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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

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

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
KINGDOM OF BELGIUM**

**ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

CONSIDERING that the development of scientific and technical relations would be of mutual benefit to the Parties;

DESIROUS of strengthening cooperation between the Parties in the field of science and technology;

RECOGNISING that such cooperation will promote the development of existing friendly relations between the Parties;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE 1

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to allow the Parties to promote the development of cooperation in the fields of science, technology and innovation between each other for their mutual benefit and to identify areas in which this cooperation is desirable, taking into account the domains of scientific excellence of the two countries.

ARTICLE 2

COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

- (1) The competent authorities responsible for the implementation of this MOU shall be:
 - (a) In the case of the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Science and Technology (DST); and
 - (b) In the case of the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium, the Belgian Federal Science Policy Office (BELSPO).
- (2) The DST and BELSPO shall designate to each other by way of letters, a person who shall be the liaison officer for the purpose of the implementation of this MOU.