

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## BETWEEN:

- (1) **SCHOOL OF CIVIL ENGINEERING**, Chang'an University, 710064,  
Middle-section of Nan'er Huan Road, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China

## And

- (2) **DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING**, ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF  
THESSALONIKI, 54124 THESSALONIKI, CENTR. MACEDONIA, GREECE

IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

### ARTICLE I. OBJECTIVE

The parties to this agreement wish to expand their activities for mutual benefit and in a spirit of academic co-operation and friendship. The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to further develop and carry out long term collaboration as described under Article II.

### ARTICLE II. SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

This Memorandum of Understanding will revolve around the utilization of geothermal energy, covering the following areas of academic and research cooperation:

1. Organize joint academic activities, such as seminars and academic reports on geothermal energy utilization between China and Greece.
2. Development of collaborative research projects.
3. Communication between research and teaching personnel.
4. Student cultivation and education.
5. Exchange publications and other materials of common interest.

### ARTICLE III. FURTHER AGREEMENTS

Details of commitments relating to those activities described under Article II shall remain subject to later written agreements between the parties.

### ARTICLE IV. FUNDING

The funds for cooperation come from Joint education project between universities in China and in Central and Eastern European countries (Project Specific Name: Joint research and education project on efficient utilization of geothermal energy between Chang'an University in China and Aristotle University in Greece), as well as other related projects between both parties.

## ARTICLE V.

### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS, RESULTS, AND PUBLICATIONS

Each party's previous research results still belong to themselves. Any new intellectual property, achievements, and publishing rights jointly created by both parties shall be agreed upon in writing in advance.

## ARTICLE VI. SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

If a dispute arises, both parties shall resolve it through negotiation or arbitration.

## ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS, DURATION AND TERMINATION

(a) Amendments to this Memorandum of Understanding can only be made after consultation and with the mutual written consent of both parties.

(b) This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect from the latest date of signing and shall last for five years from that date.

(c) This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by a party on six months written notice to the other.

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