

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

Bureau of Energy Efficiency,

Ministry of Power,

Government of India,

New Delhi, India

And

Department of Energy,

Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources

Royal Government of Bhutan,

Thimphu, Bhutan

On

**Co-operation in the field of Energy Efficiency and Energy
Conservation Measures**

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India, New Delhi and the Department of Energy, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Royal Government of Bhutan, Thimphu (Hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") desires to establish a Memorandum of Understanding and

RECOGNIZING the importance of cooperation and collaboration to foster areas of demand side management, energy efficiency and energy conservation and its technologies.

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REALISING that energy efficiency can bring real economic benefits to consumers in terms of saving energy and lowering energy costs to maintain and improve their standard of living/productivity and therefore, benefit the economy as a whole.

CONSIDERING that cooperation between the two "Parties" will evolve a common approach towards working in tandem for development of the energy sector in general and will contribute to promote shared goals in the field of energy conservation and demand side management.

Desiring that cooperation in the field of energy efficiency and energy conservation can help to meet the goals of energy security through energy savings.

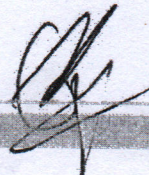
Acknowledging the experience and expertise of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency and Department of Energy in the field of energy efficiency and energy conservation, Have reached the following understanding:

Article 1

Purpose/Objective

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is to establish a cooperative institutional relationship and encourage bilateral technical cooperation in the field of energy efficiency and energy conservation on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity between the parties.

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Article 2

Areas of Cooperation and Collaboration

The parties will, subject to the laws, rules, regulations and national policies from time to time in force, governing the subject matter in their respective countries, endeavor to take necessary steps and promote cooperation in the field of energy efficiency and energy conservation in the following areas:

- a. Information exchange on policies, programmes and technologies relating to energy efficiency and demand side management;
- b. Research, development and demonstration of energy efficient technologies and processes;
- c. Sharing information and data with technical advice on Standards and Labeling program of energy efficient appliances;
- d. Provide support and assistance in certifying Bhutanese energy auditors and energy managers;
- e. Provide support and assistance with testing of appliances in the accredited laboratories in India if required and facilitate calibration of testing instruments;
- f. Development of resource tools for energy efficiency and conservation measures in energy consuming sectors such as building, appliances and industry sectors;
- g. Creating awareness on energy efficiency and conservation measures, energy efficient technologies, etc;
- h. Professional exchanges, study tours, conferences, seminars and training on energy efficiency and energy conservation;
- i. Collaboration on specific projects related to energy efficiency;
- j. Any other area of cooperation to which both the parties could mutually agree.

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Article 3

Forms of Cooperation

Cooperation between the Parties may take the following forms:

- a. Exchange of Information and data related to energy efficiency and energy conservation;
- b. Review and analysis of energy efficiency policies;
- c. Exchange of technical experts related to energy efficiency;
- d. Attend and organize seminars, workshops, conferences and training on energy efficiency and energy conservation.

Article 4

Procedure for Cooperation

The cooperation will be carried out in the following manner:

- a. The "Parties" will jointly agree on any specific cooperative activities, taking account of the priorities of the energy efficiency policy of the respective Governments and the general lines of the programmes of work and budgets of both the Department of Energy and Bureau of Energy Efficiency;
- b. The Parties will periodically review the activities and proposed areas of agreements for cooperation in the field of energy efficiency research and development of technology deployment;
- c. The Parties will meet at an appropriate level through Video Conference whenever it is deemed necessary, to review the progress of activities undertaken and discuss proposals for further activities;
- d. Unless otherwise agreed, each Party will bear the costs it incurs in carrying out their cooperation;
- e. Overall coordination of the cooperation will be the responsibility of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India and the Department of Energy, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, Government of Bhutan.

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The Parties intending to carry out specific activities or projects under this Memorandum of Understanding will subsequently enter into specific project arrangements or agreements.

Article 5

Validity

The Memorandum of Understanding will be valid for an initial period of three years, unless renewed by the Parties. On the basis of common evaluation, it will be renewed thereafter for an agreed period unless, prior to the renewal date, either party gives the other party a written notice of intent to terminate it.

Article 6

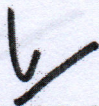
Termination

The Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party, at any time, by giving *one* month written notice. The Parties shall mutually consult with each other to determine whether activities or projects under this memorandum should continue or not. Termination will not affect the validity of any contracts or agreements made under this Memorandum.

Article 7

Amendment

The Memorandum of Understanding may be amended with the mutual written consent of both the Parties.



Article 8

Publication

Any publication, document and/or paper arising out of joint work conducted by the Parties pursuant to this MoU will be jointly owned. The use of the name, logo and/or official emblem of the Parties on any publication, document and/or paper will require prior permission of both the Parties. It may however be ensured that the official emblem and logo is not misused.

Article 9

Ownership and Management of IP

Should the activities under the MoU give rise to intellectual property (IP), the Parties shall enter into separate agreement that will specifically provide for ownership, management and commercialization of rights to such IP, in line with rules and regulations of each Party and the other multilateral agreements to which countries of both Parties are party to.

Article 10

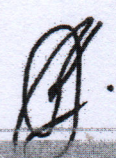
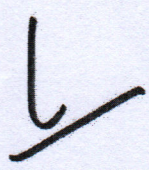
Dispute Settlement

Any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved through mutual consultations between the Parties and based on the principles of mutual understanding and respect.

Article 11

Confidential Information

All information and documents to be exchanged pursuant to the MoU will be kept confidential by the Parties and will be used subject to such terms as each Party may specify. The Parties will not use the information for purposes other than that specified without the prior written consent of the other Party.



Article 12

Commencement

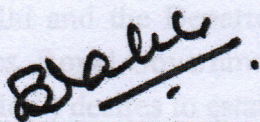
The Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force from the date of the signature.

The foregoing represents the understanding reached between the Parties on the matter referred to in this Memorandum of Understanding and does not create any legally binding obligations upon the parties

Signed at Thimphu on Twenty First of March in the year Two Thousand Twenty Four in four originals in English language .

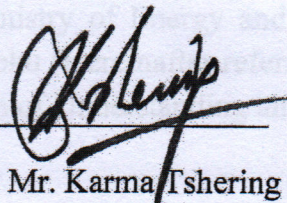
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

For the
Bureau of Energy Efficiency
Ministry of Power,
Government of India



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