MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BEIJING, CHINA, AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, U.S.A.

PURPOSE
In order to increase international understanding and awareness on our respective campuses, the College of Mechanical Science and Engineering (MSE) of the University of Science and Technology Beijing, China and the College of Engineering of the University of Tennessee in the United States of America agree to collaborate with each other in a variety of areas, including the exchange of students, the exchange of faculty members and collaboration on research.

EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS
University of Science and Technology Beijing, and the University (USTB) of Tennessee (UT) will facilitate the exchange of students, singly or in groups, between the two institutions as agreed by the coordinator of each. The home institution will screen its applicants for exchanges and the host institution reserves the right to accept or reject nominated students. Host institutions may set requirements with regard to student competency in language or other areas. Exchanged students must, throughout the exchange period, maintain levels of insurance coverage as mandated by the regulations of the host university or the laws and regulations of the host government.

Enrolling students will be exchanged on a strict one-for-one basis so as to maintain a balance of student-semesters between the two institutions. They will be enrolled in the regular courses of the host institution on a full-time basis and be classified as non-degree students. Academic credit earned at the host institution will be transferred back to the home institution in accordance with procedures determined by the latter. Students will pay tuition and other regularly required fees at the home institution. All other costs, including books, materials, transportation passports, visas, etc., are the responsibility of individual students.

Non-enrolling students need not be exchanged on a one-for-one basis. The host institution will facilitate arrangements for appropriate educational activities and accommodations but not provide academic credit or transcripts to non-enrolling students of the other institution. Any academic credit which may be awarded to students under this agreement is the responsibility of the home institution.

EXCHANGE OF FACULTY MEMBERS
The University of Science and Technology Beijing, and the University of Tennessee will facilitate the short-term exchange of faculty members, singly or in groups, between the two institutions as agreed by the coordinators. The host institution will facilitate arrangements for appropriate activities and accommodations. Each institution will maintain the salaries and benefits of its own teaching staff during such exchanges. Exchanged faculty members must, throughout the exchange period, maintain levels of insurance coverage as mandated by the regulations of the host university or the laws and regulations of the host government.

JOINT ACADEMIC DOCTORAL DEGREE BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AND UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BEIJING
The parties agree to work together with their respective institutions and with each other to develop an educational model that will lead to a joint doctoral degree in Material Science and Engineering. In the interim
graduate students will be expected to satisfy the separate requirements of each university and receive simultaneous degrees from the two universities.

**RESEARCH COLLABORATION**

The University of Science and Technology Beijing, and the University of Tennessee will encourage collaboration on research between the two institutions as agreed by the coordinators.

**SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS**

Each institutions agreement coordinator will screen its nominees for participation in the exchange and will forward those nominations to the other institution’s coordinator. The host institution reserves the right to make final judgment.

**COORDINATORS**

Coordinators will be named by each institution to ensure that the terms of this agreement are carried out. Further, all activities conducted under the auspices of this exchange program must have the endorsement of the coordinators. At Tennessee the coordinator will be Dr. Masood Parang, Associate Dean for Student Affairs, and responsible for the College of Engineering international educational activities. At University of Science and Technology Beijing, the coordinator will be Dr. GuoLiang Chen of the College/Faculty of MSE/State Key Laboratory. Coordinators will notify their counterparts should a new person be named to the position.

**EVALUATION**

Each institution shall annually evaluate the linkage agreement and its activities, and write a report.

**RENEWAL, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT**

This agreement shall remain in force for a period of five years from the date of the last signature, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving notice to the other party in writing no later than the end of March in any year. The agreement may be extended by mutual consent of the two parties.

Any amendment to the agreement may be made by the exchange of letters between the two parties.

In witness thereof, the parties have offered their signatures hereto:

Dr. GuoLiang Chen
Chairman, Academy Committee of SKL
University of Science and Technology Beijing

Dr. Way Kuo
Dean, College of Engineering
The University of Tennessee

Professor Wu Xu
President,
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