

LCN Fund Full Submission

Supplementary Answer Form

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Project code:	SSET205	Question Number	SSES016
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Submission section question relates to	5		
Topic	IPR		
Question	At the meeting between the I2EV project team and Ofgem's consultants on 4 September it was stated that IP in respect of Esprit developed during the I2EV project would be owned by EA Technology. Please can you confirm that this is the intended approach and indicate how this aligns with the default IP arrangements?		
Notes on question			
Answer	<p>We can confirm that IP in respect of Esprit developed during the I2EV project would be owned by EA Technology. The definition of Relevant Foreground IPR can be found in Section 2.10 of version 5 of the LCNF Governance document. Esprit is a commercial product which will be made available for use by other DNOs after the end of the project. Insofar as any IP that is generated by the I2EV project relates to commercially confidential aspects of the commercial product then such IP is not Relevant Foreground IPR and will be treated as such in alignment with Section 2.10 of version 5 of the LCNF Governance document.</p> <p>EA Technology will be making further investment in the Esprit product outwith the LCNF funding during the timescales of the I2EV project.</p> <p>For avoidance of doubt, IP which is generated by the project, that describes the network implications of the use of Esprit, will be recognised as Relevant Foreground IP.</p> <p>We believe that this is no different to the treatment of IPR of other technologies, that are being explored in other LCNF projects.</p> <p>Section 2.10 of version 5 of the LCNF Governance document states:</p> <p>"Foreground IPR that other DNOs will need to utilise in order to implement the Method(s) being trialled in the Project is classed as Relevant Foreground IPR. This will be identified in the Project Close Down</p>		

	<p>Report in sufficient detail to enable others to identify whether they wish to licence that IPR. For clarification it is not expected that the confidential details of IPR would be disclosed in the Close Down Report, only sufficient information to enable others to identify whether the IPR is of use to them. Where Background IPR is required to use the Relevant Foreground IPR, this must also be clearly stated. For the avoidance of doubt, Foreground IPR within commercial products where those products will be available for use by the other DNOs after the end of the Project is not deemed Relevant Foreground IPR."</p>
Attachments	
Verbal Clarifications (Consultants)	