

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF UKRAINE

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea and the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (hereinafter the "Parties"), confirm intention to promote technical and economic development of each of the Parties and have agreed the following understanding:

1. The Parties will draw up a joint R&D Cooperation Program (hereinafter the "Program"), which will reflect mutual interests in development and realizations of scientific and technical projects.
2. The Parties agree that the Program shall include the following priority areas:
 - a. Welding and related technologies
 - b. Casting/forging technologies
 - c. Powder metallurgy
 - d. Superhard materials
 - e. Coatings
 - f. Nondestructive methods of control and diagnostics

More areas for cooperation in other industrial technology sectors can be added by mutual agreement.

3. The Parties will share the expenses of implementing the Program:

- a. Ukraine offers material investment with technology and manpower for operating this program;
- b. The Republic of Korea makes a certain amount of fund and supports the scientific co-operation. The amount of fund depends on annual demand of enterprises.

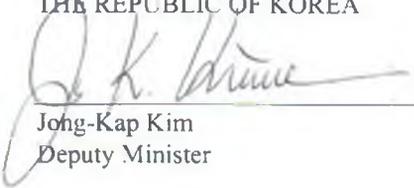
4. The Parties have agreed to exchange the information on aspects of mutual interest, to carry out joint consultations and seminars.

5. To develop and promote scientific cooperation, both Parties can set up "The Industrial Technology Cooperation Center". The place, time and conditions of creation of such center will be agreed upon by the Parties by additional agreement.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force unless terminated by either Party giving six months' notice to the other Party in writing.

Done in duplicate on this 23rd day of April 2004, in English.

THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE,
INDUSTRY AND ENERGY OF
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