Dear Sir / Madam,

We present to you the seventieth edition of our Software Licensing Bulletin, which highlights details on Microsoft® Licensing.

- Windows Server 2016 Standard and Windows Server 2016 Datacenter licensing is core based licensing. The number of core licences required is equal to the number of physical cores on the licensed server, subject to a minimum of 8 core licences per physical processor and a minimum of 16 core licences per server. Windows Server 2016 licences are sold in a pack of 2 cores per pack.

- Windows Server 2016 (WS) and System Center 2016 (SC) Servers are licensed exactly the same way i.e. Core based and CAL’s (Client Access Licence). Windows Server requires appropriate Windows server CAL’s and System Center requires appropriate Client Management License (Client ML’s).

- If WS 2016 is used only as a hypervisor, you can use the CAL matching the version of VMs running and not of version 2016.

- Windows Server external connector is licensed only to a physical host and not to individual VMs.

- Windows Server does not have Licence Mobility i.e. License cannot be reassigned in less than 90 days.

- Containers in Windows Server 2016 do not need extra licensing.

- Nano Servers can be installed if Windows Server along with CAL’s has software assurance.

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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