MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

THE UNIVERSITY OF ZULULAND, KWA-DLANGEZWA, SOUTH AFRICA

and

ANNA UNIVERSITY CHENNAI, INDIA

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24 Main Road
Kwa-Dlangezwa, 3886, South Africa

and

ANNA UNIVERSITY
Sardar Patel Road, Guindy
Chennai 600025, INDIA.

WHEREAS,

Established in 1960, The University of Zululand (UNIZULU) is located within the Umhlathuze Municipality, the fastest growing industrial hub and employer in northern KwaZulu-Natal. UNIZULU is a comprehensive University offering approximately 252 accredited degrees, diploma and certificate courses across its Faculties of Arts; Education; Science and Agriculture; and Commerce, Administration and Law at the KwaDlangezwa and Richards Bay campuses.

Popular courses include Law, Education, Nursing Science, Agronomy, Hydrology, Public Relations, Biochemistry, Microbiology and Sport Science. UNIZULU students have the opportunity to specialise their degrees according to their areas of interest, within their respective fields. In addition, the University believes in promoting a culture of learning in an environment that is conducive to personal growth and academic development. To further academic development, assistance is provided through the provision of augmented and foundation courses to unleash students’ potential.

WHEREAS,

Anna University was established on 4th September 1978 as a unitary type of University. It offers higher education in Engineering, Technology, Architecture and Allied Sciences relevant to the current and projected needs of the society. Besides promoting research and disseminating knowledge gained there from, it fosters cooperation between the academic and industrial communities. The University was formed by bringing together and integrating two well-known technical institutions in the city of Madras. College of Engineering, Guindy (CEG) (1794), Madras Institute of Technology, Chromepet (MIT) (1949) and three Technological Departments of the University of Madras, Alagappa College of Technology (ACT) (1944), School of Architecture and Planning (SAP) (1957). From December 2001, the University has become a large, highly renowned University with affiliating status.
The signatories agree:

ARTICLE 1: Common Shared Vision

1.1 Signatories of this agreement share the following common vision: the promotion and enhancement of the dissemination of knowledge in order to provide society with superbly trained professional engineers / scientists and in the creation of knowledge through the scholarly research activities of its faculty, staff and students in order to provide society with the vitally needed highly qualified personnel.

1.2. Signatories of this agreement agree in principle to establish a preferential Institutional / collaborative relationship.

ARTICLE 2: Responsible offices

1.3 The University of Zululand and Anna University agree to appoint an overall coordinator for the administration. The coordinator will serve as the contact person on campus, being responsible for arrangements associated with visits, ensuring that necessary approvals are in place and for the general welfare of the students and faculty/department concerned.

ARTICLE 3: Commitment of the signatories

3.1 The University of Zululand and Anna University commit themselves to work together in a collaborative, collegial relationship of mutual benefit with the contribution of complementary skills and resources towards the common shared vision.

3.1.2 Student exchange programme

3.1.3. The University of Zululand and Anna University would offer opportunities to undergraduate and postgraduate students from the (partner) / collaborative institution to carry out projects in their own laboratories. A specific agreement encompassing all the necessary terms and conditions to the proposed exchange programme will be concluded in due course, consistent with the terms following herein.

3.1.4 The University of Zululand and Anna University agree to consider intake in the regular engineering / science curriculum undergraduate and postgraduate students from the (partner) / collaborative institution for one semester or one year.
3.1.5. Proposals for students must be done in advance and agreed upon with sufficient notice to both parties. The exact number of students will be agreed upon by the two institutions on an annual basis. In any given year, the number of students hosted can vary.

3.1.6. The home institution will be responsible for screening and selecting students, subject to acceptance by the host institution.

3.1.7. The host institution will assist the students to obtain housing and with other matters of hospitality, but is not obliged to provide financial assistance of any kind.

3.1.8. Participating students shall be responsible for obtaining their own visas and completing the required immigration formalities.

3.1.9. Students participating to the programme will pay appropriate tuition fees at their home institution during the period at the host institution. They will also pay for all personal expenses at the host institution, including visa, housing, travel, meals and health insurance. They will be exempted from tuition fees at the host institution.

3.2. **Faculty exchange programme**

The agreement also envisions co-operation for faculty exchange through deputation for short term assignments spread over not more than a year in areas mutually identified.

3.3. **Other activities**

The above-mentioned activities are not exclusive; other may be considered, such as:

- Joint projects,
- Collaborative research activities, including joint supervision of doctoral students,
- Joint academics programs,
- Other areas of mutual interest.

Where relevant, the above-mentioned activities will be described in a specific document.

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ARTICLE 4: Administrative provisions

4.1 Terms and termination
This agreement will become effective upon signing and shall be effective for five (5) years, or until earlier termination by either party in keeping with the terms of this Agreement. This agreement shall be renewed if both the parties agrees at the end of the three-year-term.

4.2 Modification
If any exchanges in the above clauses or a modification are intended, then it can be carried out by mutual consent of both the parties but must be reduced to writing and incorporated herein.

ARTICLE 5: Legal Effect
This MoU is not intended to impose any legal obligation whatsoever on either parties, but not limited to an obligation to bargain in good faith. The parties do not intend to be bound by any agreement until both agree to and sign a definitive written contract. Neither party can rely on any promises inconsistent to this paragraph. This paragraph supersedes all other conflicting terms.

For and on behalf of
Anna University, India

Prof. R. Velraj
Vice-Chancellor

Prof. G. Ravikumar
Registrar

Prof. G. Nagarajan
Director
Centre for International Relations

Date: January 14, 2022

For and on behalf of
University of Zululand, South Africa

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Date: