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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
ISRAEL**

**Memorandum of Understanding for technical co-operation
in mineral technology. Signed at Washington on
14 August 1979, and at Jerusalem on 19 September
1979**

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
ISRAËL**

**Mémorandum d'accord relatif à la coopération technique
dans le domaine de la technologie minière. Signé à
Washington le 14 août 1979, et à Jérusalem le
19 septembre 1979**

Texte authentique: anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 7 novembre 1980.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF MINES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF ISRAEL FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN MINERAL TECHNOLOGY

Article I. SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF MEMORANDUM

In order to provide a mechanism for technical cooperation in mineral technology, the Bureau of Mines of the United States Department of the Interior (Bureau), and the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure of Israel (Ministry) have agreed to procedures for cooperation as defined in this Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum).

The purpose of this Memorandum is to establish a framework for the exchange of technical knowledge and augmentation of the technical capabilities of both parties. The cooperation is expected to include exchanges of information and expertise, and joint studies of mining and metallurgical technologies of mutual interest.

Article II. CO-OPERATIVE ACTIVITIES

Cooperative activities under this Memorandum may consist of exchanges of technical information, and exchange visits by scientists of the two parties engaged in research projects of mutual interest within the scope of regularly authorized and funded programs of the Ministry and the Bureau, or activities in which the Bureau provides assistance to the Ministry in areas of special interest to the Ministry.

Such activities may include, but are not limited to activities in the following areas of mutual interest: metal and nonmetal mining research; health and safety research for coal, metal, and nonmetal mining; and metallurgy, ceramics and mineral beneficiation research.

Article III. SOURCES OF FUNDS

The activities carried out under this Memorandum will be subject to and dependent upon the funds and manpower available to the two parties.

Each party will bear, in accordance with its domestic laws, the cost of its own participation in cooperative activities under this Memorandum. In cases where the Ministry requests that a Bureau engineer visit an Israeli institution to provide counseling services, the costs will be borne by the Ministry unless it is agreed that the program is of mutual benefit.

Article IV. REPORTS, DOCUMENTS, AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the respective countries and unless otherwise mutually agreed, information, data and reports of cooperative activities undertaken under this Memorandum may be released by either party after consultation with the other.

¹ Came into force on 19 September 1979 by signature, in accordance with article IX.

Any commitment of the Bureau to preserve the confidentiality of information is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and other applicable U.S. laws and regulations.

Article V. PROGRAM REVIEW

It is anticipated that representatives of the two parties will, at mutually agreed intervals, review the progress of activities conducted under this Memorandum and make plans for future activities.

Article VI. DISCLAIMER

Each party totally disclaims any warranty with regard to the accuracy, validity, or fitness for any particular purpose of the information it supplies under this Memorandum.

Article VII. PROJECT ANNEXES

Any activity agreed upon within the terms of this Memorandum which involves, in the view of either party, a substantial amount of manpower or an expenditure of funds will be defined in a project description attached as an annex to this Memorandum. Such document will set forth a work plan, staffing requirements, estimated costs, source of funds, and any special condition not included in this Memorandum, including, but not limited to, as appropriate, the details of the allocation and protection of rights in intellectual property. In case of any inconsistency between the terms of this Memorandum and the terms of an annex thereto, the terms of [this] Memorandum should be controlling.

Article VIII. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Neither party to this Memorandum will assert a claim against the other for damages arising from activities under this Memorandum. With respect to third parties, each party to this Memorandum will accept liability, to the extent authorized by its domestic laws, for damages arising only from its own conduct, or that of its employees, under this Memorandum.

Article IX. ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TERMINATION

This Memorandum shall enter into force upon signature by both parties and remain in force for five (5) years, unless extended by mutual agreement. This Memorandum may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice of termination to the other party.

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the Interior of the United States of
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