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**RE: INTERNATIONAL GRANT AWARD**

Dear Sirs,

I am pleased to inform you that the Grant and Research Committee of the True Meridian LLC Florida, USA will be awarding a matching grant of RM 45,000 to our team of researchers to undertake a research on Security Management Model of ERP systems in Malaysia. The details of the project are as follows:

**A. Lead researchers**

Professor Dr. Sureswaran Ramadass, National Advanced IPv6 Centre, Universiti Sains Malaysia

Dr. Mudiarasan Vasu Kuppusamy, INTI International University

**B. The associate researcher/ERP consultant**

Dr. Mahadevan Supramaniam

**C. Lead institution:** INTI International University

**D. Total cost of project:** RM 90,000.00

**E. Duration of project:** 1.5 years (starting from July 2012)

**F. Funding source:** INTI International University: RM45,000.00 and True Meridian LLC (USA): RM 45,000.00 (matching fund). The breakdown of the fund distribution is given in

**The completion of the project is based on the following model (refer to Table 1):**

- Universiti Sains Malaysia will be a collaborator of the project
- The purchase of a video conferencing unit by INTI IU via USM's subsidized scheme (a NLTVC unit)
- The project is divided into three phases with each collaborator undertaking specific tasks

**Table 1: Allocation of project activities**

Phase	Description of activity	Lead researcher(s)	Date
Phase I	Feasibility study on security management model available in the market and in ERP products.  Conceptual design, mapping users and market needs.  Identification of blueprint for optimal security management design for ERP systems	Dr. Mudiarasan Vasu Kuppusamy (INTI IU)	July – December 2012
Phase II	Development of a new security	Dr. Mudiarasan Vasu	January – April



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	management model/framework for SMEs to maximize the usage of ERP systems	Kuppusamy (INTI IU)	2013
Phase III	Design and develop a security management system prototype in accordance to the established theoretical model	Professor Dr. Sureswaran Ramadass (USM)/ Dr. Mahadevan Supramaniam	May - December 2013

### G. Budget breakdown

The budget breakdown is given in Table 2 below.

**Table 2: Fund allocation and usage**

Activity	Institution	Amount
Phase I of research	INTI IU	RM 33,000.00
Phase II of research	INTI IU	
Purchase of the NLTVC Video conference platform (supports tele-presence, H.323, RSW and Skype)	INTI IU USM	RM 12,000.00 RM12,000.00
Phase III	USM	RM 33,000 [net amount to be transferred to USM]
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>RM 90,000.00</b>

### H. Outcomes of the project are:

- 1 research book on Security management of ERP systems (co-authored)
- 2 journal papers with potential publication in the following journals:  
*Information & Management (Tier 1)*  
*Journal of Strategic Information Systems (Tier 1)*

The intellectual property (IP) of the outcomes from this project will be owned collectively by the three researchers/institutions.

With reference to the above points, we would like to thank you for the collaboration and look forward to a successful completion of the project.

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