

STATEMENT OF INTENT

BETWEEN

**THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

TO

**COOPERATE IN THE FIELDS OF
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY**

The Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Ministry of Mines and Energy of the Republic of Ghana, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants".

Having an interest in developing an agreement for cooperation in the areas of policy, science and technology, and development;

Having a mutual interest in exchanging experience and views on opportunities for the utilization of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and in fostering collaboration between their two countries in these areas; and

Recognizing that energy security and the quality of life can be enhanced through the effective and environmentally-sound utilization of energy sources, particularly energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies; and

Recognizing that mutual cooperation to support such uses would promote increased economic interaction, facilitate technology transfer, accelerate the commercialization of energy systems and products, and expand opportunities for international trade between the United States and Ghana;

The Participants declare their intentions as follows:

ARTICLE I

1. The Participants intend to facilitate joint activities related to energy policy, science and technology, development, and commercialization in an environmentally and economically sound manner in areas of mutual interest. These intended joint activities may include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - (A) Exchange of scientists, engineers and other specialists for participation in

- agreed research, development, analysis, design, and experimental activities;
- (B) Organizing and participating in seminars on specific mutually agreed topics;
 - (C) Promoting the development and utilization of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies that are economically competitive and environmentally acceptable;
 - (D) Sharing relevant information and practical experience in the fields of energy efficiency and renewable energy;
 - (E) Assisting with the development of a regional energy analysis and diagnostic centre;
 - (F) Assisting with the development and deployment of energy efficiency standards of performance and labelling codes; and
 - (G) Assisting in capacity building through energy-related training, development and transfer of skills and technology to support human resources development, policy development and institutional infrastructure, including the promotion of joint government-industry activities and faculty and student exchanges.

ARTICLE II

1. Participants hereby establish a United States - Ghanaian sub-ministerial Working Group to exchange and promote practical application, of readily available information on energy efficiency and renewable energy with specific focus on the needs of developing countries. For the purposes of promoting closer contracts and mutually beneficial consultations, the arrangements for the Working Group meetings are as follows:
 - (A) The Working Group will consist of senior officials designated by the Participants. The Participants, as mutually agreed, may include representatives from other governmental agencies as the Participants deem appropriate based on the agenda of the consultations; and
 - (B) Each Participant will appoint an official contact to prepare for the consultations and to be responsible for communication between the Participants;
2. The Working Group will be guided by the following procedures:
 - (A) In view of the significant distance between the two countries, electronic communication will be the preferred mode of contact;
 - (B) Meetings of the Working Group, or of selected representatives from the Working Group, may be held upon agreement;

- (C) The agenda for each meeting will be determined and agreed upon by the Participants prior to each meeting;
- (D) Minutes of meetings will be ratified and signed immediately after such meetings; and
- (E) Each Participant will be responsible for subsistence and travelling expense for its personnel and its contractors. The Participant hosting a meeting will pay the costs for arrangements associated with such meeting.

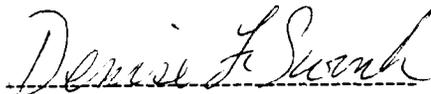
ARTICLE III

The participants will conduct the activities in accordance with the laws and regulations of their respective countries and subject to the availability of funds and other resources.

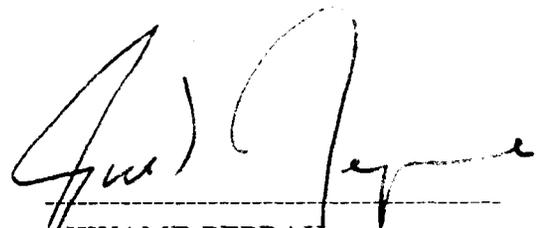
Signed, in duplicate, at Accra, Ghana this 29..... day of September 1995

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