



Benefit Program No. 10 - Establishing R&D Laboratories and Information Databases and Making Them Accessible to the Industry

1. General

- 1.1 The National Technology Innovation Authority (hereinafter: “**The Innovation Authority**”) assists and encourages, directly or indirectly, technological innovation in industry in Israel through a variety of benefit programs, tools and actions carried out by it.
- 1.2 Benefit Program No. 10 - establishing R&D laboratories and databases and making them accessible to the industry (hereinafter: “**The Benefit Program**”) will assist users group and/or industrial corporation in the procurement, establishment, development of research and development services, by operating infrastructure equipment or making it accessible to perform research and development, and all to render such services to industrial corporations and research institutions to advance the industry in Israel and to strengthen its long term technological advantage.

2. Definitions

In this benefit program, the following terms will assume the definition appearing in this section below unless defined otherwise in the Innovation Law or in the benefit program. A term that is not explicitly defined in the benefit program will be given the meaning according to the Innovation Law.

2.1 “Application”

A request to receive a benefit for a given period in the framework of the program.

2.2 “Government Entity”

Governmental Ministry or corporation established by law.

2.3 “Partners Agreement”

A collaboration agreement signed by all the members of the Users group and constituting the legal basis for the Users group’s activity. The agreement will fully regulate the following aspects:

- A. The Infrastructure Program Goals.
- B. The decision-making process, the use of equipment and its allocation to industrial corporations, whether members in a Users Group or not.
- C. Details of the obligations and rights of each one of the members in the Users Group toward the rest of the members as stated above and of all members jointly toward the Innovation Authority.
- D. A determination that every member in the Users Group will be entitled to make use of the program’s outcomes and that the Users Group will provide its products or services to every industrial corporation without preferences, and at prices that do not exploit a monopolistic status.

E. A determination that the Users Group's management to represent the Users Group to the Innovation Authority, will be comprised of a representative from each one of the members in the Users Group.

2.4 **"Research Committee" or "The Committee"**
within the meaning in Section 3 hereunder.

2.5 **"Application Company"**

A corporation incorporated in Israel and operating according to the laws of the State of Israel, and which is one of these two:

(A) Fully owned by an Israeli research institution, and most of its technology's commercialization activity was created in the framework of the academic research in that research institution.

(B) A corporation whose key activity is technologies commercialization created in an Israeli research institution, if it was approved by the Committee as an Application Company with respect to this program in special cases and for reasons to be noted.

2.6 **"The Innovation Law"**

The Encouragement of Research, Development and Technological Innovation in Industry Law, 5784 -1984.

2.7 **"Entrepreneur"**

Individual/s with an idea to establish the infrastructure footing the basis to the infrastructure program of the application, wishing to render R&D services through it.

2.8 **"Applicant" or Submitter of an Application"**

A Users Group, industrial corporation, implementation company, or entrepreneur, who submit an application to receive a benefit granted in the framework of the Benefit Program.

2.9 **"Research Institution"**

Each one of these:

(A) A higher education institution as this term is defined in the Innovation Law;

(B) Hospital and health corporation as defined in Section 21 to the Budget Foundations Law;

(C) Agricultural Research Administration;

(D) An institution in Israel that the majority of its activity is academic research and development in a scientific or technology field, possessing activity transferring knowledge to the industry, provided that it is approved by the Committee as a research institution with respect to this program in special occasions and for reasons to be denoted.

2.10 **"Complementary Funding"**

Funding for an approval program given by the submitter of the application or by another funding entity that is not a government entity or the Innovation Authority, directly or indirectly, complementing the grant of a scope of 100% of the approved budget. "Grant"

Funding given by the Innovation Authority to the submitter of an application to perform the approved program in the framework of the approved budget.

2.11 “Infrastructure Equipment”

Designated equipment (physical (including R&D laboratory) or databases) that is vital to performing research or development, that is accessible to all the industrial corporations in the State of Israel, who are interested in using it, and that does not exceed the market prices acceptable in Israel or around the world, as applicable as stated in the RFP.

2.12 “Users Group”

An industrial corporation having at least 3 (Three) holders (shareholders, partners, members etc., as applicable). The total scope of holdings, direct and indirect, of such holders in the industrial corporation who are non-profit entities, including research institutions, will not exceed, together, 20% (on a fully diluted basis), and they will not be the controlling shareholders in the industrial corporation, jointly or severally.

In this Section, “Controlling Shareholder” - within the meaning thereof in the Securities Law, 5728 - 1968.

Every holder in such an industrial corporation will be referred to as a “Users Group Member”.

2.13 “Voucher”

Approval given by the Innovation Authority to an Approval Recipient in the framework of any of its benefit programs, and which is approved by it in the framework of receiving services from an infrastructure to be approved by virtue of this benefit program. The benefit in the framework of the voucher will include, *inter alia*, details of the scope of the services to be rendered by the infrastructure and the period during which use can be made of the voucher.

2.14 “Industrial Corporation”

A corporation lawfully incorporated and registered in Israel acting according to the laws of the State of Israel, owning infrastructure equipment, in the framework of which research and development procedures will be performed for commercial needs.

2.15 “Infrastructure Plan”

Planning, procurement, establishment or operation of infrastructure equipment assisting to perform R&D project.

2.16 “Approved Program”

An approved program by the Committee according to the provisions of this benefit program.

2.17 “Approved Budget”

The total budget for the approved program, comprised of the grant and the complementary funding, including only approved expenditure that were approved by the Committee, according to the relevant procedures to be determined by it.

3. The Committee

3.1 Composition of the Committee

The composition of the Committee is the composition of the research committee operating by virtue of the Benefit Program No. 5 of the Innovation Authority - Applied Research in Academia and Industry.

- 3.2 In the event of publishing a request to the public, in the framework of which grants will be given jointly by the Innovation authority and a given government entity, as detailed in Section 4.2 below, that government entity will be entitled to add to the Committee, as members up to two representatives on its behalf to be appointed by the CEO of the government entity. Notwithstanding the provisions above, if one member on behalf of that government entity is already part of the Committee, then up to only one more member will be appointed to the Committee on behalf of that entity according to this section.

3.3 Acting Committee Chairperson

- 3.3.1 One of the Committee members from the Innovation Authority employees to be appointed by the Head of the Authority and the Authority's CEO, will be authorized to serve as acting CEO of the Authority in the role as Acting Chairperson of the Committee.
- 3.3.2 This Authority employee can serve as acting Chairperson of the Committee subject to giving written authorization in advance from the Innovation Authority Head before the Committee's specific discussion.
- 3.3.3 Notwithstanding the above, if a person does not serve in the role of Chief Scientist for Innovation, the CEO of the Authority can appoint one of the Research Committee members from among the Innovation Authority's employees serving as deputy CEO or Assistant CEO to serve as acting Committee Chairperson. The appointment will be valid until another decision is made by the Authority's CEO or until the appointment of a person to the role of the Chief Scientist for Innovation, whichever of the two dates is earlier.

3.4 The Committee's functions and powers

- 3.4.1 The Research Committee will have the power to make any decision necessary to operate the benefit program (if it does not conflict with the Innovation Law, regulations, rules, procedures provisions and the provisions determined by virtue thereof) including:
- 3.4.1.1 Discussing any application that is submitted in the framework of the benefit program.
- 3.4.1.2 To do any action necessary to examine and assess the Applicant's representations, including those relating to the manner the program is performed.
- 3.4.1.3 To approve or reject any application that is submitted in the framework of the benefit program after examining the application's compliance with the threshold criteria and according to the criteria.
- 3.4.1.4 To determine preliminary conditions for the approval of the program to come into force.

- 3.4.1.5 To determine the conditions to perform the approved program, including milestones, schedules and the program period.
 - 3.4.1.6 To approve or reject, fully or partially, any change that is requested to be made to the approved program.
 - 3.4.1.7 To follow performance of the approved program, and to decide whether to determine conditions and milestones for it.
 - 3.4.1.8 To approve the extension of the performance period of the approved program without an added budget until the approved budget is fully used.
 - 3.4.1.9 To approve the shortening of the performance period of the approved program, if the approved budget was used in full and the approved program goals were achieved.
 - 3.4.1.10 To cancel or stop the support for the approved program.
 - 3.4.1.11 To determine and publish procedures for the performance of this benefit program.
 - 3.4.1.12 To approve an entity as meeting the definition of the term “Research Institution”.
- 3.4.2 The Innovation Authority Head will be entitled to appoint sub-committees from among the members of the Research Committee and to determine the support actions the sub-committees can invoke for the Committee’s activities.

3.5 Remuneration

The public Committee members will be entitled to remuneration for their participation in the Committee meetings, according to the procedure determined by the Innovation Authority’s Board in this respect.

4. Request to the Public Framework

- 4.1 The submission of the application process will be done in one or more than the three ways detailed hereinafter, as published in the RFP on the Innovation Authority's website:
- 4.1.1 **Request for Proposals (RFP)**
 - 4.1.1.1 The Innovation Authority will publish from time to time a designated request to the public to submit applications to receive a grant. The request to the public will include, *inter alia*, the deadline to submit the applications.
 - 4.1.1.2 All the applications that were submitted by the deadline to submit applications will be brought to the committee and will be examined by it according to the budget that was budgeted. Applications that were submitted late will be dismissed *in limine*.

4.1.2 Yearlong Submissions

4.1.2.1 Submitting applications to receive a grant will be possible during the course of the entire year, according to the provisions and rules stated in the benefit program procedures.

4.1.2.2 In each period as determined by the Innovation Authority, all the applications that were submitted and ready to be discussed at that time will be brought to the Committee and will be examined according to the provisions in the benefit program and according to the budget that was budgeted.

4.1.3 Submission on Pre- Determined Deadlines

4.1.3.1 Submitting applications to receive a grant will be possible on a number of pre-determined deadlines during the course of the year, as determined in the benefit program procedures.

4.1.3.2 All the applications that were submitted by the deadline to submit applications will be brought before the Committee and they will be examined by it according to the budget that was budgeted. Applications that were submitted late will be dismissed *in limine*.

4.2 In the framework of each submission of applications to receive a grant process (as detailed in Section 4.1 above), the Innovation Authority will be entitled to add a government entity/entities to take part in funding a joint activity.

4.3 Furthermore, in the framework of each submission of applications to receive a grant process (as detailed in Section 4.1 above), the Innovation Authority will be entitled to dedicate the process in one or more of the following ways:

- (A) For applications in specific fields of activity, specific technology fields or different stages of research and/or development, including specific piloting facilities;
- (B) For applications with restrictions on the requested budget, including applications by applicants whereby all of their applications to the Innovation Authority in a calendar year do not exceed a given amount.

4.4 Similarly, in the framework of each submission of applications to receive a grant process (as detailed in Section 4.1 above), the Innovation Authority will be entitled to define one or more of the requirements detailed hereinafter in relation to establishing and operating the infrastructure:

- (A) Minimal technical specification for the infrastructure, to include all or some of the aspects detailed below: the infrastructure planning processes, establishment processes (including duration of establishment), the infrastructure team, capabilities of the infrastructure equipment, integration processes, preparation to render the services or control performances of rendering the services;
- (B) The infrastructure's service level to include all or some of the aspects detailed below: defining specific kinds of customers and the scope thereof, defining the type of services to be rendered to the customers (initial needs characterization, research, development, quality control, tests for regulation purposes, pre-clinical trials or clinical trials), quality of the services to be rendered (including conformity to certain standardization), service norms (availability level to users, minimum scope of services) or determining a fixed

discount offer the acceptable market price in Israel or around the world (as applicable) to render the services, to be defined and which can be updated from time to time;

- (C) The cost, scope or maximum time for services to be provided by the infrastructure with a discount to customers to be defined and of the scope of services to be defined, or to provide them in return for vouchers to be given to customers by the Innovation Authority, including the duration of time to be defined to redeem those vouchers.

5. Application Process

- 5.1 An application to receive a benefit will be made subject and according to the provisions and rules of this benefit program and its procedures, and according to the conditions to be detailed in the RFP to be published on the Innovation Authority's website, including in relation to the deadline to submit the application.
- 5.2 An application to receive a benefit will be submitted to the Innovation Authority on a designated form, edited according to the rules and procedures that the Committee determined or will determine from time to time, and will accompany additional documents, according to the demand of the Committee or an entity authorized by it.
- 5.3 The application forms to receive a benefit will be available for downloading on the Innovation Authority's website.
- 5.4 An application to receive a grant will be submitted as a file for the performance period, as detailed in Section 7 hereinafter.
- 5.5 A full and complete application will be submitted to the Innovation Authority together with all the necessary and relevant information and documents. For applications that are submitted after the deadline to submit applications, if determined, or applications lacking essential information, in relation to the details in the benefit program procedures, a file will not be created in the Innovation Authority's systems and the applications will not be discussed by the Research Committee.

6. Examining the Application

6.1 Threshold Criteria for Granting a Benefit

The application and the submitter of the application in the framework of the benefit program must withstand all the following threshold criteria **accumulatively** to the Research Committee's satisfaction. It is clarified and stressed that the threshold criteria must be met at the time the application is submitted and for the entire performance of the program period and it is sufficient not to meet one of the threshold criteria to disqualify the entire application or to cancel the approved program:

- 6.1.1 The program and all of its components will be performed in Israel by Israeli residents, unless the Research Committee was convinced for reasons to be noted, that it is vital for the performance of the program that part of it be performed outside of Israel or not by Israeli residents.
- 6.1.2 Performance of the approved program will be done by the Applicant or by whoever the Applicant referenced in the program that would perform the program, or part of it, that

the performance thereof is remitted to it or by an executor approved under Section 3.4.1.5 above.

- 6.1.3 The program of the application will not be performed pursuant to an order by an entity other than the Applicant, in consideration for full or partial payment given in return for granting partial or full ownership rights, in knowledge or in a product.
- 6.1.4 The submitter of the application does not have an additional application to fund an identical program, in full or in part, that is being examined under any of the Innovation Authority's benefits programs, including sub-programs and/or the submitter of the application does not have such a funding application that was rejected in the framework of the benefit program during the course of a 6 month period preceding the submission of the application.
- 6.1.5 Financial assistance from a government entity or from the Innovation Authority was not received to perform the file's program directly or indirectly, other than according to the provisions in this benefit program. No additional benefit will be given for an approved file for which a benefit was given in the past under the provisions in this benefit program.
- 6.1.6 The Applicant is not an owner of restricted account/s and is not during receivership proceedings, stay of proceedings, liquidation and suchlike.
- 6.1.7 The Applicant and the Controlling Shareholders therein conform to the requirements in the Encouragement of Research and Development in Industry (Approvals Stipulation - Minimum Wage) Regulations, 5771 - 2011.
- 6.1.8 The Applicant undertook that it will be the owner of the knowledge deriving from the research and development pursuant to the approved program and any right deriving from it, including intellectual property rights, from the moment they manifest.
- 6.1.9 If the Innovation Authority designated a process to submit applications as stated in Section 4.3 above, the Applicant or the application will satisfy the requirement determined in relation to such designation, as applicable.

6.2 Criteria

The Committee will consider the applications that withstood the threshold criteria and will assess their nature according to the criteria detailed hereinafter.

- 6.2.1 **The extent of the technological need for the infrastructure equipment necessary for industrial corporations for research and development needs.**
- 6.2.2 **The existence of a market failure, technology gap or restriction regarding accessibility to the infrastructure equipment described in the program, and which will be resolved by realizing the program subject matter of the application.**
- 6.2.3 **The level of the proposed program's technological innovation.**
- 6.2.4 **The applicant's capabilities, including the management ability and the ability to complete the proposed program and its business plan.**
- 6.2.5 **The technological and employment contribution of the program to the Israeli economy.**

6.2.6 **The technological and business-financial growth potential of the Applicant or the members of the users group due to the program succeeding.**

6.2.7 The terms of use of the infrastructure equipment for the industrial corporations, including the price and availability of the services.

6.3 In each one of the application examination stages, the Committee will be entitled to receive and be assisted by opinions from various entities at the Innovation Authority and/or external entities, including an opinion of an expert evaluator on behalf of the Innovation Authority.

6.4 The Research Committee or someone on its behalf, including external entities, will be entitled to contact, while examining an assessing an application, the Applicant with a request to receive clarifications or a request to receive additional information and documents necessary to examine the application. The Applicant will remit to the Research Committee or to anyone it so authorizes on its behalf, any information and additional document requested, necessary to examine the application.

6.5 At its sole discretion, the Research Committee will be entitled to reject any application that it finds unreasonable, in full or in part.

7. The Program Period

7.1 For a Users Group - an application to receive a grant will be submitted as a file for a period of up to 18 months. The total period that is requested for the approved program, including all the files therein, will not exceed 72 months.

7.2 For Industrial Corporation - an application to receive a grant will be submitted as a file for a period of up to 18 months. The total period that is requested for the program, including all the files therein, will not exceed 36 months.

8. The Committee's Decision

8.1 After examining the application as detailed above, including all the material presented to the members of the Committee, in light of the provisions in the Innovation Law, provisions in this benefit program - including the threshold criteria and criteria of the benefit program, and the discussion that will be held by the Committee members, the Committee will reach a decision whether to approve or reject the application, in full or in part. Notice pertaining to such a decision will be sent to the Applicant.

8.2 If the Committee approves the application or part of it:

8.2.1 **The Committee will determine the approved budget and the extent of the grant to be given to the Applicant, as detailed in this benefit program (including the provisions in Section 9 hereinafter).**

8.2.2 **The Applicant (and each one of the members of the Users Group) will be required to sign a budget form and letter of undertaking in the format to be determined by the Innovation Authority.**

8.2.3 **The Applicant will furnish to the Innovation Authority a partners agreement signed by all the members of the users group.**

8.2.4 **An applicant who is an entrepreneur or Application Company will be required to establish a designated industrial corporation to perform the program and to submit**

the appropriate documents in this respect to the Innovation Authority before signing the letter of undertaking and the budget form.

8.2.5 **An applicant who is an industrial corporation or Users group will be required to establish a designated industrial corporation to perform the program, in the event the requested budget for the program period (and all of the files therein) is for at least 10 million NIS). The industrial corporation will submit the appropriate documents in this respect to the Innovation Authority before signing the letter of undertaking and the budget form.**

8.2.6 **The application approval will come into effect after the Innovation Authority signs the approval instrument, to include, *inter alia*, the file period, extent and amount of the grant and additional conditions - if determined by the Committee.**

9. Grant for Approved Program

9.1 The benefit in the framework of the benefit program shall be given in the format of a grant to be given to the approval recipient, subject to the conditions determined by the Committee to provide the grant.

9.2 The grant will be approved at the rate of 55% or 66% of the expenses of the approved budget.

10. Obligations of the Approval Recipient

10.1 To extend a budget to establish, make accessible and operate the infrastructure according to the amounts detailed in the framework of the application and according to the Research Committee approval.

10.2 To operate the infrastructure by a suitable team and means, including making adjustments to the minimum technical specification for the infrastructure defined in the RFP - if defined (as stated in Section 4.4(a) above), enabling the rendering of the services to all the entities to who the service is expected to be rendered.

10.3 To be accountable toward the Innovation Authority for the professional and efficient operation of the infrastructure, while conforming to the service level required of the infrastructure defined in the RFP - if defined (as stated in Section 4.4(b) above) and including recruiting customers to make use of the infrastructure for R&D purposes, regularly and continuously, *inter alia*, also after the end of the program period.

10.4 To employ an infrastructure CEO having the relevant experience to be approved by the Research Committee (a full time position in case the requested budget for all files for the entire program period is at least 10 million USD) and also, at least one Vice President in the business development field and at least one Vice President in the technologies field, for the entire program period.

10.5 To assist the infrastructure customers in improving their R&D programs, for efficient and effective use of the infrastructure.

10.6 To provide the infrastructure customers, as needed, workspace (physical or online, as applicable), during the program period.

- 10.7 To provide a service level for products or services (including the maximum time to render the services) for all the customers in Israel without preference, and at prices that do not exploit the monopolistic status.
- 10.8 To publish a public pricelist for customers, to include details of the services rendered by the infrastructure and their price.
- 10.9 To render all the services that it undertook to provide in the framework of the application that was approved, and the requirements detailed in this Section 10, to customers who were defined to receive the services at a discount or who will remit vouchers, for the entire period to be defined to redeem those vouchers, as defined in the RFP - if defined (as stated in Section 4.4(c) above).
- 10.10 In the event the demand by the customers defined in Section 4.4(b) above (if defined) exceeds the capacity that was defined that it must provide at a discount during the course of a given period that was defined, the discount will be given to customers determined by the Research Committee (who will act by virtue of any of the Innovation Authority's benefit programs) to be eligible for the said discounted services.
- 10.11 To withstand all the conditions and milestones set by the Committee for the infrastructure - if applicable.
- 10.12 To remit reports as required by virtue of this benefit program and the procedures to be enacted by virtue hereof, including with respect to not meeting the scopes of demand of customers defined in Section 4.4(b) above (if defined).
- 10.13 To obtain the Committee's approval in advance for changes the Applicant recipient of the approval wishes to make in relation to its original application or updated application approved by the Committee, including changes made to the composition of the R&D infrastructure shareholders and the percentage of their holdings, in the infrastructure fields of activity and in its professional team, this according to the rules to be determined in the benefit program procedures.

11. Guarantees

The Chairperson of the Research Committee may demand assurances to guarantee reimbursement of the benefit and to guarantee fulfillment of the provisions in the benefit program, according to the provisions to be determined in this respect by the Innovation Authority's Board.

12. Loans

The Committee may approve, at the request of the Applicant, that instead of a grant under the benefit program provisions, a loan will be extended to the Applicant, **according to the provisions to be determined in this respect by the Innovation Authority's Board.**

13. Rediscussing

- 13.1 The Committee will hold a rediscussing on any decision it made, if within 45 days of the date the notice regarding the Committee's decision was received, the Applicant who was the subject matter of the Committee's decision stated above, submitted a reasoned written

request to conduct a rediscussing. It is clarified that a request for a rediscussing regarding a decision cannot be submitted relating to a decision that was already rediscussed.

- 13.2 Submitting a request for a rediscussing by the applicant requires payment of a fee according to the Regulations determined in this respect by virtue of the Innovation Law.

14. Advance Payments

The Research Committee will be entitled to approve an advance payment on account of a grant according to the provisions to be determined in this respect by the Innovation Authority's Board. It is clarified that an advance payment on account of a grant is considered a grant.

15. Double Support

- 15.1 It is clarified that it is prohibited to receive additional funding from the Innovation Authority and/or a government entity, directly or indirectly, for components in an approved program, except a grant for the same approved program.
- 15.2 Whereupon a program was funded, or part of it by another who is not the Applicant, not within the framework of an order pursuant to Section 6.1.3 above and not from funding from the Innovation Authority, the funding amount will be deducted from the program's approved budget.

16. Knowledge and Production

- 16.1 The Innovation Law provisions, the Regulations, rules and procedures enacted by virtue thereof and the provisions in Benefit Program No. 1 of the Innovation Authority - R&D Fund and procedures and rules determined by virtue thereof, will apply to the Innovation Authority grant and support given in the framework of this benefit program, with respect to:
- 16.1.1 **Ownership of knowledge deriving from research and development pursuant to the approved program and any right deriving from it.**
 - 16.1.2 **Production in Israel and the obligation not to relocate production out of Israel, without obtaining the Research Committee's approval in advance.**
 - 16.1.3 **The obligation not to transfer the knowledge or rights deriving from the knowledge developed in the framework of an approved program to another, in Israel or abroad, without obtaining the Research Committee's approval in advance.**
- 16.2 Approvals concerning applications, other than applications to approve a program, submitted in relation to the topics detailed in Section 16.1 above, will be discussed by the Research Committee operating by virtue of the Benefit Program Number 1 - R&D Fund.

17. Royalties

Recipients of grants in the framework of this benefit program will not bear the obligation to pay royalties.

18. Supervision and Enforcement Powers of the Innovation Authority

An applicant whose program was approved undertakes to allow, at any time, the Innovation Authority or someone on its behalf, including external entities, to visit its activity, at times and pursuant to conditions to be determined by the Innovation Authority or on its behalf, and to act pursuant to the Innovation Authority's guidelines as determined from time to time.

19. Termination of Activity

A member of the Users Group who met its undertakings toward the other members of the Users Group or received permission from them to resign or asked to resign in a decision pursuant to the provisions in the Users Group bylaws, and subject to the Research Committee's approval, will be entitled to resign from the Users Group. The Research Committee will be entitled, at its discretion, to exempt a resigning member of the Users Group from its obligation to pay its part in the funding of the infrastructure equipment according to what was determined in the approved program.

20. Cancellation of the Support

Provisions in the Innovation Law, including but not limited to Chapter H to the Innovation Law, regarding cancellation of the support will apply to the benefits granted in the framework of this benefit program.

21. Budget

- 21.1 It is clarified that the Innovation Authority's Board may update from time to time the amounts and percentages stipulated in this benefit program.
- 21.2 Granting support and operation of the benefit program are subject to approval of the budget, every year, the budget restrictions and the approved budget for the benefit program.
- 21.3 If at the time the application is approved, the Innovation Authority's budget has not yet been approved, the approval will be subject to the existence of a budget in the suitable budgetary article and no final decision will be made pertaining to the approved grant until after the budget is approved by the relevant entities.

22. Miscellaneous

- 22.1 Provisions in the Innovation Law, regulations, rules, procedures, conditions and provisions determined by virtue thereof (if determined) will apply to this benefit program, *mutatis mutandis*, including the provisions in Section D to Chapter C to the Innovation Law (Research Committee), Chapter C1 to the Innovation Law (Duty of Care and the Fiduciary Duty of an Officer in the Innovation Authority), Section 15bb to the Innovation Law (Applying Laws), Section 15dd to the Innovation Law (the Innovation Authority's Revenues), Chapter D to the Innovation Law (Approving Applications to Grant Benefits), Chapter E to the Innovation Law and Chapter H to the Innovation Law (General Provisions) including Section 47A to the Innovation Law (Punishment).
- 22.2 Procedures of the benefit program, as will be determined and published from time to time by the Committee, including with respect to submitting the applications process and the discussion therein, are an integral part of this benefit program. If there is a contradiction between the provisions of the Benefit Program and the procedures, the provisions of the Benefit Program will prevail.
- 22.3 In any event this benefit program is not to be deemed an undertaking on the Innovation Authority's behalf to approve applications/ proposals that are submitted or to transfer any payment.
- 22.4 Procedures, rules, notices etc. to be determined in relation to this benefit program will be published on the Innovation Authority's website.

23. Examination and Assessment of the Benefit Program

The approval recipients will remit to the Innovation Authority any data required by it or by anyone on its behalf, in relation to their activity in the framework of the approved program, for control and budget planning purposes and for the purpose of examining the impact of the benefit program.

24. Commencement and Application

- 24.1 The commencement of the benefit program is the 5th of Tamuz, 5784, 11 July 2024 (hereinafter: "**The Commencement Day**"). The provisions in this Benefit Program shall apply to applications that are submitted after Commencement Day.
- 24.2 As of December 28, 2023, the provisions of Benefit Program number 5, sub program 2 - R&D infrastructures for industry - developing technology infrastructures, commercialization and applied research in academia and in industry, converted to this Benefit Program, whereby its commencement was on the date stated in Section 24.1 above.

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