

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION IN
ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER MATTERS**

BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND WATER RESOURCES OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF
DENMARK**

Section 1: Objective

1. The Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources of the Republic of Singapore and the Ministry of the Environment of the Kingdom of Denmark (hereinafter referred to singularly as “the Party” and collectively as “the Parties”), subject to the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MOU”), agree to engage in a programme of cooperation for mutual benefit and promote the open exchange, cooperation and demonstration of environmental management policies and technologies.
2. The objective of this MOU is to promote bilateral cooperation between the Parties and their agencies, as well as joint and collaborative activities between the private sector and the academia of the respective countries; including through:
 - a. promoting partnerships between government and non-government actors; and
 - b. encouraging the involvement of the private sector, as appropriate, regionally or internationally, on matters pertaining to sustainable environmental management, water resource management and efforts to adapt to climate change.

Section 2: Areas of Cooperation

1. Within the field of environmental and water sustainability, Parties will cooperate in the following areas:
 - a. Sustainable management of environmental and water resources, including:
 - i. Waste and material resource management
 - ii. Air quality management and pollution control
 - iii. Noise management
 - iv. Brownfield remediation and terrain decontamination
 - v. Environmental site assessment standards
 - vi. Integrated water resource management
 - vii. Water quality testing
 - viii. Wastewater treatment and recycling;
 - b. Strategies for sustainable development;
 - c. Eco-innovation in connection with the development and deployment of innovative environmental technology;
 - d. Climate adaptation like flood management; and
 - e. Sustainable planning in urban areas.

Section 3: Forms of Cooperation

1. With regard to the objective and areas of cooperation of this MOU, the forms of cooperation within this MOU may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Bilateral policy exchanges;
 - b. Promoting ties between:
 - i. Singapore's Public Utilities Board, the Danish Nature Agency and their affiliated strategic partners; and
 - ii. Singapore's National Environment Agency, the Danish Environmental Protection Agency and their affiliated strategic partners;

- c. Exchange on environmental and water management best practices;
- d. Study visits and exchanges of key personnel between the Parties;
- e. Joint research and / or publications on issues related to sustainable environmental management, as well as water resource management;
- f. Encouraging partnerships between private companies and government authorities on sustainable environmental management, as well as water resource management including through pilot/demonstration activities; and
- g. Exploring possible avenues for technological cooperation, including facilitating the transfer of new technologies.

Section 4: Implementation

1. The Parties will jointly develop a work programme which defines the activities and results to be achieved under this MOU.
2. The Parties will endeavour to involve and collaborate with strategic partners as appropriate, including but not limited to government and non-government agencies, research institutions and private companies.
3. The implementation of this MOU will be jointly decided by the Parties and is subject to the availability of resources and personnel. The Parties will mutually determine arrangements for the implementation of specific activities and projects under this MOU including the arrangements for funding, allocation of resources of personnel, treatment and use of intellectual property arising from and generated pursuant to the specific activities or projects, and other appropriate matters.
4. The title to, and intellectual property rights in, or in relation to, any material supplied by one Party to the other Party pursuant to this MOU shall remain with the Party supplying the material and such title and rights shall be respected and protected by the Party receiving the material.
5. Each Party undertakes to observe the confidentiality and secrecy of documents and information received from or supplied by the other Party

during the period of the implementation of this MOU or any other agreements made pursuant to this MOU.

6. The Parties agree that the provisions of this paragraph shall continue to be binding between them notwithstanding the termination of this MOU.

Section 5: Planning

1. Each Party shall designate a principal representative who will, at a mutually determined time, meet to review the activities under this MOU and develop proposals for future activities.

Section 6: Commencement, Duration and Termination

1. This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain effective for a period of five years.
2. At least three months prior to the expiration of this MOU, the Parties may mutually agree in writing, to extend this MOU for a term of five years, or such duration as the Parties may agree, from the date of the expiration of this MOU.
3. This MOU may be terminated by a Party giving three months' written notice prior to the intended date of termination to the other Party. Termination will not affect the implementation of activities or project that were decided upon or any on-going activity or project prior to the date of the termination of this MOU.

Section 7: Amendments

1. Either Party may request in writing a revision, modification or amendment of all or any part of this MOU.
2. Any revision, modification or amendment agreed to by the Parties will be reduced into writing and will form part of this MOU.
3. Such revision, modification or amendment will come into force on such date as may be determined by the Parties.

4. Any revision, modification or amendment will not prejudice the rights and obligations arising from, or based on, this MOU before, or up to, the date of such revision, modification or amendment.

SIGNED in duplicate in Singapore on the 3rd day of June 2014 in the English language.

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