MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

MALAVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, JAIPUR, INDIA

AND

THE UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE, UNITED KINGDOM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

IN FURTHERANCE of their mutual interests in the fields of education and research and as a contribution to increased international co-operation between India and the UK, Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur and the University of Dundee hereby adopt the following Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE I

The link between the parties involves collaboration between Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur and the University of Dundee (UoD) in:

1. the exchange of staff and students;
2. development of postgraduate taught programmes in civil engineering subjects, including mutual recognition of relevant teaching quality and status of awards and prior learning to allow entry to the relevant degree programme;
3. development and provision of targeted scholarships to facilitate ‘top’ students to study taught Masters and MSci/PhD programmes at UoD;
4. development of opportunities for research;
5. the exchange of academic materials;
6. the provision of cultural and intellectual enrichment opportunities for staff and students of both parties.

ARTICLE II

The activities under the link may include:

1. Staff Exchange

Staff exchange activities cover visits to either institution for any or all of the following purposes:

i. conducting study tours;
ii. undertaking research;
iii. attachment of staff for purpose of curriculum review, attendance at courses and upgrading of teaching and research skills;
iv. participating in seminars, colloquia and other academic discussions;
v. contributing to teaching programmes;
vii. supervising students' projects.
Development of taught postgraduate programmes

The institutions will collaborate to develop internationally leading Masters-level programmes to allow postgraduate students to benefit from studies based at MNIT Jaipur and/or UoD. The areas of mutual interest will be initially but not exclusively:

i. concrete and structural engineering and the environment;
ii. structural engineering and construction management.
iii. remote sensing and GIS.

Development and provision of targeted scholarships

The institutions will seek to identify ‘top’ students and develop the provision of scholarships for these students undertaking a complete taught Masters programme, a research MSc or PhD at the University of Dundee.

Exchange of Academic Material

Exchange of relevant academic material will be carried out subject to the mutual agreement of the parties.

ARTICLE III

Subject to mutual agreement, both parties shall make available to the other party, appropriate facilities and resources to advance the objectives of this agreement.

ARTICLE IV

Costs of travel, accommodation and subsistence will be determined by mutual agreement between the parties and shall be determined on a case by case basis. Neither party may incur, commit or authorise financial expenditure on behalf of the other. Each party will be responsible for its own costs associated with any activities relating to this agreement.

ARTICLE V

The implementation of the collaboration on this Memorandum shall be dealt with by Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur and the University of Dundee. Where necessary, a specific plan shall be worked out for each activity setting forth the detailed arrangements for collaboration. Such plans shall be subject to approval of the appropriate authorities of each institution.

ARTICLE VI

Areas for potential collaboration between Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur and the University of Dundee are provided in Annex A. Both institutions will designate an academic member
to draw up an Action plan by July 2007 with a view to implementing the proposal for a first intake of students in the University of Dundee at the earliest.

**ARTICLE VII**

Amendment to this Memorandum of Understanding may be made by mutual agreement of the parties. This Memorandum is intended to remain in force for a period of TWO years in the first instance after which both parties will review the progress of the collaboration; nonetheless, either party may terminate the Memorandum of Understanding by letter, giving three months notice of termination. It may be extended by agreement.

Either party may terminate this agreement by registered letter giving 3 (three) months notice. Following receipt of such notice the termination process would be planned in ways that take account of the concerns and situation of students. UoD would honour all formal admissions offers that it had made to students of Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur.

Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur and the University of Dundee welcome the establishment of this Memorandum for co-operation and jointly agree to the provisions as set out above.

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**ON BEHALF OF**

**MALAVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, JAIPUR, INDIA**

[Signature]

Professor R.T. Dahiya
Director

**Date:** 9th May, 2007

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**ON BEHALF OF**

**UNIVERSITY OF DUNDEE, UK**

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Professor James Calderhead
Vice Principal ((Educational Development))

**Date:** 23rd April, 2007

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ANNEX A

Proposal for areas of collaboration between:

The School of Engineering and Physical Sciences
at the University of Dundee (UoD) and MNIT JAIPUR

INTRODUCTION

The following proposals suggest where initial collaboration may be possible between the two institutions. Their purpose is to provide a basis for discussion and eventual agreement, via a signed Memorandum of Agreement by Chief Officers of the Institutions.

Each party will designate a member of its staff as Link Co-ordinator. Each Link Co-ordinator will:

- Be the formal point of contact between the two parties.
- Be required, and authorised to consult, report and seek approvals of the relevant bodies or office holders within their organisation on all matters associated with the collaboration.
- Provide prompt responses to all communications received from the other Link Co-ordinator.

Either party may change its designated Link Co-ordinator. Any such change should be communicated to the other party's Link Co-ordinator in advance of the change taking effect.

Neither party may use the institutional name or logo of the other without prior written approval. Such approval will require submission of draft copy and a listing of proposed destinations of the publicity. If the proposed publicity is not in the English language, an authorised translation shall be provided. Within the UoD the Link Co-ordinator will consult with the Secretary to the University regarding such approval.

Either party may make reference to the existence of this collaboration provided such reference clearly describes the nature and extent of the collaboration and does not make misleading claims or comments regarding standards, quality or services.

Should any dispute arise relating to this collaboration the respective Link Co-ordinators will attempt to seek resolution acceptable to their institution. Should the Link Co-ordinators fail to achieve resolution, the heads of each institution will nominate individuals or parties who will be empowered to seek a resolution.

1 DEGREES OFFERED BY UoD

1.1 Taught Masters Programmes

MSc by course is a one-year full time programme with 2 semesters of taught modules, assessed by examination and coursework, plus the equivalent of 1 semester examined by minor thesis. MNIT Jaipur will select their 'top' students for direct admission to this programme, following mutual recognition of teaching quality, undergraduate degree award and prior learning.
1.2 MSc/PhD by Research

MSc and PhD research programmes must complete 1 year and 3 years full time study and will be assessed by thesis and viva voce examination, to the normal regulations of the UoD. Research topics of mutual interest will be identified by both institutions. After 1 year of study, students on MSc programmes may be allowed to transfer to a PhD programme will be possible, where the candidate and the area of research are judged to be of sufficient merit by the normal UoD regulations. This will require a further period of 2 year research work.

Note: All PhD candidates at the UoD initially register under MSc regulations and are only allowed to transfer to PhD regulations after having demonstrated satisfactory progress after 1 year of study. This is assessed by a Progress Report and viva voce review.

2 SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT BY UoD

The UoD will offer up to 20 Scholarships of £5,000 or 50% of the Overseas Tuition Fee pertaining to the programme (whichever is greater) to 'top' students admitted to specified taught Masters, MSc and PhD research programmes. The amount of the scholarships will be reviewed in the light of any change in its fee structure which UoD might make.

Note 1: The provision of the Scholarships will be to students selected by MNIT Jaipur and UoD as being of meritorious grade.

Note 2: The provision of Scholarship support is on the basis on continuous satisfactory progress. UoD reserves the right to withdraw this support, where academic or other progress is deemed unsatisfactory, using the prevailing published University of Dundee criteria and regulations relevant to the degree programme.

Note 3: Candidates for UoD PhD Scholarships will be expected to be qualified to Overseas Research Students Award standards.

Note 4: UoD will support and assist applications for ORS and similar Awards from suitably qualified students enrolling on its PhD programmes.

3 ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

The UoD will offer students the services and benefits offered to all matriculated students including full-time enrolment on relevant courses, orientation and induction programmes, counselling, health care, accommodation and support for visa applications. The detailed administrative arrangements will be developed by the Link Co-ordinators.

3.1 Scottish Executive “Fresh Talent” Initiative (Work Visa)

The UoD will provide advice and support for non-EU graduates of its programmes, who wish to take advantage of the Scottish Executive’s “Fresh Talent” scheme, which provide a work visa for 2 year, in the first case. This will be reviewed as changes to the scheme dictate.

Note 1: UoD cannot guarantee the provision of a visa, as each case is considered individually by the UK authorities.

Note 2: All non-EU students are allowed to work up to a maximum of 20 hours per week, whilst resident in the UK under a student visa.