DATA REDACTION & SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Protocol for Zero-Disclosure Blind Reads (Path A)

To execute a zero-risk **Case-File Blind Read** without triggering formal General Counsel review, you must strip all identifying entity information before submitting telemetry to the Nova Verification Engine. The engine requires only operational and financial mathematics; it does not require corporate names, industry sectors, or executive identities.

1. Global Replacements (Search & Replace)

- [ ] Replace the Target Company Name and all DBAs with **"TargetEntity"**.
- [ ] Replace the acquiring fund, sponsor, or lender name with **"AcquirerFund"**.
- [ ] Replace the names of specific competitors, vendors, or suppliers with **"Competitor A"**, **"Supplier B"**, etc.
- [ ] Replace specific physical locations (cities, states, exact addresses) with regional identifiers (e.g., **"Region 1"**, **"Facility A"**).

2. Financial & Table Redactions

- [ ] Delete all narrative headers, footnotes, and management commentary (MD&A) from financial exports. Keep only the raw tabular data.
- [ ] Remove specific product names or proprietary service lines, replacing them with generic categories (e.g., **"Revenue Stream 1"**, **"Product Line B"**).
- [ ] Scrub the names of specific bank facilities, replacing them with terms like **"Senior Secured Facility"** or **"Mezzanine Tranche A"**.
- [ ] Remove exact dates for non-financial milestones (e.g., specific dates of PR announcements), but **retain exact financial reporting periods and debt maturity dates** (e.g., "Q3 2026", "Due Dec 30, 2026") as these are critical structural boundary conditions.

3. Document Metadata Scrubbing

- [ ] In Excel (XLSX): Go to *File > Info > Check for Issues > Inspect Document*. Remove Document Properties and Personal Information.
- [ ] In PDF: Use the "Sanitize Document" or "Remove Hidden Information" tool to strip author tags, tracking metadata, and hidden layers.

- [ ] Ensure file names are sanitized prior to upload (e.g., rename `Project_Phoenix_TargetName_Q3_Financials.xlsx` to `TargetEntity_Q3_Financials.xlsx`).

> **Submission Protocol:** Once all files pass this checklist, bundle them into an encrypted ZIP file. The Nova Engine parses structural physics and cash conversion, not narrative framing. If you have stripped the identifying markers correctly, your submission represents zero disclosure risk to your firm or the target.

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