MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Beijing University of Chemical Technology

Beijing, China

And

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, USA

Recognizing that quality education, the expansion of knowledge and application through coal and energy research, do not have regional and national boundaries, Beijing University of Chemical Technology (BUCT) and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC) can both benefit and prosper through cooperative activities. Given their excellent academic climates, a program to link these two universities will benefit the intellectual, cultural, economic, and technical capabilities of both institutions through academic and research programs. In order to advance this relationship, the universities agree to pursue jointly the following objectives:

1. Arrange and assist in the exchange of faculty and scholars involved in energy and environment related teaching and research through such avenues as sabbatical leaves.
2. Develop and participate in joint energy and environment related research endeavors proposed by either university. Such joint research programs and activities would be developed and promoted by the arrangement of shorter visits for faculty, and in some instances, graduate and undergraduate students, thereby enhancing the faculty and student capabilities of both universities.
3. Develop and promote the exchange and visits of students in energy and environment related graduate programs, thereby not only strengthening their professional education, but also their cultural backgrounds.
4. Develop and hold short courses, seminars, symposia or workshops focusing of area of energy and environment or other areas of interest to both universities and countries.
5. Seek means of promoting cooperative research activities between the faculties.
6. Arrange the exchange of teaching and research materials between the universities.
In recognition of the fact that meaningful programs of the type envisioned in this Memorandum of Understanding require constant planning, attention and adjustment, each university will appoint at least one representative to serve as Planning Committee. Prof. Tomasz S. Wiltowski will be the representative of SIUC, Prof. Weize Wu will be the representative of BUCT. This Planning Committee will concern itself with the following functions:

1. The maintenance of communication on the ways and means by which such a relationship can be most fruitful for all concerned. It will explore joint projects and the means to support them.
2. The preparation of the detailed annual Plan of Action to meet the goals of this Agreement. At the end of each Plan period, the committee will share its assessment of the Agreement’s progress with the International Program and Services, which is SIUC’s focal unit for creating and maintaining inter-institutional linkages.

This agreement is entered into in a spirit of cooperation by both parties in the recognition that each university will benefit by this interaction by means of enhanced educational opportunities for its students and improved professional development opportunities for its faculties. This memorandum of understanding is to be effective and continued after approval by appropriate authorities of both universities. Either University may terminate this agreement with 90 days written notice to the other university. Revised and renewed in September, 2014.

Approved:

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