

AMENDMENT

TO THE EXISTING CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE FREE STATE OF BAVARIA

AND

THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Following fifteen years of successful bilateral co-operation between the Free State of Bavaria in the Federal Republic of Germany and the Western Cape Province in the Republic of South Africa and in order to enhance existing bilateral co-operation, it is agreed that the Parties will pursue the implementation of projects within the scope of the following new or expanded areas of co-operation:

RENEWABLE ENERGIES: Joint efforts will be pursued to realise cost effective forms of green energies (wind, solar, geothermic waste to energy technology and tidal energy) and to make them accessible to everyone.

HIGHTECH AND UNIVERSITIES: Joint efforts shall be undertaken to intensify research activities between institutions of higher learning of both regions in the fields of innovative technologies, including telecommunications, biotechnology, medical technology, nanotechnology. High-level visits of Captains of Industry, including high-tech institutions will be encouraged to develop solutions for state-of-the art technologies to the benefit of both parties.

ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION: Joint Efforts will be pursued to deepen the economic co-operation between Bavaria and the Western Cape, especially in the fields of SMME sector development (e.g. sharing experience on how SMME's are supported), co-operation between business chambers, tourism development (sharing of marketing and information) and information exchange in the renewable energy sector.

AGRICULTURE: Joint Efforts will be undertaken to co-operate in the agricultural sector, especially agricultural education and knowledge transfer, land management, land use and rural development, agro-processing and nature park conservation.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT: Bavaria and the Western Cape intend developing and using innovative urban development programmes to increase economic opportunities for all citizens and to utilise multi-purpose centers to this end.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL ISSUES: The two regions will undertake joint efforts in the development of an efficient system of vocational training and support exchange programmes, partnerships between higher education institutions and exchange programmes for graduates at Master's level.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS: The existing activities in the social and health-care fields (such as HIV/ AIDS prevention and care) will be continued and the interchange of information about the social security system, especially hospitals and senior care will be supported.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: The Western Cape and Bavaria agree to act together for fair and worldwide sustainable development, especially in Bavaria and the Western Cape. They support the partnerships among non-governmental organizations (NGO's), churches, schools and local authorities and their partnership activities especially in the areas mentioned above.

FILM AND MEDIA: Joint efforts will be undertaken to co-operate in the sector of Film and Media, especially in the presentation of films in the Western Cape and Bavaria.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: To encourage the exchange of Senior civil servants in the areas of administration and management.

SECURITY CO-OPERATION: Encourage co-operation in the area of civilian protection.

The parties agree on the establishment of a Joint Working Group to monitor realization of the above objectives. The Joint Working Group will meet on a regular basis in the Western Cape and Bavaria, respectively.

The sending party shall defray all the costs of the international transportation and accommodation and the receiving party will provide local transportation for officials or experts, subject to mutual agreement.

Signed in Cape Town, in two originals in English and German, on the 28th of September, 2010.

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