affiliated Members, respectively. (The Founder and their Affiliated Members are collectively referred to as "Founder Member G", and Founder Member G is a Promoter Member G.).
11. In the event of a transfer, change, or disappearance of a member's status due to a company merger, business transfer, organizational change, etc., the member concerned shall notify the secretariat stipulated in Article 15 without delay and obtain the approval of the Steering Committee as necessary.

#### Article 5 (Membership and Representatives)

Membership in the Alliance is permitted when a person who wishes to join the Alliance fills out the necessary information, seals, and signs the membership application form prescribed by the Alliance, submits it to the secretariat stipulated in Article 15, and the Steering Committee stipulated in Article 12 approves the membership. In addition, the details of the procedures for

admission will be determined separately.

2. Promoter, Standard, Start-up, Supporter, and Special Members shall designate two members from the Promoter member G, Standard member G, Start-up member G, Supporter member G, or Special member G to which they belong respectively (hereinafter referred to as "Participants"), and one of them shall be designated as a representative member exercising rights against the Alliance (hereinafter referred to as the "Participating Representative"), and their names, Notify the secretariat in writing of necessary matters such as affiliation. Promoter, Standard, Start-up, Supporter, and Special members shall promptly notify the Secretariat of any changes in Participants and Participating Representatives.
3. If a Promoter, Standard, Start-up, Supporter, or Special Member intends to register his/her Affiliate as an Affiliated Member, the Promoter, Standard, Start-up, Supporter, or Special member shall submit to the Secretariat a registration application form prescribed by the Alliance that identifies the affiliated company. Eligibility as a Promoter, Standard, Start-up, Supporter, or Special member shall be ensued on the date on which the application form is reviewed and accepted by the Secretariat.

#### Article 6 (Withdrawal)

Members may withdraw from the Alliance at any time by submitting a notice of withdrawal prescribed by the Alliance to the Secretariat. The withdrawal of a member will take effect from the day after the withdrawal notice submitted by the member arrives at the secretariat.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if a member loses the status of a corporation or loses legal personality due to dissolution, etc., the member shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Alliance at the time such fact occurs.

#### Article 7 (Expulsion)

If a member falls under any of the following items, he or she shall be expelled from the membership of the Alliance.

- (1) In the event of a violation of any of the provisions of this agreement and the Steering Committee resolves to expel the member.
  - (2) When the Steering Committee resolves to expel a member for an act that interferes with the purpose or activities of the Alliance, an act contrary to the purpose of the Alliance, or an act that is not appropriate for a member in achieving the purpose of the Alliance.
  - (3) In addition, when the Steering Committee resolves to expel the member because there are reasonable grounds for expulsion.
2. The expulsion set forth in the preceding paragraph shall take effect when the expulsion is resolved by the Steering Committee, and from that point on, the member shall lose all rights that he or she had as a member under this agreement.

#### Article 8 (Rights of Members)

Members may participate in the activities of the Alliance in accordance with the provisions of these Terms of Use and the rules of the Alliance.

2. Members may indicate that they are members of the Alliance in advertisements, pamphlets, events, etc., regarding the Nessum business of their own (including Promoter Member G, Standard Member G, Start-up Member G, Supporter Member G, or Special Member G). The indication that the person is a member of the Alliance and the use of the name of the Alliance shall be separately determined by the Alliance.
3. Members may take the compatibility certification test recommended by the Association. If you pass the test, you will receive a common key for communication authentication. However, with regard to specific operation, it shall be subject to the separately stipulated compatibility certification regulations.
4. As stipulated in Article 17, the member shall comply with the Nessum



Trademark Usage Manual stipulated by Panasonic Holdings Corporation (hereinafter referred to as PHD) and use the Nessum trademark (word trademark, graphic trademark, or a combination thereof. Can be used.

#### Article 9 (Obligations of Members, etc.)

Members shall comply with these Terms of Use and the rules of the Alliance.

2. Members shall practice the objectives of the Alliance as stipulated in Article 2, and shall endeavor to promote the spread of the Nessum method and the creation of a safe and easy communication compatibility environment between devices that conform to the Nessum method.
3. Members acknowledge in advance that the name of the corporation may be posted in advertisements, public relations, events, communication compatibility verification results, etc. conducted by the Alliance.

#### Article 10 (Officers, etc.)

The Alliance shall have one President, one Vice president(s), and one Comptroller as officers, and the “Board of Directors” shall consist of these President, Vice president(s), and Comptroller. The term of office of an officer shall be the same as the term of office of the steering committee member as stipulated in Article 12. However, that from the date of establishment of the Alliance to the end of March of the following year (hereinafter referred to as the "Initial Period"), the term of office shall be the initial period. In any case, the reappointment of officers shall not be prevented.

2. Founder G may appoint several “Advisor” to the Alliance as persons who roles to advise to the Alliance. In this case, the election, change, period, etc. of the Advisor may be determined by the Founder G. The Advisor shall not retain the right to exercise at the Alliance.
3. The President shall preside over the Alliance, and shall be chaired by the Chair of the Steering Committee stipulated in Article 12. The Vice president shall be determined by the Steering Committee from among the Steering Committee

members stipulated in Article 12 as an assistant or acting President to the President.

4. The accounting audit or "Comptroller" shall be elected by the Steering Committee as stipulated in Article 12 from among the participants belonging to Promoter Member G, and shall be determined by the approval of the Annual Meeting. However, that the Comptroller shall be elected and determined by the Founder G during the initial period.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, if it becomes necessary to retire or change the position of the Vice president or Comptroller during the term of office, Promoter Member G to which it belongs shall promptly appoint a successor from the same G and notify the Secretariat. In this case, the term of office shall be the remaining term of office of the predecessor. In addition, if it becomes necessary to retire or change the position of the President during the term of office, the provisions of Article 12 shall apply in the case of resignation or change during the term of office of the Steering Committee Chair.

#### Article 11 (Annual General Meeting)

Annual General Meeting (hereinafter referred to as the "Annual Meeting") shall be composed of members. However, non-members who are deemed necessary by the Steering Committee may attend the Annual Meeting. The handling of voting rights at the Annual Meeting shall be as set forth in Paragraph 3 of this Article.

2. The Annual Meeting shall be held once a year at the convocation of the President, and an extraordinary Annual Meeting may be held if the Steering Committee deems it necessary. provided, however, that an Annual meeting shall be established upon the attendance of a majority of the total number of voting rights held by the members at the Annual Meeting.
3. Members shall have the right to vote one vote per 1G for each Promoter Member G, Standard Member G, and Start-up Member at the Annual Meeting.

Resolutions at the Annual Meeting shall be made by a majority of the votes present at the Annual Meeting, and in the event of a tie, the decision of the Chairperson set forth in the following paragraph shall be deemed to be a resolution of the Annual Meeting.

4. The Annual Meeting shall be managed by the President, Vice President, Accounting Auditor and Secretariat of the Alliance, and the President shall serve as the chairman of the Annual Meeting. However, in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside over the Annual Meeting.
5. Except as otherwise provided in these Terms, the Annual Meeting shall resolve the following matters.
  - (1) Approval of the Alliance's activity plan
  - (2) The activity report of the Association and the registration of the Association will be recognized
  - (3) Approval by the Accounting Audit & Supervisory Board Members of the Alliance
  - (4) Other important matters related to the operation of the Alliance proposed by the Steering Committee
6. When a Annual Meeting is held, the Secretariat shall prepare minutes. The minutes of such meetings shall be open to members only and shall not be disclosed to non-members. However, this does not apply if disclosure is requested by judicial order, law, or government agency, and the information is disclosed to the extent necessary for that purpose.
7. Members who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting may substitute attendance at the Annual Meeting or the exercise of voting rights by submitting a proxy stating the necessary matters or a document (including by electronic means such as e-mail) stating the necessary matters for resolutions at the Annual Meeting that have been notified in advance. In this case, it shall be included in the number of attendances at the meeting and the number of voting rights at the meeting.

## Article 12 (Steering Committee)

The Alliance shall establish a Steering Committee as an executive body to promote the objectives of the Alliance. The Steering Committee shall consist of no more than five members of the Steering Committee. In addition, one of the Steering Committee members shall be the Steering Committee Chairperson and the other shall be the Vice Chairperson of the Steering Committee.

2. As a general rule, the term of office of the Steering Committee members (including the Steering Committee Chairperson) shall be two years from the beginning of the fiscal year. However, this does not preclude reappointment.
3. The attributes of the Steering Committee members shall be as follows.
  1. 1 person from Promoter G
  2. One person per 1G from the 4 groups of Promoter member G (including promoter G) (hereinafter referred to as "elected G"). However, the elect G can be less than 4 groups.
  3. 1 Chairperson

The above (1) is determined by the promoter. With regard to (2) above, the Steering Committee members for the term immediately preceding the Steering Committee shall decide on the Steering Committee members, and the Elected G shall determine the Steering Committee members from among the participants belonging to the Steering Committee.

4. The Steering Committee Chairperson shall be determined by the Steering Committee from among the Steering Committee members. The Vice Chairperson of the Steering Committee shall be determined by the Steering Committee from among the Steering Committee members as an assistant or acting assistant to the Steering Committee Chairperson.
5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, if it becomes necessary to retire or change the position of a Steering Committee member (including the Steering Committee Chairperson and the Steering Vice Chairperson) during the term of office, Promoter Member G (including Promoter G) to which the Steering Committee member belongs shall promptly appoint a

successor from the relevant group and notify the Secretariat. In this case, the term of office of the successor shall be the remaining term of office of the predecessor.

6. Each Steering Committee member shall have one vote for voting rights in the Steering Committee.
7. Except as otherwise provided in these Terms, the Steering Committee shall deliberate and resolve the following matters.
  - (1) Specific matters for implementing the resolutions of the Annual Meeting
  - (2) Matters deemed necessary by the Steering Committee Chairperson for the operation of the Association
  - (3) Selection of Steering Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairman
  - (4) Election of Accounting Audit & Supervisory Board Members
  - (5) Establishment, modification, and dissolution of working groups (hereinafter referred to as WGs) stipulated in Article 13
  - (6) Decision of the Chairperson of the WG
  - (7) Determination of the operation and composition of the WG
  - (8) Deliberation, decision-making, and approval of reports from the WG
  - (9) Decision to join, withdraw, or expel members
  - (10) Appointment of the Secretariat of the Alliance
  - (11) Changes and revisions to the terms and conditions of the Alliance
  - (12) Dissolution of the Association
  - (13) Other important matters related to the operation of the Alliance
8. The Steering Committee may meet as needed. Alternatively, it can be held in writing, by electromagnetic methods such as e-mail, or by questions and answers using communication means such as the Internet such as online meetings.
9. The Steering Committee shall be established by the attendance of a majority of the Steering Committee members, and a resolution shall be made with the consent of a majority of the Steering Committee members present, except as provided in the following paragraph. Attendance and resolutions may, at the

discretion of the Steering Committee Chairperson, be attended and voted on in writing or by electromagnetic means such as e-mail, or by means of communication such as the Internet such as online meetings.

10. The admission of members as stipulated in Article 5, the withdrawal of members as stipulated in Article 6, the expulsion of members as stipulated in Article 7, changes and revisions to the terms and conditions of the Alliance, the dissolution of the Alliance, and other important matters and matters deemed by the Steering Committee shall be resolved with the consent of at least two-thirds of the Steering Committee members. In addition, if the Steering Committee resolves to change or revise the terms of the Alliance, or to enact, change, revise, or abolish the rules of the Alliance, it shall be deemed that the members have approved that the rules and regulations to which the changes or amendments have been made will be applied to the Alliance.
11. If deemed necessary by the Steering Committee Chairperson, persons other than the Steering Committee may attend the Steering Committee meeting. In this case, the attendee shall not have voting rights in the Steering Committee.

#### Article 13 (Establishment and Composition of WGs)

The Steering Committee may establish WGs as necessary to promote the smooth operation of the Alliance.

2. Based on the purpose of the Alliance, the WG shall consider specific ways to achieve this, formulate and report on an action plan in accordance with the request of the Steering Committee, and implement it based on the approval of the Steering Committee.
3. The chairperson of each WG (referred to as "Chair") shall be appointed by the Steering Committee Chairperson from among the Promoter Member G or the Standard Member G, and shall be determined by the approval of the Steering Committee. Each WG shall be governed by the WG Chair. As a general rule, the term of office of the WG Chairperson shall be two years from the beginning of the fiscal year. However, this does not preclude reappointment.

4. The members necessary for the operation and composition of the WG shall be selected by the WG Chairperson from among Promoter Member G, Standard Member G, or Start-up Member G, and shall consist of Promoter Members, Standard Members, and Start-up Members who wish to participate with the approval of the Steering Committee. The WG Chairperson may, as necessary, elect a Vice-Chair from among Promoter Member G, Standard Member G, or Start-up Member G. The WG Chairperson may, in particular approve the Steering Committee, allow members who wish to participate, other than Promoter Member G, Standard Member G, or Start-up Member G, to participate in the WG as WG participants who do not have voting rights and are not directly involved in the operation and execution of the WG.
5. The WG Chairperson may, as necessary, establish a "Task Group" (hereinafter referred to as the "TG") within the WG to divide and promote the activities of the WG, and elect the chief examiner (the English name is the "TG Chair") to lead the operation of the TG and the members necessary for the operation and composition of the TG from among the WG members.
6. The WG Chairperson or TG Chairperson shall report the results of the WG to the Steering Committee.

#### Article 14 (Membership Fee)

The Alliance shall be operated with the membership fees and other miscellaneous income of the members set forth in the following paragraph. provided, however, that each member shall bear the transportation expenses of the Annual Meeting, steering committee, WG, or events of the Alliance.

2. Each member must pay the following membership fees to the Alliance.
  - (1) Promoter member G: 500,000 Japan yen per year as an annual membership fee.

However, if the Steering Committee member falls under the category of Promoter Member G who has been elected, an additional 500,000 yen per year must be paid in addition to the above amount,

regardless of the number of Steering Committee members.

(2) Standard member G: 300,000 Japan yen per year as an annual membership fee.

(3) Start-up member G: 0 Japan yen per year as an annual membership fee.

(4) Supporter member G: 0 Japan yen per year as an annual membership fee.

(5) Special Member G: The annual membership fee shall be determined separately for each member by the Steering Committee.

provided, however, that the exchange rate for the above annual membership fee when converting the JPY amount into other currencies shall be the monthly XX rate at the time of issuance of the invoice stipulated in the next paragraph.

3. The membership fee for the year in which the member is admitted shall be paid at the time of enrollment, and within one month after the Alliance issues the invoice at the beginning of the following fiscal year, by transferring a lump sum in cash to the designated account of the Alliance.

In addition, the person applying for membership shall designate a payer (corporation that makes payment, etc.) among his or her Promoter member G, Standard member G, Start-up member G, Supporter member G, or Special member G in accordance with the prescribed procedure at the time of application.

4. In the case of enrollment in the middle of the fiscal year, the member shall pay the amount calculated on a monthly basis for the number of months including the month of enrollment as the membership fee for the first year.
5. Members may pay the annual membership fee for the following year in advance at the end of the previous fiscal year for their own convenience. However, advance payment is possible only if the Secretariat is requested in advance by the end of January of the previous fiscal year and approved by the Secretariat.
6. Members agree to pay additional membership fees if the Annual Meeting resolves to collect extraordinary membership fees.
7. Membership fees paid to the Alliance will not be refunded for any reason, including requests for withdrawal.



8. If there is a surplus at the end of the fiscal year due to the allocation of membership fees, etc., to the payment of expenses, such surplus shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year.
9. In the event that it is decided that the Alliance will be dissolved and there is a surplus on the scheduled date of dissolution, the handling of such surplus shall be decided through discussion at the Annual Meeting prior to the scheduled date of dissolution.
10. Members agree that, if approved by the Steering Committee, the Alliance shall collect from members the expenses incurred in the events held by the Alliance for each event.
11. Necessary items regarding membership fees and expenses of the Alliance other than those stipulated in this Article shall be separately stipulated in the bylaws.

#### Article 15 (Secretariat)

In order to operate the Alliance, the Alliance shall establish a secretariat appointed by the Steering Committee. The Secretariat shall be in charge of the Alliance's accounting operations.

#### Article 16 (Confidentiality)

Members shall not disclose information about the Alliance or other members that they have learned through the activities of the Alliance and that has been designated or labeled as confidential (hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information") without the prior written consent of the member (hereinafter referred to as the "Disclosing Party") who discloses the Confidential Information, and shall not use it for any purpose other than to carry out the activities of the Alliance without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party. However, the following information is not included in the confidential information.

- (1) Information that is already publicly known at the time of disclosure, or that

has become publicly known regardless of the reason attributable to the member who receives the confidential information (hereinafter referred to as the "recipient")

(2) Information that the recipient has rightfully held before the disclosure by the disclosing party

(3) Information created independently by the recipient without relying on confidential information

(4) Information lawfully obtained by the recipient from a third party without any obligation of confidentiality

2. Members shall manage confidential information as confidential with the care of a prudent manager, and shall disclose confidential information to the minimum extent necessary only to the officers and employees of the corporation within Promoter Member G, Standard Member G, Start-up Member G, Supporter Member G, or Special Member G to which they belong, as necessary for the purpose of the Association and the activities of the Association.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 1 and the preceding paragraph of this Article, a Member shall not disclose any confidential information obtained at or through the activities of the Steering Committee or WG to any person other than the member participating in the Steering Committee or WG (including Member G, to which the member belongs) without the prior written consent of the disclosing party. However, the information specified in (1) ~ (4) of Paragraph 1 of this Article is excluded.
4. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, a member may disclose confidential information to the extent necessary if disclosure is requested by judicial order, law, or government agency. In this case, the member who makes the disclosure shall promptly notify the person who discloses the confidential information.
5. In the event that a member loses his or her status as a member of the Alliance due to withdrawal pursuant to Article 6 or expulsion pursuant to Article 7 (hereinafter referred to as "loss of status"), the Alliance is dissolved, or at the

request of the disclosing party, the member shall return or dispose of the confidential information and copies thereof without delay.

6. Members shall comply with the confidentiality obligations stipulated in this Article for a period of three years, even after withdrawing from membership pursuant to Article 6, being expelled pursuant to Article 7, or even after the dissolution of the Association.
7. Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraphs, depending on the Confidential Information, arrangements may be made separately between the Members, the Steering Committee, the WG, etc., which differ from those set forth in this Article, and in such cases, the Confidential Information shall be subject to such arrangements.

#### Article 17 (Handling of Trademarks)

We confirm that the rights to the Nessum trademark (a word trademark, a figurative mark or a combination thereof related to "Nessum", which refers to a registered trademark and a trademark registration application) belong to PHD.

2. Members may use the Nessum trademark in accordance with the "Nessum Trademark Usage Manual" stipulated by PHD.
3. Members (excluding PHD) agree to enter into a separate trademark license agreement with PHD and comply with the terms of such agreement when using the Nessum trademark, except as provided in paragraph 4, paragraph 1) of this Article.
4. In the above manual, the following two types of Nessum trademarks are prescribed, and the goods and media specified for each use can be used in accordance with the above manual.
  - 1) For sales Promoter purposes

As a comprehensive trademark for a group of products that employ Nessum technology, it can be used only for the following items other than the product itself. (Regardless of whether the Nessum product line is compatible or incompatible.) )

1. Promotional materials
2. Packing package (including product instruction manual)
3. Product Catalog
4. WEB banners and billboards

Advertising materials such as.

## 2) Compatible Authentication Applications

In the Nessum communication compatibility certification system implemented by PHD or a Nessum compatible certification body recognized by the Alliance, the product body and semiconductor IC products in the communication compatibility certification system for Nessum compatible products (including IEEE 1901 incompatible products and non-multi-hop Nessum) Modular products.

## Article 18 (Handling of Affiliated Companies)

For the purposes of these Terms, "Affiliate" or "Affiliated" means (1) a corporation that controls a member, (2) a corporation controlled by a member, or (3) a corporation under common control with a member, directly or indirectly, by more than 50 percent of the shares or interests. For the purposes of this Article, "control" or "controlled" means that more than 50 percent of the shares or interests in voting rights to such corporation are held or controlled directly or indirectly by the ruler. The corporation shall be deemed to be an "Affiliate" or "Affiliated" for as long as such control persists.

## Article 19 (Promoters)

The founder of the Alliance shall be Panasonic Holdings Corporation. In addition, if it becomes necessary to add or change the related members, the promoter may do so by notifying the secretariat.

2. The relevant members of the promoter shall be able to exercise, bear, or exercise the rights and obligations of the promoter based on this agreement and other operations and activities of the Alliance together with or on behalf of the

promoter.

#### Article 20 (Fiscal Year)

The fiscal year of the Alliance shall be from April 1 of each year to the end of March of the following year.

#### Article 21 (Waiver of Liability of the Alliance, etc.)

Members shall carry out all activities of the Alliance at their own risk, and shall deal with all damages, including accidents and property damage, incurred by themselves in the activities of the Alliance or the activities of the Alliance at their own responsibility and expense. The Alliance, persons who hold or have held positions such as officers, steering committee members, secretariats, WGs, etc., and the founder G of the Alliance shall not be liable for any accidents, property damage, or other damages associated with the activities of the Alliance, as well as disputes or claims between members or third parties.

#### Article 22 (Compliance with Laws and Regulations)

Members shall not exchange any information that violates the Antimonopoly Act or other laws and regulations regarding products and services that utilize the results of the activities of the Alliance, and shall comply with relevant laws and regulations in the activities of the Alliance.

#### Article 23 (Governing Law)

These Terms shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Japan.

#### Article 24 (Jurisdiction)

In the event that it becomes necessary to file a lawsuit or file a request for mediation in connection with or in connection with this agreement, the member agrees that the Osaka District Court shall be the exclusive jurisdictional court of the first instance.

#### Article 25 (Miscellaneous)

1. In addition to what is stipulated in this agreement, matters necessary for the operation of the Association shall be determined by the Steering Committee by the Steering Committee Chairperson.
2. The original text of this By-laws is the Japanese version, which is the current document. The English version is treated as a copy of this By-laws given for reference purposes.

#### Supplementary Provisions

##### Article 1

The date of establishment of the Alliance shall be September 25, 2007. It was established under the name of "HD-PLC Alliance" on the day, then, in October 2023, the name was changed to "Nessum Alliance".

##### Article 2 (Effective Date)

These Terms of Use shall come into effect from the date of enactment.

##### Article 3 (Fiscal Year in the Year of Establishment, etc.)

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from the date of establishment to the end of March of the following year.

##### Article 4 (Organization and Operational Structure)

The "Organization and Management Structure Chart" is shown in the attachment. This chart shall be updated or replaced by the Secretariat or the Steering Committee whenever the organization and management structure are changed.

Date of enactment: October 2, 2023

(Established by migrating the former HD-PLC Alliance Rules)

## Revision History

Updated on	See.	What's changed	Reason for change
2023/10/02	1.0	—	Creation of the first edition
2024/04/01	1.1	Articles 4, 5, 8, 10-14, 16	Changes to the relevant terms regarding changes in membership type (addition of Start-up members, change of Special memberships, deletion of observer members, etc.)