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# Deal Shaper

Shareholders' Agreement

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## INTRODUCTION

#### 1. OVERVIEW

- 1.1 This GLS Shareholders Agreement Deal Shaper assists potential parties to a shareholders agreement ("SHA") in considering and achieving alignment on the key points that will regulate their relationship.
- 1.2 It is inefficient to attempt to draft a long form SHA if the parties are yet to achieve an informed and aligned view of how their relationship will work.
- 1.3 This tool works in conjunction with a GLS Facilitated Workshop, during which GLS advisors will work through each of the key SHA issues to help build a clear consensus amongst the proposed Shareholders.
- 1.4 Once the GLS SHA Deal Shaper process has been completed, a neatly aligned, full-blown SHA can emerge in a fraction of the time and cost.

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## 2. KEY TERMS & AGREED POSITIONS

KEY SHA TERMS		CONSENSUS REACHED
1	Parties	Who are the Parties?  Answer:  • [•]
2	Shareholding Structure	What is the shareholding structure of the Company?  Answer:  [•]
3	Business of the Company	What is a one-sentence description of the business of the Company?  Answer:  • [•]
4	Funding for the Company	How will the Company be funded and what are the Shareholders' funding obligations?  Sample Issues:  1) Whether funding should be via debt, equity, or other mechanisms 2) What will happen if funding obligations are not met  Answer:  • [•]
5	IPR	What intellectual property will be owned by the Company vs. owned by the Shareholders?  Sample Issues:  1) Who will own intellectual property that is developed by a Shareholder on behalf of the Company  2) Whether Shareholders can claim an interest in any intellectual property developed by the Company after they cease to be a Shareholder  Answer: