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[COMPANY NAME]

SIMPLE AGREEMENT FOR FUTURE EQUITY (SAFE)

THIS CERTIFIES THAT in exchange for the payment on or about [Date of Agreement] by the University of Chicago, on behalf of its [Booth School of Business/Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation] (the “Investor”), of $[________] (the “Purchase Amount”) to [Company Name], a [State of Organization] Limited Liability Company (the “Company”), as a [winner of the Investor’s New Venture Challenge/company funded by the University of Chicago Innovation Fund], the Company hereby issues to the Investor the right to certain Membership Interests in the Company, subject to the terms set forth below.

1. **Events**

   (a) **Equity Financing.** If there is an Equity Financing before the expiration or termination of this instrument, the Company will automatically issue to the Investor a portion of the Membership Interests sold in the Equity Financing equal to the Purchase Amount divided by the aggregate amount invested in the Equity Financing (including the Purchase Amount).

   In connection with the issuance of such Membership Interests to the Investor pursuant to this Section 1(a):

   (i) The Investor will execute and deliver to the Company all transaction documents related to the Equity Financing; provided, that such documents are the same documents to be entered into with the purchasers of Membership Interests, and provided further, that such documents have customary exceptions to any drag-along applicable to the Investor, including, without limitation, limited representations and warranties and limited liability and indemnification obligations on the part of the Investor; and

   (ii) The Investor and the Company will execute a Pro Rata Rights Agreement, unless the Investor is already included in such rights in the transaction documents related to the Equity Financing.

   (b) **Liquidity Event.** If there is a Liquidity Event before the expiration or termination of this instrument, the Investor will, at its option, either (i) receive a cash payment equal to the Purchase Amount (subject to the following paragraph); or (ii) automatically receive from the Company an amount of Membership Interests of the Company equal to the Purchase Amount divided by the fair market value of the Company at the time of the Liquidity Event (determined by reference to the purchase price payable in connection with such Liquidity Event) (the “Liquidity Price”), if the Investor fails to select the cash option.

   In connection with Section (b)(i), the Purchase Amount will be due and payable by the Company to the Investor immediately prior to, or concurrent with, the consummation of the Liquidity Event. If there are not enough funds to pay the Investor and holders of other SAFEs (collectively, the “Cash-Out Investors”) in full, then all of the Company’s available funds will be distributed with equal priority and pro rata among
the Cash-Out Investors in proportion to their Purchase Amounts, and the Cash-Out Investors will automatically receive the amount of Membership Interests of the Company equal to the remaining unpaid Purchase Amount divided by the Liquidity Price. In connection with a Change of Control intended to qualify as a tax-free reorganization, the Company may reduce, pro rata, the Purchase Amounts payable to the Cash-Out Investors by the amount determined by the Company in good faith to be advisable for such Change of Control to qualify as a tax-free reorganization for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and in such case, the Cash-Out Investors will automatically receive the amount of Membership Interests of the Company equal to the remaining unpaid Purchase Amount divided by the Liquidity Price.

(c) **Dissolution Event.** If there is a Dissolution Event before this instrument expires or terminates, the Company will pay an amount equal to the Purchase Amount, due and payable to the Investor immediately prior to, or concurrent with, the consummation of the Dissolution Event. The Purchase Amount will be paid prior and in preference to any Distribution of any of the assets of the Company to holders of outstanding Membership Interests by reason of their ownership thereof. If, immediately prior to the consummation of the Dissolution Event, the assets of the Company legally available for distribution to the Investor and all holders of all other SAFEs (the “Dissolving Investors”), as determined in good faith by the Company, are insufficient to permit the payment to the Dissolving Investors of their respective Purchase Amounts, then the entire assets of the Company legally available for distribution will be distributed with equal priority and pro rata among the Dissolving Investors in proportion to the Purchase Amounts they would otherwise be entitled to receive pursuant to this Section 1(c).

(d) **Termination.** This instrument will expire and terminate (without relieving the Company of any obligations arising from a prior breach of or non-compliance with this instrument) upon either (i) the issuance of Membership Interests to the Investor pursuant to Section 1(a) or Section 1(b)(ii); or (ii) the payment, or setting aside for payment, of amounts due the Investor pursuant to Section 1(b)(i) or Section 1(c).

2. **Definitions**

“**Change of Control**” means (i) a transaction or series of related transactions in which any “person” or “group” (within the meaning of Section 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the Company; (ii) any reorganization, merger, or consolidation of the Company, other than a transaction or series of related transactions in which the holders of the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior to such transaction or series of related transactions retain, immediately after such transaction or series of related transactions, at least a majority of the total voting power represented by the outstanding voting securities of the Company or such other surviving or resulting entity; or (iii) a sale, lease, exclusive license, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company.

“**Distribution**” means the transfer to members of the Company by reason of their ownership thereof of cash or other property without consideration whether by way of dividend or otherwise, other than distributions on Membership Interests payable in Membership units, or the purchase or redemption of Membership Interests by the Company or its subsidiaries for cash or property other than: (i) repurchases of Membership Interests held by employees, officers, directors, managers, or consultants of the Company or its subsidiaries pursuant to an agreement providing, as applicable, a right of first refusal or a right to repurchase Membership Interests upon termination of such service provider’s employment or services; or (ii) repurchases of Membership Interests in connection with the settlement of disputes with any member.

“**Dissolution Event**” means (i) a voluntary termination of operations; (ii) a general assignment for the benefit of the Company’s creditors; or (iii) any other liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the
Company (excluding a Liquidity Event), whether voluntary or involuntary.

“Equity Financing” means a bona fide transaction or series of transactions with the principal purpose of raising capital, pursuant to which the Company issues and sells Membership Interests at a fixed pre-money valuation with an aggregate sales price of not less than [\$250,000] (excluding all Subsequent Convertible Securities).

“Initial Public Offering” means the closing of the Company’s first firm commitment underwritten initial public offering of equity securities pursuant to a registration statement filed under the Securities Act.

“Liquidity Event” means a Change of Control or an Initial Public Offering.

“Membership Interest” means all of a member’s rights in the Company, including the right to receive distributions and a share of proceeds in the case of Company sale or liquidation.

“Pro Rata Rights Agreement” means a written agreement between the Company and the Investor (and holders of other SAFEs, as appropriate) giving the Investor a right to purchase its pro rata share of private placements of securities by the Company occurring after the Equity Financing, subject to customary exceptions. Pro rata for purposes of the Pro Rata Rights Agreement will be calculated based on the ratio of (1) the amount of Membership Interests owned by the Investor immediately prior to the issuance of the securities to (2) the total amount of Membership Interests on a fully diluted basis, calculated as of immediately prior to the issuance of the securities.

“SAFE” means an instrument or agreement, however titled, containing a future right to Membership Interests in the Company, purchased by or issued to investors for the purpose of funding the Company’s business operations.

“Subsequent Convertible Securities” means convertible securities that the Company may issue after the issuance of this instrument with the principal purpose of raising capital, including but not limited to, other SAFEs, convertible debt instruments, and other convertible securities. Subsequent Convertible Securities exclude: (i) options issued pursuant to any equity incentive or similar plan of the Company; (ii) convertible securities issued or issuable to (A) banks, equipment lessors, financial institutions, or other persons engaged in the business of making loans pursuant to a debt financing or commercial leasing or (B) suppliers or third party service providers in connection with the provision of goods or services pursuant to transactions; and (iii) convertible securities issued or issuable in connection with sponsored research, collaboration, technology license, development, OEM, marketing, or other similar agreements or strategic partnerships.

3. **“MFN” Amendment Provision.** If the Company issues any Subsequent Convertible Securities prior to termination of this instrument, then the Company will promptly provide the Investor with written notice thereof, together with a copy of all documentation relating to such Subsequent Convertible Securities and, upon written request of the Investor, any additional information related to such Subsequent Convertible Securities as may be reasonably requested by the Investor. In the event the Investor determines that the terms of the Subsequent Convertible Securities are preferable to the terms of this instrument, the Investor will notify the Company in writing. Promptly after receipt of such written notice from the Investor, the Company agrees to amend and restate this instrument to be identical to the instrument(s) evidencing the Subsequent Convertible Securities.

4. **Company Representations**

   (a) The Company is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing, and in good

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standing under the laws of the state of its organization, and it has the power and authority to own, lease, and operate its properties and carry on its business as now conducted.

(b) The execution, delivery, and performance by the Company of this instrument is within the power of the Company and, other than with respect to the actions to be taken when Membership Interests are to be issued to the Investor, has been duly authorized by all necessary actions on the part of the Company. This instrument constitutes a legal, valid, and binding obligation of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with its terms, except as limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other laws of general application relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights generally and general principles of equity. To the knowledge of the Company, it is not in violation of (i) its current articles of organization or operating agreement, (ii) any material statute, rule, or regulation applicable to the Company; or (iii) any material indenture or contract to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound, where, in each case, such violation or default, individually, or together with all such violations or defaults, could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

(c) The performance and consummation of the transactions contemplated by this instrument do not and will not: (i) violate any material judgment, statute, rule, or regulation applicable to the Company; (ii) result in the acceleration of any material indenture or contract to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound; or (iii) result in the creation or imposition of any lien upon any property, asset, or revenue of the Company or the suspension, forfeiture, or nonrenewal of any material permit, license, or authorization applicable to the Company, its business, or operations.

(d) No consents or approvals are required in connection with the performance of this instrument, other than: (i) the Company’s approvals; (ii) any qualifications or filings under applicable securities laws; and (iii) necessary approvals for the authorization of Membership Interests issuable pursuant to Section 1.

(e) To its knowledge, the Company owns or possesses (or can obtain on commercially reasonable terms) sufficient legal rights to all patents, trademarks, service marks, trade names, copyrights, trade secrets, licenses, information, processes, and other intellectual property rights necessary for its business as now conducted and as currently proposed to be conducted, without any conflict with, or infringement of the rights of, others.

5. **Investor Representations**

(a) The Investor has full legal capacity, power, and authority to execute and deliver this instrument and to perform its obligations hereunder. This instrument constitutes valid and binding obligation of the Investor, enforceable in accordance with its terms, except as limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other laws of general application relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights generally and general principles of equity.

(b) The Investor is an accredited investor as such term is defined in Rule 501 of Regulation D under the Securities Act. The Investor has been advised that this instrument and the underlying securities have not been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws and, therefore, cannot be resold unless they are registered under the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws or unless an exemption from such registration requirements is available. The Investor is purchasing this instrument and the securities to be acquired by the Investor hereunder for its own account for investment, not as a nominee or agent, and not with a view to, or for resale in connection with, the distribution thereof, and the Investor has no present intention of selling, granting any participation in, or otherwise distributing the same. The Investor has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters that the Investor is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such investment, is able to incur a complete loss of such investment.
without impairing the Investor’s financial condition, and is able to bear the economic risk of such investment for an indefinite period of time.

6. **Miscellaneous**

   (a) Any provision of this instrument may be amended, waived, or modified only upon the written consent of the Company and the Investor.

   (b) Any notice required or permitted by this instrument will be deemed sufficient when delivered personally or by overnight courier to the relevant address listed on the signature page, or 48 hours after being deposited in the U.S. mail as certified or registered mail with postage prepaid, addressed to the party to be notified at such party’s address listed on the signature page, as subsequently modified by written notice.

   (c) The Investor is not entitled, as a holder of this instrument, to vote or receive dividends or distributions or be deemed the holder of Membership Interests for any purpose, nor will anything contained herein be construed to confer on the Investor, as such, any of the rights of a member of the Company or any right to vote for the election of directors or managers or upon any matter submitted to members at any meeting thereof, or to give or withhold consent to any Company action or to receive notice of meetings, or to receive subscription rights or otherwise until Membership Interests have been issued upon the terms described herein.

   (d) Neither this instrument nor the rights contained herein may be assigned, by operation of law or otherwise, by either party without the prior written consent of the other; **provided, however**, that this instrument and/or the rights contained herein may be assigned without the Company’s consent by the Investor to any other entity who, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Investor; and **provided, further**, that the Company may assign this instrument in whole, without the consent of the Investor, in connection with a reorganization to change the Company’s domicile or in connection with the conversion of the Company to a corporation.

   (e) In the event any one or more of the provisions of this instrument is for any reason held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, in whole or in part or in any respect, or in the event that any one or more of the provisions of this instrument operate or would prospectively operate to invalidate this instrument, then in any such event, such provision(s) only will be deemed null and void and will not affect any other provision of this instrument, and the remaining provisions of this instrument will remain operative and in full force and effect and will not be affected, prejudiced, or disturbed thereby.

   (f) All rights and obligations hereunder will be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to the conflicts of law provisions of such jurisdiction.

   *(Signature page follows)*
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have caused this instrument to be duly executed and delivered.

[COMPANY]

By: ______________________________

Name: ____________________________

Title: _____________________________

Address: __________________________

Email: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________

INVESTOR:

By: ______________________________

Name: ____________________________

Title: _____________________________

Address: __________________________

Email: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________