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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CHECKLIST

This checklist provides a series of questions intended to help identify potential intellectual property issues related to your business. Given that many of these issues are time-sensitive, it is important to consider your various options sooner rather than later, as time is often of the essence. We welcome the potential opportunity to assist you with your intellectual property-related needs, and we would be happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have in the meantime.

- ☐ Who **owns** the IP that we create or commission?
 - ☐ Are the necessary employment and/or independent contractor agreements in place with all applicable parties?
 - ☐ Any contractual obligations to current or past employers?
 - ☐ Are the necessary confidentiality agreements in place with all applicable parties?
- ☐ Are any aspects of our **ideas** protectable (and worth protecting)?
 - ☐ Through patent protection?
 - ☐ Through trade secret protection?
- ☐ Are any **tangible works** associated with our ideas protectable (and worth protecting) through copyright?
- ☐ Are the **source identifiers** we plan to use protectable (and worth protecting) as trademarks?
- ☐ Do any aspects of our planned products and/or services **infringe** any known third-party IP rights?
 - ☐ Potential patent infringement issues?
 - ☐ Potential trademark infringement issues?
- ☐ How can we **monetize** our IP?
 - ☐ Direct commercialization of technology?
 - ☐ Licensing technology rights to others?
 - ☐ Sale of technology rights to others?
 - ☐ Enforcement of rights against infringers?