

## **TERMS OF USE FOR LITNET BLOGS**

### **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 By registering as a user of the LitNet blogs, you bind yourself to the blog terms of use as set out herein. These blog terms of use supplement the [LitNet terms of use](#) and in the event of any conflict between the provisions arising, the LitNet terms of use will enjoy preference.
- 1.2 LitNet reserves the right to publish further guidelines and rules for the use of blogs on the LitNet blog home page and you agree to adhere to such additional guidelines and rules.

### **2 LIMITED LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY**

- 2.1 You accept full liability for the content on your blog and for the commentary you make on other users' blogs. You guarantee that you will not place unlawful, improper, defamatory or hate speech (or illustrations) on your blog and that you will not infringe on the intellectual property rights (e.g. copyright and trademarks) of third parties. You indemnify LitNet against any claim, including possible legal fees, that may result from you breaching this guarantee.
- 2.2 You realise that you rely on information placed on a blog by another blogger at your own risk.

### **3 ANONYMITY**

- 3.1 LitNet does not allow any anonymous blogs or comments. Should you wish to blog under a pseudonym, you must first provide LitNet (melt@litnet.co.za) with your personal information, whereafter LitNet will inform you of whether permission has been granted to use a pseudonym. LitNet's use of your personal information is subject to the provisions concerning privacy in LitNet's conditions of use.

### **4 RE-USE OF COMMENTS**

- 4.1 You consent to LitNet re-using or quoting any commentary or writing that you place on the LitNet blogs without prior notice and without first obtaining your permission to do so. You will however be acknowledged as the writer of the said text and the copyright in the text will remain vested in you.

## **5 EDITING**

- 5.1 LitNet has the right, but is not obliged to, moderate the blogs. This means that LitNet has the right to edit the blog and to remove any links and text from the blog. Blogs will mostly be edited in order to improve the readability of the text, to shorten it or to remove offensive, defamatory, improper or potentially defamatory text from the blog.
- 5.2 LitNet may add links or references to other relevant information available on LitNet to your blog.

## **6 RULES OF USE**

- 6.1 You may not place articles or any other material of other web pages on your blog. A summary or excerpt of other articles is permissible provided it is accompanied by a link to the original article and that the original author is acknowledged.
- 6.2 You may not use your blog to advertise any other web pages or services.
- 6.3 Links to the web pages of others are only permissible for information purposes. It is your responsibility to ensure that your link complies with the conditions of use of the web page that the link refers to.
- 6.4 You will respect other bloggers and will not threaten, insult, misuse, intimidate or be a nuisance to other bloggers.
- 6.5 You undertake not to place any private information about yourself or other persons on your blog and you will not collect and or publish any information regarding fellow bloggers without their permission.
- 6.6 You may use the blog for legitimate and lawful purposes only.
- 6.7 You will not place chain letters, advertisements or requests for market research or any other investigations on your blog.
- 6.8 You will not claim to be someone you are not and you will not claim to be associated with any persons if that is not indeed the case.
- 6.9 You will not claim that LitNet endorses your opinions.

- 6.10 Should you find the content of any material on another LitNet blog unacceptable, you must report it to LitNet before taking any other steps, allowing LitNet to take appropriate action.

## **7 GENERAL**

- 7.1 LitNet may amend these blog conditions of use at any time.
- 7.2 South African law is applicable to these blog conditions of use as well as to the relationship between yourself and LitNet.
- 7.3 LitNet may, without prior notice, terminate your use of the LitNet blog at any time including when you have infringed any term of the conditions of use. LitNet, 24.com, Ligitprops 3042 CC and any of the managers/employees of LitNet shall not be held liable in the event that your use of the blog is terminated.