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- 2.2 Third Parties We will only pass on your data if we are obliged to do so by law or by official or court orders. Your personal data will not be passed on to third parties for purposes other than those stated herein.

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4 CONTACT DETAILS Here are our contact details: Merities Consulting GmbH, Lorzeninsel 6, CH-6332 Hagendorn, Switzerland info@merities.com https://merities.com

5 REVISIONS OF THIS PRIVACY POLICY We may change or adapt this privacy policy at any time.

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