

Date: [Insert Date]

To: [Recipient Name/Legal Department/Engineering Lead]

From: [Your Name/Compliance Officer]

Subject: ADVISORY: Open Source Software (OSS) License Contamination Risk Assessment

Dear [Recipient Name],

This advisory letter serves to formally document the findings of a recent license compliance audit regarding the use of Open Source Software (OSS) within the following project: **[Project Name/Software Version]**.

1. Identified Risk: License Contamination

During our assessment, we identified the integration of software components governed by "Restrictive" or "Copyleft" licenses. Specifically, the following components have been flagged:

- **Component Name:** [e.g., Library ABC]
- **License Type:** [e.g., GNU GPL v3.0, AGPL]
- **Integration Method:** [e.g., Static Linking / Modified Source Code]

2. Legal and Technical Implications

The current implementation poses a "contamination" risk, which may legally obligate the organization to:

- Release the proprietary source code of the entire application to the public.
- Relinquish intellectual property rights and trade secrets contained within the codebase.
- Grant royalty-free patent licenses to all users of the software.

3. Required Mitigation Actions

To neutralize this risk, the following steps are recommended immediately:

- **Isolation:** Re-architect the integration to use dynamic linking or API-based communication if permitted by the license.
- **Substitution:** Replace the flagged component with a commercially friendly alternative (e.g., MIT, Apache 2.0, or BSD licensed).
- **Removal:** Delete the offending code and develop an in-house proprietary solution.

4. Conclusion

Failure to remediate these risks prior to the [Release Date/Deployment] may result in legal challenges, breach of contract with clients, and loss of proprietary valuation. Please provide a remediation plan by [Insert Date].

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]

[Your Title]

[Your Department]