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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF
JAMAICA**

ON

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of Jamaica (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and in the singular as a “Party”);

RECOGNISING the importance of science and technology in the development of their national economies and in the improvement of their socio-economic standards of life;

CONSIDERING that the development of scientific and technological relations shall be of mutual benefit to both countries;

DESIROUS of strengthening cooperation between the two countries, particularly in the fields of science and technology; and

CONSIDERING further that such cooperation will promote the development of existing friendly relations between the two countries;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

In this Agreement, unless the context indicates otherwise—

‘**cooperating entities**’ means entities specified in Article 6(1);

‘**Joint Committee**’ means the Joint Committee established in terms of Article 5(1); and

‘**science and technological cooperation**’ includes natural and social sciences.

ARTICLE 2

Objectives

The Parties shall promote and support the development of cooperation in the fields of science and technology between their countries on the basis of equality and mutual advantage, as far as resources permit and as the Parties consider appropriate.

ARTICLE 3

Competent authorities

The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be—

- (a) in the case of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Science and Technology; and
- (b) in the case of Jamaica, the Ministry responsible for Science, Technology, Energy and Mining.

ARTICLE 4

Modalities of cooperation

Cooperation between the Parties in the fields of science and technology shall be effected by means of—

- (a) the exchange of scientists, researchers, technical experts and scholars;
- (b) the exchange of scientific and technological information and documentation;
- (c) the organisation of bilateral scientific and technological seminars, conferences and workshops in areas of mutual interest;
- (d) the formulation and implementation of joint research and development programmes and exchange of knowledge resulting therefrom; and
- (e) other modalities of cooperation as agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 5

Establishment and functions of Joint Committee

- (1) The Parties shall establish a Joint Committee on Science and Technology.
- (2) The Joint Committee shall consist of an equal number of representatives designated by each Party.
- (3) The Joint Committee shall meet alternately in the Republic of South Africa and in Jamaica on agreed dates or otherwise as determined by the Parties.
- (4) The Joint Committee shall determine its own rules of procedure.
- (5) The functions of the Joint Committee shall be to—
 - (a) identify priority fields of cooperation;
 - (b) create favourable conditions for the implementation of this Agreement;
 - (c) facilitate the implementation of joint programmes and projects;
 - (d) promote the exchange of information in order to further the development of cooperation; and
 - (e) review progress regarding the implementation of this Agreement and guide further cooperative activities.

ARTICLE 6

Implementing agreements and protocols

- (1) The Parties shall promote under the framework of this Agreement scientific and technological cooperation between their respective government agencies, enterprises, research institutions, universities and other research and development organisations including the signing, if necessary, of implementing agreements or protocols.
- (2) The agreements and protocols referred to in sub-Article (1) shall be signed in accordance with the domestic law in force in the respective countries, as well as in accordance with their international obligations.