Dear Sir / Madam,

We present to you the seventy nineth edition of our Software Licensing Bulletin, which highlights details on Oracle® Database Licensing.

In today’s IT scenarios while businesses buy many versions of the same software applications, their needs and objectives can be different. Almost every organisation, however struggles with complex contracts, licensing rules and constantly changing conditions. This often leads to non-compliance and overspending on software assets. Understanding how to properly licence the following Oracle Database compliance issues are most commonly seen at large organisations.

- Incorrect understanding of minimum number of licences
  The minimum number changes for every edition and is calculated in different ways.
- Server virtualisation with VMware®
  Use of any virtualisation technology like VMware, Solaris® zones, IBM® Lpars may lead to non-compliance issues
- Database options and management pack usage.
  Of the audits carried out for Oracle databases, a huge number indicates massive risk of using options and packs unknowingly.
- Outsourcing and cloud usage
  Organisations choose to outsource their hardware infrastructure to external agencies, however it is the responsibility of the organisation to manage its licences correctly.
- Incomplete or wrong view of installation
  Any database if installed has to be licensed whether or not they are used. However many organisations may not have a complete overview of this and it is virtually impossible to know how many licences are needed to be compliant.

We are conducting a knowledge sharing session on “Effectively managing SAP® licensing risks” topic at Ahmedabad on 26 June 2018

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Regards,
KPMG in India

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