

## **ZERO STATE SECURITY | MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT**

**1. RELATIONSHIP:** Zero State Security (ZSS) acts as an Independent Contractor. Consultant is solely responsible for all professional tools, taxes, and insurance.

**2. NODE INFRASTRUCTURE & UNMANAGED SERVICES:** For KVM VPS services, ZSS provides unmanaged infrastructure only. The Client is solely responsible for operating system installation (where applicable), configuration, security hardening, maintenance, and data backups. ZSS does not monitor or manage the content, data, or applications hosted on the Client's node.

**3. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, CONSULTANT'S TOTAL AGGREGATE LIABILITY FOR ANY CLAIMS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE TOTAL FEES PAID BY THE CLIENT FOR THE SPECIFIC SERVICE PERIOD. CONSULTANT IS NOT LIABLE FOR INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING LOSS OF REVENUE, LOSS OF DATA, OR SYSTEM DOWNTIME. SERVICE IS PROVIDED "AS-IS" WITHOUT WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

**4. HOLD HARMLESS & INDEMNIFICATION:** Client acknowledges that offensive security testing and server management carry inherent risks. Client agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Zero State Security and its developers from any claims resulting from system downtime, data corruption, third-party service interruptions, or illegal activity conducted by the Client on ZSS-provided infrastructure.

**5. CRYPTOCURRENCY PAYMENTS & REFUNDS:** Due to the irreversible nature of blockchain transactions and the immediate allocation of resources, all sales are final. No refunds will be issued for cryptocurrency payments (including BTC, ETH, SOL, XRP) once a service is provisioned or an audit has commenced.

**6. OWNERSHIP OF WORK & INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:** Upon full payment, Client is granted ownership of the Final Audit Report. All methodologies, scripts, and the Patch3 Analysis Engine remain the exclusive property of Zero State Security.

**7. CONFIDENTIALITY:** Both parties agree to protect "Confidential Information" with the same degree of care as their own. All vulnerability findings are deemed "Highly Confidential" and will not be disclosed to third parties without written consent.

**8. TERMINATION & ABUSE:** Either party may terminate an engagement with [5] days' written notice. However, ZSS reserves the right to terminate VPS services immediately and without notice if the Client is found to be in violation of the Rules of Engagement (ROE) or is engaging in activities that threaten the stability of the ZSS or upstream provider networks. Client shall pay for all work completed up to the date of termination.