**NEW PARTNER – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

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| Organisation name: |  |
| ABN/Company #: |  |
| Key contact: |  |
| Partnership Level (Core, Key, Affiliate, Associate): |  |

***Notice Details***

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| Registered address: |  |
| Telephone: |  |
| Phone: |  |
| Email: |  |

***Please complete the table below referring to ‘key considerations’ over page***

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| **Consideration** | **Details (<250 words each)** |
| Reasons for joining HILT CRC  *(involvement in existing or new projects or priority area)* |  |
| Proposed contributions:  *(cash and in-kind amounts, nature & timing)* |  |
| Benefits to current Partners and projects:  *(skills, technologies infrastructure or other)* |  |
| Competing Interests  *(yes, no, describe)* |  |

***Please return completed forms to the Company Secretary, Ian Hardwick*** *(*[*ian.hardwick@hiltcrc.com.au*](mailto:ian.hardwick@hiltcrc.com.au)*)*

**Partner Levels**

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| **Partner Tier** | **Investment Level (average)** | **Key Benefits** |
| Core | $250k p.a. and above ***plus*** in-kind contributions | **Best suited to: production companies/end-users and large research institutions**   * Direct research priorities via membership of steering committee * Involvement in unlimited number of projects * Primary rights to Project IP * Membership of Company and associated voting rights * All rights associated with lower partner tiers |
| Key | $100k p.a. and above ***plus*** in-kind contributions | **Best suited to: technology, engineering companies and medium research institutions**   * Membership of Research Advisory Committees. * Nominate research priorities to the Steering Committee * Involvement in up to 3 projects at any one time, unless by exception approval * Secondary access to Project IP, proportional to partnership status * Access to CRC’s industry PhD internships program * All rights associated with lower partner tiers |
| Affiliate | $20k p.a. and above ***plus***  in-kind contributions | **Best suited to: start-up companies, small-medium enterprises and small research institutions**   * Contribute to HILT CRC research strategy and project ideation * Involvement in up to 1 project at any one time, unless by exception approval * Access to Project IP on a commercial basis * All rights associated with lower partner tiers |
| Associate | In-kind contributions only | **Best suited to: industry associations, non-government organisations and international research institutions (companies only by exception)**   * Involvement in projects as required, supplying specialist skill sets or infrastructure * Attendance at HILT CRC conference, webinars and other events * Access to non-restricted HILT project outcomes * May be eligible for tax offsets under the R&D tax incentive |

**Key Considerations**

Applicants must address the following key areas:

* Reasons for joining HILT CRC: in particular as much as possible identify the project(s) the applicant seeks to participate in; this may be an existing project, a priority area from the Research Strategy or a new project in which case a summary should be provided.
* The cash and/or in-kind contributions that the applicant will make including the amount, nature and timing of these contributions.
* What specific skills, technologies infrastructure or other benefits the applicant will bring to existing Partners and current and prospective projects.
* Whether or not the applicant believes that their entry into the HILT CRC may compete or conflict with the interests of an existing Partner, Current Partners can be viewed at <https://www.hiltcrc.com.au/>

**Process of Admission**

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| **Partner Tier** | **Process** |
| Core | * Provide existing Core Partners with at least 21 days’ notice of intended admission including details of terms of admission and involvement and how this will contribute to HILT CRC’s objectives. * At least 75% of Core Partners approve the admission. * Board considers any written feedback received by a Core Partner in relation to the admission. * Board pass a special resolution to admit the applicant. * Applicant to sign accession agreement agreeing to be bound to the Core Partner Agreement. |
| Key, Affiliate & Associate | * Provide existing Core Partners with at least 21 days’ notice of intended admission including details of terms of admission and involvement and how this will contribute to HILT CRC’s objectives. * Board considers any written feedback received by a Core Partner in relation to the admission. * Board pass a special resolution to admit the applicant. * Applicant to sign admission Agreement with HILT CRC. |