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**Template: Non-Disclosure Agreement and Conflict of Interest Statement**

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I have read and understood my non-disclosure and confidentiality obligations as well as the conflict of interest requirements as laid down herein.

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