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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF POWER
AND STEEL OF THE FEDERAL
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ON ENERGY
POLICY

The Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Federal Ministry of Power & Steel of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants");

Affirming their plan to conclude a formal **agreement on energy policy, research and development, and demonstration;**

Sharing a mutual interest in increasing **the effectiveness of their programs of energy policy and** in pursuing related cooperation **between** their own countries;

Believing **that** increased international cooperation will promote the accomplishment of mutually beneficial objectives;

Desiring to establish closer relationships between organizations within **the** United States of America and the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Recognizing **that energy security, economic growth, and the quality of life can be enhanced through the effective and environmentally-sound utilization of energy sources and sustainable development; and**

Further recognizing that cooperation to support such utilization of energy sources and sustainable development would promote increased economic interaction and expand opportunities for international trade and investments between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Nigeria and with other West African nations:

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Have reached the following understanding:

ARTICLE I

This **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** affirms that the Participants may conclude a formal agreement and to facilitate cooperative activities **by the** Participants, Cooperation between the Participants would **be conducted on the** basis of mutual benefit, equality, and reciprocity.

ARTICLE II

The areas of the cooperation under this MOU may include the following:

- A. Fossil **energy**, including clean power generation and identification of private sector assistance in Oil and gas seismic and other exploratory activities;
- B. **Energy sector** regulation, including assistance with policy analysis, formulation, and implementation, commercialization, restructuring and privatization;
- C. Power project development, including facility **upgrades** and power purchase and fuel purchase agreements;
- D. **Energy efficiency and renewable energy**, including assistance on industrial and building standards and utilization of photovoltaic technology for rural electrification and water management;
- E. **Environmental management** including natural resource management and utilization of energy technologies, particularly cost-effective technologies aimed at reducing emissions of greenhouse gases and minimizing environmental impacts; and
- F. Such other areas of cooperation as may be mutually determined by the Participants.



ARTICLE III

The forms of cooperation in the areas specified in Article II of this MOU may include the following:

- A' **Exchange of experts, specialists, and scientists to participate in cooperative activities:**
- B. **Organizing and participating in seminars of workshops on specific mutually agreed topics;**
- C. **Promoting the demonstration and utilization of energy technologies that are economically competitive and environmentally acceptable;**
- D. **Sharing relevant nonproprietary information and practical experience in energy fields;**
- E. **Assisting in capacity building through training, joint government-industry activities, faculty and student exchange and tours, development and transfer of skill and technologies to support human resources development, policy development, and institutional infrastructure development;**
- F. **Joint projects in which the Participants intend to share work and/or costs; and**
- G. **Such other forms of cooperation within the scope of this MOU as the Participants may concur.**

ARTICLE IV

Each participant plans to name a **Principal Coordinator** to supervise activities under this MOU. The Principal Coordinators plan to consult periodically to evaluate **the status of cooperation under this MOU**. Evaluations may **include a review of the accomplishments and effectiveness of activities under this MOU**. The Principal Coordinators also intend to consider future **Program opportunities** with a view to maximizing the mutual **benefits of cooperation**.



ARTICLE V

Cooperation **planned under** this MOU will be subject to all applicable laws and regulations of **each country**. Each Participant will be responsible for the **cost of** its own activities **under** this MOU, unless specifically determined otherwise by the Participants in writing.

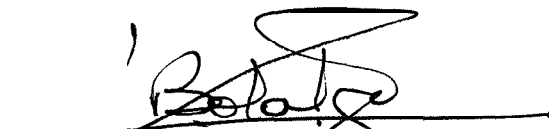
ARTICLE VI

The Participants anticipate **that the Agency** for International Development of **the United States of America**, in conjunction with **the Department of Energy** will participate in **the** cooperative activities **planned under** this MOU, The Participants may invite additional public or private organizations in the **country of** either Participant to participate in such **cooperative** activities at their **own expense and in accordance** with **terms and** conditions specified by **the** Participants.

ARTICLE VII

This MOU may be modified by mutual **concurrence of the** Participants.

Signed in duplicate, **at Abuja**, Federal Republic of Nigeria
this 14th **day of August**, 1999.


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