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ON

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PREAMBLE

The Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Government of the Republic of South Africa (hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Parties" and in the singular as a "Party");

GUIDED by the objective of closer cooperation for mutual benefit as enshrined in the Kingdom of Lesotho-Republic of South Africa Joint Bilateral Commission of Cooperation signed on 19 April 2001;

RECOGNISING the importance of science and technology in the development of their national economies and in the improvement of their socio-economic standards of life;

CONSIDERING that the development of scientific and technological relations shall be of mutual benefit to both countries;

DESIROUS of strengthening cooperation between the two countries, particularly in the fields of science and technology; and

CONSIDERING further that such cooperation will promote the development of existing friendly relations between the two countries;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Objectives

The Parties agree to develop Scientific and Technological cooperation between their two countries on the basis of equality and mutual advantages. For this purpose, the Parties will support respective activities of the enterprises, organizations, and competent institutions as well as all necessary facilities for such co-operation, in accordance with the domestic law of the respective countries.

ARTICLE 2

Modalities of cooperation

Cooperation between the Parties in the fields of science and technology may be effected by means of –

- (a) the exchange of scientists, research workers, technical experts and scholars;
- (b) the exchange of scientific and technological information and documentation including information and Communication Technology (CT)-related matters;
- (c) the organization of bilateral scientific and technological seminars, conferences and workshops in areas of mutual interest;
- (d) the formulation and implementation of joint research and development programmes and exchange of knowledge resulting therefrom;
- (e) the development of science and technology incubators or stations with emphasis on Small scale and Medium Enterprises (SME's);
- (f) the development and empowerment of Indigenous Knowledge Systems for competitive advantage in the global market;

- (g) the exchange of expertise and development of biotechnology;
and
- (h) other modalities of cooperation as agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 3
Designated Authorities

The designated authorities responsible for the implementation of this Agreement shall be

- (a) for the Government of the Kingdom of Lesotho, Ministry of Communications, Department of Science and Technology.
- (b) for the Government of the Republic of South Africa, the Department of Science and Technology.

ARTICLE 4
Establishment of Joint Committee

To ensure the implementation of this Agreement, a Joint Committee on Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as "the Joint Technical Committee"), composed of representatives designated by the Parties, is hereby established. The Parties shall notify each other about their representatives to the Joint Committee.

ARTICLE 5
Powers and Functions of the Joint Committee

- (1) The Joint Committee shall -
 - (a) identify priority fields of cooperation;
 - (b) create favourable conditions for the implementation of this Agreement;
 - (c) facilitate the implementation of joint programmes and projects;