MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

BETWEEN

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AGARTALA

And

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY

Rapid City, South Dakota, USA

FOR

ACADEMIC, RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS & STUDENTS EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

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National Institute of Technology Agartala , India (hereafter referred to as "**NITA**") and the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology of Rapid City, South Dakota, USA (hereafter referred to as "South Dakota Mines"), believe the development of collaborative academic, educational, and scientific goals are of mutual value, which are set forth in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

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

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

- **Staff exchange and collaboration**
  - 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.

- **Joint research activities and publications**
  - Cooperative research is to be encouraged as individual scholars establish contact and develop mutual interests.

- Each party will encourage continuing education and professional development for teachers, professors, and academic staff, which may include
  - Visits for studying teaching principles and methods
  - Exchange of academic materials and other information
  - Participation in seminars, congresses and meetings

- **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.

"NITA" 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. Detailed descriptions of additional activities shall be defined in a separate addendum to the MOU. The addendum will include detailed information on the activity, including legal considerations for each university's home country and governing body.

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.

Any clause or article of the MOU may be modified or amended by mutual agreement of NITA and South Dakota Mines

This Memorandum of Understanding becomes effective on the date of signature. It is valid for five years with the understanding that it can be terminated by either party, without cause, with six months notice, unless an earlier termination is mutually agreed upon. Revisions or modifications may be proposed at any time, effective from the date of written agreement signed by both parties. Signed by/on behalf of

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