

Angel Investment Term Sheet Considerations

Angel Investment term sheets will typically address the following important considerations:

- 1. <u>Type of Security Offered and Features:</u> Determine and describe material attributes of securities to be purchased:
 - common shares
 - convertible preferred shares: voting rights, dividend entitlements, events causing optional/forced conversion, anti-dilution protection for corporate events and subsequent financings and liquidation preferences
 - convertible debt: repayment/maturity dates, interest provisions, covenants and restrictions, optional/forced conversion, security, events of default and anti-dilution
- 2. <u>Pricing and Timing of Investment:</u> Consider valuation issues and whether funding will be subject to milestone advances
- 3. <u>Capitalization Table:</u> Pre-money and post-money capitalization tables (inclusive of ESOP pool) are often included
- 4. <u>Shareholder Agreement Considerations:</u> Consider detailing key shareholder agreement attributes
- 5. <u>Executive Compensation</u>: Consider terms applicable to founder employment agreements
- 6. <u>Board Composition:</u> Consider increase in board size and addition of new board members along with nomination rights allocated to founder(s) and angel(s)
- 7. Binding vs. Non-Binding Nature & Conditions Precedent:
 - most term sheets would be non-binding (except for provisions dealing with costs, exclusivity and confidentiality which are often "binding")
 - consider what event will be pre-closing conditions (i.e., filing articles of amendment, transferring core IP from founders to target company, execution of subscription agreement and other legal documents, etc.)
- 8. <u>Future ESOP:</u> Determine if an ESOP pool is to be established and any initial grants to key employees
- 9. <u>Confidentiality:</u> Although a separate NDA may have been signed, term sheets will typically also detail confidentiality
- 10. <u>Exclusivity:</u> Consider the scope and duration of any restrictions on the founders to "shop around"
- 11. <u>Costs and Expenses:</u> It would be typical for each party to bear its own professional and transaction costs but the founders may be responsible for angel deal costs in some cases