

BIRD Israel-U.S. Binational Industrial Research and Development Foundation

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BIRD Funding for Related Companies

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- 1. Affiliated companies, in which one company owns/controls 25% or more of the other company, shall not be eligible to receive BIRD funding.
- 2. Common ownership:
 - a) The owner is another corporate entity, such as a large corporation or a holding company ("the owner company"). If the owner company holds (directly and/or indirectly, including through a chain of control) a majority ownership or control (50% or above) of either the U.S. or the IL company and 25% or above of the other company, the project shall not be eligible to receive BIRD funding. In all other cases, the companies shall be eligible to receive BIRD funding.
 - b) Common ownership by investors, such as VCs or private equity funds: no limitations.
 - c) Common ownership by private (not incorporated) investors—if the investor (directly and/or indirectly, including through a chain of control) holds 25% or above of both the Israeli and the US companies, the project shall not be eligible to receive BIRD funding, but otherwise, the companies shall be eligible to receive BIRD funding.
- 3. Two publicly traded companies: no limitations.