

# Terms of Use

The following User Agreement ("Agreement") governs the use of the John Deere Panel ("Website"), including without limitation participation in its bulletin boards, forums, chats, and all other areas (except to the extent stated otherwise on a specific page) as provided by Vision Critical Communications Inc. ("Service Provider"), on behalf of John Deere.

Please read the terms contained in this Agreement carefully.

You can access this Agreement any time at <https://en.johndeerepanel.com/>. **Your use of and/or registration on any aspect of the Website will constitute your agreement to comply with these terms.** If you do not agree with these terms, please do not use the Website.

In addition to reviewing this Agreement, please read our Privacy Policy. Your use of the Website constitutes agreement to its terms and conditions as well. The Agreement may be modified from time to time; the date of the most recent revisions will appear on this page, so check back often. Continued access of the Website by you will constitute your acceptance of any changes or revisions to the Agreement.

Your failure to follow these terms, whether listed below or in bulletins posted at various points in the Website, may result in suspension or termination of your access to the Website, without notice, in addition to the Service Provider's other remedies.

## I. Registration and Account Creation

### 1. REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The Service Provider may at times require that you register and/or set up an account to use certain portions of the Website, or the Website as a whole. In order to do so, you may be provided, or required to choose, a password, User Id, and/or other registration information (collectively, "Registration Information"). You agree and represent that all Registration Information provided by you is accurate and up-to-date. If any of your Registration Information changes, you must update it by using the appropriate update mechanism on the Website, if available. Otherwise, contact our Privacy Policy Coordinator as described in our Privacy Policy.

### 2. USE OF USER ID/PASSWORD:

A. If you register and/or set up an account on the Website, you will be solely responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your Registration Information. You may not authorise others to use your Registration Information. You may not sub-license, transfer, sell or assign your Registration Information and/or this Agreement to any third party without our written approval. Any attempt to do so will be null and void and shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement.

B. You are solely responsible for all usage or activity on your account including, but not limited to, use of the account by any person who uses your Registration Information, with or without authorisation, or who has access to any computer on which your account resides or is accessible.

C. If you have reason to believe that your account is no longer secure (for example, in the event of a loss, theft or unauthorised disclosure or use of your Registration Information or any credit, debit or charge card number stored on the Website), you must promptly change the affected Registration Information by using the appropriate update mechanism on the Website, if available, or notify our Privacy Policy Coordinator as described in our Privacy Policy.

## **II. Terms of Usage:**

### **1. USE OF THE WEBSITE BY YOU:**

A. Unless otherwise specified, the Website is intended for your personal use only. You may not authorise others to use the Website, and you are responsible for all use of the Website by you and by those you allow to use, or provide access to, the Website.

B. This Website is not intended for users under the age of 18, and the Service Provider does not knowingly collect personally identifiable information from users under the age of 18. Such users are expressly prohibited from submitting their personally identifiable information to us, and from using our forums and chat areas; any information submitted by such users will not knowingly be used, posted, or retained by us.

C. You agree not to use any obscene, indecent, or offensive language or to place on the Website any material that is defamatory, abusive, harassing, racist, or hateful. Further, you may not place on the Website any material that is encrypted, constitutes junk mail or unauthorised advertising, or commercial offers, invades anyone's privacy, or encourages conduct that would constitute a criminal offence, give rise to civil liability, or that otherwise violates any local, national or international law or regulation. You agree to use the Website only for lawful purposes and you acknowledge that your failure to do so may subject you to civil and criminal liability.

D. You are responsible for ensuring that any material you provide to the Website or post on a bulletin board or forum or elsewhere, including but not limited to text, photographs and sound, does not violate the copyright, trademark, trade secret or any other personal or proprietary rights of any third party or is posted with the permission of the owner(s) of such rights.

E. The content, organisation, graphics, text, images, video, design, compilation, advertising and all other material on the Website, including without limitation, the "look and feel" of this website, are protected under applicable copyrights and other proprietary (including but not limited to intellectual property) rights and are the property of the Service Provider or John Deere. The copying, rearrangement, redistribution, modification, use or publication by you, directly or indirectly, of any such matters or any part of the website, including but not limited to the removal or alteration of advertising, except for the limited rights of use granted hereunder, is strictly prohibited. You may download material from the Website and may use the Website for your personal use only, provided you keep intact all copyright and other proprietary notices.

F. You may not in any way make commercial or other unauthorised use, by publication, re-transmission, distribution, performance, caching, or otherwise, of material obtained through the Website, except as permitted by law or as expressly permitted in writing by this Agreement, the Service Provider or the Website.

G. You agree not to disrupt, overwhelm, attack, modify or interfere with the Website or its associated software, hardware and/or servers in any way, and you agree not to impede or interfere with others' use of the Website. You agree that you will not post any software, files or links to other sites, and that you will not post any content that contains viruses, corrupted files, or any other similar software or programs that may adversely affect the operation of the Website, or feature of the Website. You further agree not to alter or tamper with any information or materials on or associated with the Website.

H. Other than connecting to the Service Provider's or John Deere's servers by http requests using a Web browser, you may not attempt to gain access to the Service Provider's servers by any means - including, without limitation, by using administrator passwords or by masquerading as an administrator while using the Website or otherwise.

I. You acknowledge that neither the Service Provider nor John Deere has reviewed and do not endorse the content of all sites linked to from this Website and are not responsible for the content or actions of any other sites linked to from this Website. Your linking to any service or site is at your sole risk.

J. The nature of this Website is interactive and public. By posting content, you understand and acknowledge that any materials, ideas or other communications you transmit in any manner and for any reason will not be treated as confidential or proprietary.

## **2. COMMENTS BY OTHERS ARE NOT ENDORSED BY THE SERVICE PROVIDER:**

The Service Provider and John Deere do not endorse, support, sanction, encourage, verify, or agree with the comments, opinions, or statements posted on forums, blogs or otherwise contained in the Website. Any information or material placed online, including advice and opinions, are the views and responsibility of those who post the statements and do not necessarily represent the views of the Service Provider or John Deere. You agree that the Service Provider and John Deere are not responsible, and shall have no liability to you, with respect to any information or materials posted by others, including defamatory, offensive or illicit material, even material that violates this Agreement.

## **3. USE OF MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY YOU:**

For information regarding use of personal information you supply or communicate to the Website, please see our Privacy Policy. Except as expressly provided otherwise in the Privacy Policy, you agree that by posting messages, you agree to publish these messages on this website and to use them for our internal market research purposes. By registering or uploading data asked for in our questionnaires, you agree to John Deere using them for internal market research purposes. In addition, please be aware that information and content (including photographs) (collectively, "Materials") you disclose in publicly accessible portions of the Website will be available to all users of the Website, so you should be mindful of personal information and other content you may wish to post. **THE SERVICE PROVIDER AND John Deere HEREBY DISCLAIM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY THAT MAY ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH ANY AND ALL MATERIALS POSTED, UPLOADED OR SUPPLIED BY YOU ON THE WEBSITE.**

## **4. INDEMNIFICATION:**

You agree to indemnify the Service Provider, John Deere and their respective affiliates, employees, agents, representatives and third party service providers, and to defend and hold each of them harmless, from any and all claims and liabilities (including attorneys fees)

which may arise from your submissions, from your unauthorised use of material obtained through the Website, or from your breach of this Agreement, or from any such acts through your use of the Website.

#### **5. EDITING AND DELETIONS:**

The Service Provider and John Deere reserve the right delete any material provided for display or placed on the Website or its bulletin boards, in its sole discretion, without notice.

#### **6. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:**

John Deere and Service Provider shall be liable without limitation for damages caused by wilful acts or gross negligence. For damages caused by violation of essential obligations of this agreement John Deere's or Service Provider's liability shall be unlimited as well. Apart from this, any liability of John Deere or Service Provider resulting from the operation of this website shall be excluded.

#### **7. TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION OF ACCESS TO THE WEBSITE:**

The Service Provider has the right to terminate and/or suspend your ability to access the Website or any portion thereof, for any or no reason, or may prevent your use of this Website with or without notice to you. You agree that you do not have any rights in this Website and that neither The Service Provider nor John Deere will have any liability to you if this Website is discontinued or your ability to access it is terminated.

#### **8. JURISDICTION:**

You agree that this Agreement, for all purposes, shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of Germany without regard to any conflict of laws provisions. and any disputes arising under this Agreement shall be subject to the Jurisdiction of the courts of Mannheim Germany.

#### **9. ADDITIONAL TERMS:**

If one or several of these terms of use are or become fully or partly invalid or breach statutory provisions, the validity of the remaining terms shall not be affected thereby. The parties shall replace the invalid term with a valid term which comes closest to the will of the parties within the framework of the legal possibilities.

The Service Provider reserves the right to post, from time to time, additional terms of usage that apply to specific parts of the Website. Such additional terms will be posted in the relevant parts of the Website. Your continued use of the Website constitutes your agreement to comply with these additional terms.