When organizations seek permission to use the SISC metrics, the following terms of use must be part of a SISC agreement that grants the requesting entities permission to use the metrics:

**Purpose of Agreement**

This Terms of Use document defines the terms of use under which SISC metrics and logo may be used, as well as the contractual guidelines, specifications, rules, and/or requirements that will appear in agreements between SISC and all potential users of SISC metrics.

**SISC Responsibilities**

- **Provide metric methodologies**: we will provide open-source metric definitions and calculation specifications for embedding SISC metrics in various information management and performance tracking systems.

- **Keep versions current**: we will provide strict version control of existing metric algorithm components and results output. We maintain a contact list of all organizations and entities using SISC metrics, to the best of our knowledge, and will inform that list when metrics are updated.

- **Provide technical review**: as appropriate and necessary, we will conduct periodic technical review of published metrics, issuing updates as needed, and adding new metrics as they are approved by SISC leadership.

- **Advise on metric implementation**: as possible, we can provide technical support for metric implementation; and advise on data collection best practices.

- **Confirmation**: once the organization in question has put the SISC metrics into place, SISC confirms that the organization has incorporated the metrics with integrity to their original form.

- **Provide background/intent of SISC and metrics use paragraph**: we provide an educational paragraph describing both the background and purpose of using SISC
metrics in grower software tools, sustainability programs, and/or supply chain programs.

**User Responsibilities**

**Metric updates/revisions:** you agree, in your use of the SISC metrics, to stay abreast of updates/revisions to the metrics and implement revised metrics accordingly. SISC agrees to notify you when updates occur. It is then your responsibility to update your metric calculations and confirm that update to SISC. It is also your responsibility to keep your organization’s appropriate contact information current so that SISC can contact you with updates.

**QA/QC:** you agree to work with SISC staff and leadership to implement metrics in a way that is true to their integrity. You may go through a check with SISC leadership to make sure you are implementing and calculating the metric correctly.

**No modification:** you agree to use the SISC metrics and/or calculator without modification or alteration to algorithms, methods for collecting data, or procedures for analyzing SISC data.

**Usage of Data**

Due to the natural annual climatic variations that can impact agricultural production, we suggest that only metric results data that has been averaged over a three-year period or more should be disclosed to third parties (in accordance with producer consent).

Benchmarking performance could be valuable information to growers. However, the comparison of discrete grower, regional or commodity performance data is complex. Careful consideration should be given to temporal, climatic, geographic and other variability. When comparisons are conducted SISC encourages a full discussion of the context surrounding any differences so that producers, regions and commodities are appropriately characterized.

**Additional Terms**

**Attribution:** Attribution should be given to all terms related to the use of the SISC logo and public statements about participation in the SISC process. This includes use of the SISC logo and name to maintain consistency with SISC brand image, whenever and wherever (e.g. websites, printed materials, etc.) the logo and/or name must be used. SISC will provide logo graphic files for use.
Branding: Organizations using the SISC metrics must represent SISC in two ways: 1. Use of the SISC logo on or very near the metric itself (both print and online), and, 2. A clear description of SISC, its purpose, process, and outcomes – along with a link to the SISC website – should appear somewhere on the organization’s website. SISC will provide the copy for #2; it is then the organization’s responsibility to confirm with SISC that the information is posted on their site.