The Partner Organisation Agreement (POA)

1. The University of Sydney will enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Australian Research Council (ARC Head Agreement) consequently it will receive financial assistance to conduct the Linkage Project.

2. It is a condition of the ARC Head Agreement that the University of Sydney enters into a collaborative research agreement with the Partner Organisation to outline your role and contribution to the Project including the publication of research and intellectual property arrangements that apply to the outcome or results generated by the Project. The head agreement for projects due to commence in 2016 is not yet available. However, the 2015 agreement is available on the ARC website: http://www.arc.gov.au/funding-agreement

It is recommended that you review in particular clause 11 which describes the obligations on the University of Sydney regarding the agreements between the University and the Partner Organisation. Clause 21 deals with the Publication aspects of the work carried out under ARC Linkage projects.

3. The intellectual property (IP) clauses in the agreements between the Partner Organisation and the University of Sydney will depend upon the nature of the project and the nature of the background IP being brought to the project. You are encouraged to discuss the IP aspect with your project research partner at the University of Sydney and we recommend you contact the Commercial Development and Industry Partnerships team within the University; see point 7 for contact details. Following this discussion, we can provide you with the template Partner Organisation Agreement (POA) most appropriate to your Linkage project.

4. The requirement for publication of the results of the research conducted in line with the POA is specifically set out in the ARC Funding Agreement. In particular, ALL ARC-funded research projects must comply with the ARC Open Access policy, which is available at http://www.arc.gov.au/arc-open-access-policy. This policy requires that any publications arising from such a publicly-funded Project must be deposited into an open access institutional repository within a twelve month period from the date of publication. The date of publication will depend on the timing of IP generation resulting from the project research.

5. Specific terms in the POA relate to research, including the establishment of a management group for the project, purchase of equipment and student participation also flow from the ARC Head Agreement, as such these cannot be amended.

6. The University of Sydney is unable to commence the Project until the Partner Organisation Agreement has been executed. Should the Partner Organisation Agreement fail to be executed by 12 months from the date the grant is awarded the ARC may recall the funds. In practice, we would expect the Project to commence within 3 to 6 months following the announcements of the awards depending upon the number of collaborating organisations that are party to the POA.

7. For more information on the Partner Organisation Agreements please contact the Director of Commercial Development and Industry Partnerships — andrew.black@sydney.edu.au or the Manager of Research Contracts - almamary.mcfarland@sydney.edu.au.