

# Appendix A: Confidentiality Agreement



## CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT REGARDING THESIS RELATED TO THE MSC LOGISTICS PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup>

**Preliminary title of the thesis<sup>2</sup>:** Integration of Product Lifecycle Management and Supply Chain Management: A Case Study

This agreement is between the following parties  
(to be filled in before the agreement is signed)

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<sup>1</sup> This agreement should be signed at the start of the thesis project

<sup>2</sup> The final title may be altered by the student before submission

The purpose of this agreement is to formalize the co-operation between students and external organizations related to the writing of a Master's thesis under the MSc Logistics programme at Molde University College, and to clarify publication rights and access to the thesis and information provided by the co-operating company/institution.

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3. The company/institution has the right to receive a pdf-copy of the thesis.

#### CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

If the company/institution considers it necessary, the thesis may be kept confidential for a specified period of time. The thesis will then not be made accessible to external parties until the confidentiality period has ended. Persons involved in the evaluation of the thesis will still have access to it. Other persons may request access to the thesis, but this will only be given upon an explicit written consent from the company/institution involved.

- There is no need for a confidentiality agreement related to this thesis project (tick)
- The thesis should be kept confidential for 3 years  
(5 years is normally the maximum)<sup>3</sup>
- The students and the Faculty advisor confirm that information obtained from the company/institution will only be used for the purpose of writing the thesis, and not be passed on to other persons.

Each party of this agreement should have one signed copy of the document.

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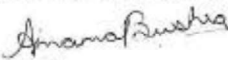
<sup>3</sup> The length of the confidentiality period should be kept at a minimum, thus allowing other students and academic staff to benefit from reading the thesis as soon as possible. The need for confidentiality should be re-evaluated upon the submission of the final thesis. If a longer confidentiality period than 5 years is considered necessary, this must be approved by the Programme Co-ordinator of the MSc Logistics programme.

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\* The agreement is only valid when signed by all parties.