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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**between**

**MUSCAT UNIVERSITY**

**and**

**SAMARKAND STATE UNIVERSITY NAMED AFTER SHAROF RASHIDOV**

**This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) is made on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**Between:**

**Muscat University S.A.O.G** an Omani closed joint-stock company, incorporated by the laws of the Sultanate of Oman, registered under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry under the commercial registration number (1251555) whose registered or principal office is at building No. T42/1, Way No. 240, Al Ghubra, PO Box 550, PC 130, Muscat, Oman (hereinafter referred to as “MU”)

**AND**

**Samarkand State University named after Sharof Rashidov** is a public University founded in 1927, address: University boulevard 15, Samarkand, Uzbekistan. 140104 (hereinafter referred to as “SamSU”)

MU and SamSU shall be referred to collectively as the “parties” or individually as a “party”

**PREAMBLE**

It is recognizing the mutual benefits to be gained through a cooperative partnership. The purpose of this MoU is to record the mutual interest of MU and SamSU for an initial period of two years, following the signature of this MoU.

**1. Objective:**

This cooperation (MoU) concerns the subject areas of mutual academic interests in the board area of higher education and research and may include, but is not limited to, the following activities:

- 1- Exploring collaboration opportunities in Engineering - related Curriculum Development.
- 2- Establishing joint Research Grants & Partnerships in Engineering and other relevant fields of common interest.
- 3- Exploring the possibility of a double-degree program in niche areas, such as data science, and renewable and sustainable energy.
- 4- Considering student exchange opportunities.
- 5- Exploring faculty exchange programs.
- 6- Exploring the possibility of resource sharing, such as e-books, software, and online databases.
- 7- Hosting university students for a summer week.
- 8- Organizing joint international research events such as conferences, seminars, and workshops.
- 9- Exploring collaboration opportunities in academic quality initiatives.
- 10- Exploring collaboration for doctoral studies.

## **2. Implementation:**

All programs or activities implemented under the terms of this MoU shall be mutually agreed upon in writing, including the necessary budget for the programs of activity as the need may arise.

The parties will designate one officer each who will develop and coordinate specific programs or activities between them.

Each party shall bear its costs and expenses about the negotiation and execution of this MoU and any expenses and costs that may be imposed thereafter or as may be agreed in the commercial agreement (if any) between the parties as part of their discussion in the context of this MoU.

## **3. Duration and termination**

- a) This MoU shall become effective on the date that it is signed by both Parties and shall be valid for two years.
- b) Any changes to this MoU shall be subject to the written consent of both Parties.
- c) This MoU may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the Party who wishes to terminate gives written notice of its intention at least one month before termination.

d) Nothing in the above MoU shall be construed as legally binding.

#### **4. Confidentiality**

During the term of this MoU, each Party shall treat it as confidential and shall not disclose to any person the terms of this MoU or any information or materials supplied or made available in connection therewith. The Party may disclose such information if required by law or to its professional advisers provided that the disclosing party takes reasonable steps to ensure that confidential information is not disclosed or distributed by its professional advisers in violation of the terms of this MoU. Notwithstanding the above, any confidential information that constitutes trade secrets of the disclosing party shall be subject to the terms of this MoU for as long as such information remains a trade secret under applicable law, and confidential information that constitutes personally identifiable information shall be subject to the terms of this MoU perpetually, without expiration. The Parties agree to hold each other's Confidential Information in confidence for 5 years following the termination of this MoU.

#### **5. No obligation of the partnership**

Nothing in this MoU shall be deemed to constitute a partnership between the Parties, nor obligates any Party to enter any partnership.

#### **6. Assignment:**

Nothing in this MoU shall be construed to permit the assignment by the Parties of any of its rights, or the delegation of its obligations hereunder, and such assignment or delegation is expressly prohibited without the prior written.

#### **7. Entire Agreement:**

The terms and provisions in this MoU constitute the entire agreement between the Parties on the matters addressed herein and shall supersede all previous communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written, between the Parties concerning this MoU.

#### **8. Public Statements:**

The Parties acknowledge the merits of positive publicity, but they recognize that neither Party should make any press announcements or public statements about the proposals in this MoU which have not been agreed in advance in writing by the other Party.

#### **9. Amendment:**

No amendment or extension of the MOU shall be valid unless it is made in writing and signed by the Parties.

**10. Counterparts:**

This MoU may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute the same instrument.

**11. Jurisdiction:**

This MoU shall be governed by and construed by the laws of the Sultanate of Oman and the Parties hereby irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Sultanate of Oman.

In Witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective organizations, sign this MoU on the date as above written.

**On behalf of Muscat University**

Signature



**Name: Khalil Abdullah Al Khonji.**

**Title: Chairman of Board of Directors**

**Date: 16.10.2024**

**On Behalf of Samarkand State  
University name after Sharof  
Rashidov**

Signature



**Name: Khalmuradov Rustam  
Ibragimovich**

**Title: Rector**

**Date: 16.10.2024**