Dear Sir / Madam,

We present to you the thirty eighth edition of our Software Licensing Bulletin, which highlights information on Microsoft® licensing.

- Office 365 helps organisations to be compliant with MS Office usage with a subscription based MS Office that can be installed on 5 machines + 5 smartphones + 5 tablets/ user giving user access of MS Office on the go.

- Office 365 ProPlus may only be deployed on network servers in your organisation’s premises or outsourced servers fully dedicated to your organisation. Downgrade rights are not applicable for Office 365 ProPlus.

- You can use software under a Platform Independent License on any computer platform (for example, PC or Mac) as long as the version used is the same or earlier than the originally licensed product version. For example, if you have a license for Office Standard 2013 for Windows, you can use Office Standard 2010 for Windows or Office for Mac 2011, but cannot use Office 2016 for Mac Standard. Under volume licensing, you also have the right to install and use any number of copies of the software and of any prior version of the software on the licensed device in physical and/or virtual environments.

- If Office Professional is purchased via OEM channel with a new PC, then SA can be added within 90 days so you can get rights to use Office Standard 2016. Though you may lose rights to use Access here but you have all the SA benefits of a volume licence Office product.

- A Project professional licence already has a Project Server CAL licence included. The Project standard user needs a Project Server CAL to connect with the Project server. These users also need a SharePoint Standard CAL, SharePoint Enterprise Server CAL, Windows Server CAL and lastly a SQL Server CAL. Additionally, a Project server can integrate with Exchange Server for tasks synchronisation and Skype for business server for presence integration.

We hope the bulletin was informative. We would be happy to arrange for any additional information that you may require on the subject. Please write to us at in-fmkpmgccsbulletin@kpmg.com, for any queries or feedback.

Regards,

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