

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
of the Republic of India
And
Small and Medium Business Administration
of the Republic of Korea**

on Cooperation in the Field of Small and Medium sized Enterprises

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises of the Republic of India and Small and Medium Business Administration of the Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as "the Sides");

Considering that the development of small and medium sized enterprises (hereinafter referred to as "SMEs") is a major factor in the promotion of trade and investment as well as the economic and social development of both countries;

Noting that SMEs are becoming more important in the expanding knowledge based economy;

Desiring to promote trade and investment between both countries, and strengthen and further develop bilateral cooperation between the SMEs of the two countries; and

Based on the principles of 'reciprocity and mutual benefits'

Have reached the following understanding.

**Article I
General Principles**

Both Sides will endeavor to take the necessary measures to facilitate and promote bilateral cooperation between the SMEs of both countries, subject to the

laws and regulations of both countries, and any applicable international treaties, conventions and agreements.

Article II
Cooperative Activities

Both Sides will facilitate and promote bilateral cooperation between the SMEs of the two countries by:

- a. identifying and exploring promising areas of cooperation suitable for the SMEs of the two countries;
- b. exchanging information and experience on SME policies and measures of the two countries;
- c. exchanging personnel from the business community, government and non-government organizations involved in SME-related areas, and supporting joint symposiums and seminars on SMEs;
- d. encouraging SMEs to participate in trade fairs and exhibitions held in either country;
- e. promoting bilateral investment by holding investment forums in either country;
- f. organizing reciprocal economic and technical cooperation and business matching programmes through cooperation between the Government or non-Governmental bodies of the two countries; and
- g. conducting any other cooperative activities that may be jointly decided upon by the Sides.

Article III

Establishment of the Working Group

In order to implement and coordinate the cooperative activities in the sphere of SMEs between the two countries, the Sides will establish the Working Group composed of the representatives from the public and private sectors of the two countries.

- a. The function of the Working Group is to develop and discuss the possible areas of cooperation agreed upon by the Sides, and to consider issues of mutual interest arising from its implementation.
- b. In principle, the Working Group will be held every two years alternately in the Republic of Korea and in the Republic of India. Provisional meetings, if necessary, can be held through consultations of the Sides.
- c. The Sides are responsible for funding their own participation in such meetings.

Article IV

Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified and/or supplemented with the mutual written consent of the Sides.

Article V

Settlement of Disputes

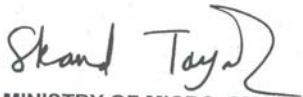
Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled amicably through consultations or negotiations between the Sides.

Article VI

Entry into Effect, Duration and Termination

- a. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature and remain in effect for a period of three years. It will be automatically renewed for successive three-year periods, unless either side notifies the other in writing of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding six month prior to the date of expiration.
- b. The termination or amendment of Memorandum of Understanding will not affect the duration or validity of any activities that are already underway in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in duplicate on June 18th, 2010, in the Hindi, Korean and English languages, all texts are equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text will prevail.



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