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UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA



BABOL NOSHIRVANI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

LETTER OF COLLABORATION (LOC)

Between

**Faculty of Chemical Engineering,
BABOL NOSHIRVANI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

(was established in 1970 as Technical Teachers Training Institute of Babol. In 1979 it amalgamated with University of Mazandaran and operated as University of Mazandaran Faculty of Engineering. In 2005, the process of independence from University of Mazandaran started and until March 2008 it was operated as "Noshirvani Institute of Technology (Babol Noshiravani Technical and Education Complex)". As of March 2008 it has been upgraded to the Babol Noshirvani University of Technology whose office Shariati Av., Babol, Mazandaran, Iran, P.O. Box: 484, Post Code: 47148 – 71167.

and

**Advanced Membrane Technology Research Centre (AMTEC),
UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA**

(a Malaysian Public Research University established and incorporated under the Malaysian Universities and University Colleges Act 1971 whose office is at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, 81310 UTM Skudai, Johor Darul Takzim, Malaysia)

Background

Faculty of Chemical Engineering, Babol Noshirvani University of Technology and Advanced Membrane Technology Research Centre, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia ('the institutions') have a common purpose in the development and dissemination of knowledge and the provision of service to their respective communities. These two institutions have decided that they will enter into this Letter of Collaboration ("LOC") in order to better discharge their objectives.

The institutions anticipate that, while this LOC is not intended to establish a binding contractual relationship between them, it will facilitate the establishment of a working relationship between them leading to the conduct of one or more collaborative activities.

1.0 Areas of Cooperation and Support

- a) The institutions will encourage cooperation in any discipline which is studied in both institutions with a specific focus on sustainable environment technologies including water research and membrane technologies.
- b) The institutions will discuss opportunities for collaboration. Such opportunities will include:
 - Exchanges of information, knowledge and material;
 - Research student exchanges;
 - Staff exchanges;
 - Joint researches;
 - Joint research training;
 - Joint service activities;
 - Development of educational services, community profiles and international activities; and
 - Any others activities agreed upon by both institutions in future.
- c) Where an activity may give rise to rights and obligations between the institutions, a separate legally binding agreement shall be entered into for each activity.

2.0 Confidentiality

Each institution shall only use the other institution's confidential information which is communicated to it in connection with this LOC for the purpose for which it was communicated or with the permission of the communicating party.

3.0 Intellectual property

Nothing in this LOC alters or affects the ownership of any intellectual property which is communicated by one institution to another.

4.0 Staff Exchanges

- a) The institutions will endeavour to maintain parity with one another with respect to the number of staff exchanges conducted over the period of this LOC.
- b) Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both institutions, each institution will be individually responsible for the selection of its own staff for participation in an exchange made under the terms of this LOC. Each institution will be individually responsible for all travel and visa arrangements for its staff participating in an

exchange. Each institution will also be individually responsible for the payment of all costs associated with an exchange.

- c) Conditions at the host institution when staff participates in an exchange at either institution will be discussed between the two institutions on a case-by-case basis prior to each participation.

5.0 Other Activities

- a) Each institution will assign a person to be in charge of the implementation and maintenance of this LOC and to negotiate and manage any changes to this LOC.
- b) Both institutions will endeavour to exchange with one another in-house publications and research material.
- c) Both institutions will consider the development of joint proposals for the conduct of research, knowledge transfer, service or entrepreneurial activities.
- d) Both institutions will endeavour to include the other institution's web-page as a hypertext link (or hot link) from their home page or from related sub- pages.

6.0 Miscellaneous

- a) This LOC will be effective for three (3) years as from the date of signing.
- b) Where agreed to in writing by both institutions, this LOC may be amended.
- c) Either institution may terminate this LOC by giving twelve (12) months notice in writing to the other institution.
- d) This LOC does not constitute any financial commitment by either institution.
- e) This LOC is not intended to be legally binding and nothing in it shall be taken to create any legally binding contract, agreement or relationship between the institutions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto, has signed this

Signed for and on behalf of
Advanced Membrane Technology
Research Centre (AMTEC),
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

Signed for and on behalf of
Faculty of Chemical Engineering
Babol Noshirvani University of Technology

by

PROF. DR. AHMAD FAUZI BIN ISMAIL

Director of Centre for Advanced Membrane
Technology Research Centre

by

DR. GHOLAMREZA BAKERI

Head of Faculty

Date:

Date: 29 Nov. 2017