

Memorandum of Understanding

ON

NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY COOPERATION

BETWEEN

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of the Republic of India

AND

**Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism, Government of Australia
(Hereinafter called the Parties)**

Having identified new and renewable energy as a common area of interest in the New and Renewable Energy Action Plan, signed in New Delhi on 4th November, 2008.

And desiring to advance New and Renewable Energy Action Plan, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of the Republic of India; and the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism, Government of Australia, aim to:

- facilitate research and development of renewable energy technologies by the appropriate agencies and accelerate their demonstration and deployment;
- identify opportunities related to trade and investment in renewables and address impediments thereof; and
- facilitate and enhance industry-to-industry collaborations for new and renewable energy technologies.

The parties have reached the following understanding:

NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY TASK FORCE

In order to coordinate the above-mentioned activities under the auspices of the New and Renewable Energy Action Plan, and decide upon project proposals related to the Action Plan, the parties intend to establish a "Task Force" with the objectives of;

- Identifying areas of mutual interest and cooperation for development of new and renewable energy technologies, systems, sub-systems, devices, components, etc.
- The indicative scope of renewable energy cooperation would be solar, hydrogen/fuel cells, geo-thermal, small hydro, clean energy related services and any other area as mutually agreed.
- Monitoring and evaluating cooperation activities

The Parties will designate one lead representative each to the Task Force. For the aforesaid activities, the Task Force shall to the extent possible conduct its work through electronic communication, but may meet alongside meetings of the Joint Working Group on Energy and Minerals, when considered appropriate.

The Task Force can invite other members from scientific institutions, research centres, universities or any other entity, as and when considered desirable.

This Memorandum of Understanding can be amended by the Parties through mutual consultation. Amendments shall be enclosed with the present Memorandum of Understanding and shall form an integral part of it thereof.

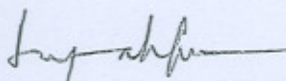
ENTRY INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION

The Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force on the date of signing and shall remain in force unless revoked by the consent of the parties.

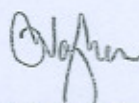
Either of the Parties may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving the other party a written notice, thirty days in advance. Termination will not affect activities covered by a collaborative contract between the Parties and already underway at the time of termination.

The undersigned being duly authorised have signed this Memorandum of understanding.

Signed at New Delhi on 5th February, 2010 two originals each in English and Hindi languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



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