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Subject: IMG⁴ FP7 Model Consortium Agreement

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to release the Model Consortium Agreement (MCA) for all Aeronautics projects in FP7. IMG⁴ has authorised me to issue it to coincide with the announcement of the successful projects in the first call of FP7. Our expectation is that each project coordinator will take this document and customise it for their particular Level 1 or Level 2 projects.

When you circulate your project specific consortium agreement for signature, I would ask you to remind the other applicants of the huge contributions to the document from the legal experts from a large number of European companies and Research Establishments. The requirement for every applicant to sign the consortium agreement before the coordinator signs the contract with the EC makes lengthy negotiations impossible.

I would like to summarise the most important aspects of the FP7 MCA:

- 1) It is based on the DESCAs Model Consortium Agreement (headings and clause numbers), as well as the drafting "style", so that it is easier to understand for the scientific community.
- 2) IMG⁴ has worked on it to make it compliant with the industrial objectives that the IMG would like to see achieved through participation in the European Framework Programmes.
- 3) The IP clauses are thus not the same ones that will be proposed when a member of the DESCAs Core Group will be coordinating a FP7 project and using the Descas CA. The IP clauses we use are obviously more tailored to meet our industrial concerns and needs.
- 4) IMG⁴ has also made some changes in governance and liability.
- 5) There are some optional provisions that each coordinator will need to complete.

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- 6) There are two different Consortium Agreements: one for L2 projects and one for L1 projects.

I would ask you to circulate this letter with its attachments to any person responsible for Aeronautics projects in FP7. I will also ensure that the ASD are fully briefed on the need to eliminate unnecessary legal discussion within the aeronautical community.

Yours Sincerely,

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