



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN SATHYABAMA UNIVERSITY,
CHENNAI, INDIA
AND VAAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY,
SOUTH AFRICA**



This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is established between the Sathyabama University, Chennai, India, with First Party represented by Pro Chancellor Dr. Mariazeena Johnson, Sathyabama University, Chennai, India and the other party by Vaal University of Technology, South Africa, in particular the Department of Biotechnology, Vaal University of Technology, South Africa and hereafter referred to as Second Party represented by Prof. G. Zide, Vice Chancellor, Vaal University of Technology, South Africa.

WHEREAS the First Party, is a deemed University under the act of the University Grants Commission of Government of India, and is a premier educational and research institution integrating the state of the art technology with advanced research and development projects in various sectors of R&D programmes.

WHEREAS the Second Party, Vaal University of Technology encompasses Four Major Faculties in the fore-front of academic and research activities in various fields providing opportunities for integration of new technologies and promoting field oriented approaches in the Scientific and Technological applications in the areas of Science & Engineering, Health sciences, Management and Social Sciences.

NOW, therefore, in consideration of the on-going scientific activities of the Sathyabama University, the Department of Biotechnology, Vaal University of Technology agree in principle to consider the ways in which they could cooperate and establish partnership in faculty interactions and student/ researcher training in R&D programs of mutual interest, hereinafter referred to as "PROJECTS" within the framework of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), and commit to take the following steps:

1. NATURE OF REQUIREMENTS

Sathyabama University and Vaal University of Technology will study the possibility of carrying out projects to share mutual expertise in the respective research areas with specialization in Cancer Biology and Biotechnology in the field of Life Science. These initiatives between the First Party and Second Party would bring out scientific outputs, technology development and exchange programs through research funding.

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2. SCOPE

- 2.1 Subject to the specific agreement for each research project, the possible outcome of the collaboration will be in the form of filing patents/publications and product development by mutual consent.
- 2.2 Scientists of both Universities (Vaal University of Technology, South Africa, and Sathyabama University, Chennai, India) within the framework of each specific research agreement concluded for each PROJECT, will mutually discuss the progress in the Recent activities in Biotechnology and advanced cancer research in drug discovery for development of Healthcare and Medical application.
- 2.3 Sathyabama University and Vaal University of Technology will cooperate for the said PROJECTS. The objective of such cooperation is to promote scientific research of significance in the selected areas of R&D and on the adoptability and applicability to the respective eco systems in either of the countries.
- 2.4 Sathyabama University and Vaal University of Technology will support each other at their own costs during acquisition of a PROJECT, and bear the costs, for example, providing office facilities, technical and secretarial assistance, personnel salaries, student stipend, telecommunication and local incidental expenses (e.g., hotel and local travel).
- 2.5 Formulation of any specific project will be based on bilateral discussion and the final proposed study will be formalized in writing between Sathyabama University and Vaal University of Technology.
- 2.6 The Sathyabama University and Vaal University of Technology will jointly undertake periodic assessment and evaluation of joint PROJECTS implemented.

3. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 3.1 Sathyabama University and Vaal University of Technology hereby agree, to the extent permissible to maintain confidentiality in regard to data, information etc., generated in a joint PROJECT at the two institutions. The specific agreement concluded within the frame of each PROJECT shall be precise said and confidentiality obligation and publications possibilities shall be maintained..

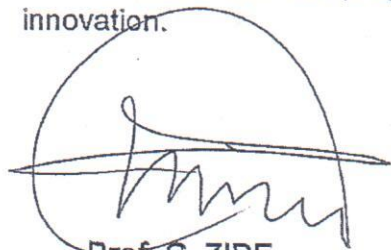
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4. **SPECIFIC PROJECT AGREEMENT**

- 4.1 Subsequent to the establishment of the above MOU, Sathyabama University and Vaal University of Technology would have a provision, if mutually agreed upon, to enter into formal agreements that would enumerate details on commitments (for example on levels of obligations on personnel, financial, logistic, faculty or bilateral student exchange etc.) on each specific research project by each institution. This agreement will be designed to meet the legal bindings of the two institutions.

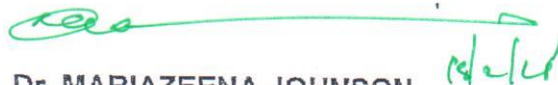
5. **TERMS AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

This MoU will be effective for a period of 5 years, beginning on the date first signing hence on the end of the 60th month, with a provision to revoke the agreement at 30 days notice at no cause. The extension of the MoU will be based on the progress of the technological development and innovation.



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Dated 9 February 2018



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