MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Rapid City, South Dakota, USA

and

Taita Taveta University
Voi, Taita Taveta,Kenya

Taita Taveta University of Voi, Taita Taveta, Kenya (hereafter referred to as "Taita Taveta University") and the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology of Rapid City, South Dakota, USA (hereafter referred to as "South Dakota Mines"), The development of collaborative academic, educational, and scientific goals are of mutual value, which are set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Collaborative efforts will be entered into with due diligence given to ethical and professional considerations and standards. Collaborative activities will be developed on the basis of equality, reciprocity, and promoting sustainable partnerships.

Article I: Scope of the Cooperation

Within fields that are mutually acceptable, the following general forms of cooperation will be pursued:

1. Staff exchange and collaboration
    a. The two institutions agree in principle to the possibility of exchanges by faculty members and general staff (administrative and technical). The details of such arrangements will be negotiated at the appropriate time and will be governed by the institutional staffing rules and relevant approval processes. The participating institutions shall not be responsible for any private arrangements made by participating staff members concerning exchange of accommodation, vehicles, etc.
2. Joint research activities and publications
    a. Cooperative research is to be encouraged as individual scholars establish contact and develop mutual interests.
3. Each party will encourage continuing education and professional development for teachers, professors, and academic staff, which may include
    a. Visits for studying teaching principles and methods
    b. Exchange of academic materials and other information
    c. Participation in seminars, congresses and meetings
4. Student participation
    Each party will recommend potential students for matriculation of the other university's appropriate academic programs on a reciprocal basis. The student's acceptance is subject to approval by the host university. The host institution will provide guidance and identify options for students in locating living accommodations and will place the students in appropriate academic programs. Unless otherwise

specified in a supplemental written agreement, students will be responsible for meeting their own costs of living and paying tuition and fees to the host institution.

5. University Endowment Fund: Joint collaboration activities linking partners of the University both in private and public sector in USA and Kenya for enhancing fundraising and growth of University Endowment Fund.
6. Taita Taveta University and South Dakota Mines agree to continue discussions on further cooperative activities as opportunities arise. Both institutions recognize that collaborative efforts will be of mutual benefit and will contribute to an enduring institutional linkage for cooperation in education and research.

Article II: Implementation

1. The aim of the memorandum of understanding shall be to achieve a broad balance in the respective contributions and benefits of the collaboration, and this shall be subject to periodic review by the institutions;
2. The Contact persons from the two institutions will prepare quarterly and annual joint report on activities in the area of cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding supported by the 2 members from each institution which form a steering committee. The Steering committee will lead the cooperation in all general, strategic and basic matters and will supervise and monitor all activities. In addition they are responsible for smooth day –day management of all activities of the cooperation.

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3. In the implementation of specific cooperative programs, a written Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) covering all relevant aspects including funding and the obligations to be undertaken by each party will be negotiated, mutually agreed and formalized in writing, prior to the commencement of the program.
4. Details of the implementation of any particular collaborative agreement leading to an award (joint programme) will be negotiated between the two institutions as such specific cases arise. Such an agreement will be legitimised by the completion of a specific Agreement.
5. Each party undertakes to respect the confidentiality of the other party's confidential information. Each party is to treat all confidential information owned by the other party which is specifically designated as confidential information in writing as confidential, and shall not disclose or permit the same to be disclosed to a third party without the written authorisation of the owner of that confidential information. Either party may request the other party to enter into a confidentiality deed prior to the disclosure of confidential information.
6. Detailed descriptions of additional activities shall be defined in a separate addendum or MoA to the MOU. The addendum will include detailed information on the activity, including legal considerations for each university's home country and governing body.

Article III: Financing

1. Both universities agree that all additional activities are dependent on the availability of funds. Both universities agree to seek financial support for the activities stated in this MOU. Both parties agree that all specific arrangements and plans for joint projects and activities are to be negotiated and Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed for implementation dependent on the availability of funds.
2. Third-party funding may be sought, where available.

Article IV: Settlement of Differences

The differing viewpoints and interpretations of this MOU shall be settled amicably by mutual negotiation.

Article IV: Duration, renewal, amendments and termination

1.1. This Memorandum will take effect from the date of signing and shall remain valid for five years. The Memorandum may be renewed by mutual written agreement between parties at the end of the stated period.

1.2. The Memorandum may be terminated by six months prior written notice unless an earlier termination is mutually agreed upon. In the event of termination, cooperative programs currently underway will be allowed to continue until their conclusion.

1.3. Revisions or modifications may be proposed at any time, effective from the date of written agreement signed by both parties.

1.4. This Memorandum comes into force upon the signing by both parties.

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1.5. This Memorandum is signed in two (2) identical copies in English. Both copies are authentic.

On behalf of **Taita Taveta University** **Signed By:**	**On behalf of** **South Dakota School of Mines & Technology** **Signed By:**
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Date: 9th October 2026	**Date:** October 9, 2026
Witnessed by Signed:	**Witnessed by Signed:**
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