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# Memorandum of Understanding For Academic and Research Co-operation



Between

# Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)

(A Govt. of India Undertaking)

(Under Administrative Control of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India)

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# Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET) (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals,

Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India)

Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) is a Schedule 'C', Mini-Ratna Category II Central Public Sector Enterprise working under the aegis of Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India. It was incorporated on 30.11.1972 registered under Section 25, Sub-section 1 clause (a) of the Companies' Act, 1956 (now Section 8 of Companies' Act, 2013) as a company formulated with charitable objects represented by its Chairman & Managing Director having its Head office at ALIMCO, GT Road, Kanpur Nagar 209217.

The Corporation started manufacturing artificial aids and appliances in 1976. At present it has five ALIMCO Auxiliary Production Centers (AAPCs) at Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Jabalpur (Madhya Pradesh), Bengaluru (Karnataka), Mohali (Punjab) and Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh). Sixth AAPC is

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coming up in Faridabad (Haryana), which is expected to be operational soon. The Corporation also has Pan-India presence through its five Marketing Centers at New Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Hyderabad & Guwahati. ALIMCO is an ISO14001:2015 & ISO 9001:2015 certified company and working for manufacture and supply of rehabilitation aids & appliances for orthopedically, visually & hearing impaired person at reasonable cost to the entire satisfaction of customers impaired persons including PWDs & Senior Citizens through continual improvement in design process & technology adhering to statutory & regulatory requirements.

2. Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (formerly known as Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology) (CIPET) functioning under Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC), Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India, represented by its Director General, having its head office at CIPET, Guindy, Chennai- 600032 which term shall unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof hereinafter be referred to as the Second Party.

CIPET is certified as per ISO 9001: 2015 for Training and Technical Services. CIPET TestingLaboratories are equipped with the advanced appliances for Plastics Testing; CIPET has focused on a wide range of testing which are accredited with ISO/IEC – 17025: 2017 Guidelines by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL). Furthermore, approved by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).

The CIPET's **calibration laboratories** at Ahmedabad, Lucknow & Bhubaneswar are also accredited by NABL as per **ISO/IEC 17025:2017**. These are equipped with high accuracy master equipment, trained and adhere to strict environmental conditions.

CIPET is recognized by the Department of Scientific & Industrial Research (DSIR), Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. CIPET Testing Laboratories are approved by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC), Government of India, New Delhi for Compostability Test as per ISO/IS 17088:2021 and Biodegradability Test as per ISO/IS 17556:2019.

CIPET is the first Government of India Educational Institution which is accredited by NationalAccreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) as per ISO/IEC: 17020: 2012 (General Criteria for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection) Type - A Inspection body in the field of plastics, metals and associated items. Pre and Post Delivery Inspection Şervices are offered to our elite customers.

CIPET houses state-of-art infrastructure and facilities in diverse areas of Design, CAD/CAM/CAE, Tooling & Mold Manufacturing, Plastics processing & Testing, Quality Assurance as well as R&D. CIPET operates from **46 locations** spread across the country to cater the needs of the Polymer and allied industries.

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In the spirit of cooperation and mutual exchange of facilities, ALIMCO and CIPET wishes to promote cooperation between the first and second party in Research & Education.

#### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is entered into on the 18<sup>th</sup> May'2023 between **Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET)** and **Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)**.

This MoU aims at providing a regular exchange of information, innovation, knowledge, technological developments, research, management programmes and skills development, which contribute to mutual benefits of CIPET and ALIMCO (Hereinafter referred to as "Parties").

### A. Responsibilities under this MoU

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements contained herein, the Parties hereby agree as under:

CIPET and ALIMCO shall offer each other the common facility services including Technical services, machining and tools, jigs, fixtures & die making and Material/ Product Testing Facilities etc. on mutually agreed commercial terms.

- (i) CIPET and ALIMCO shall work together for development of import substitute product/component on mutually agreed commercial terms.
- (ii) CIPET and ALIMCO shall offer each other the technical services like, design, manufacturing, supply, testing and trial of plastic molding die as per the requirement on mutually agreed commercial terms.
- (iii) CIPET and ALIMCO will jointly work on Science and Technology, Education and R&D awareness programs in the field of Plastics and Petrochemical Engineering.
- (iv) CIPET and ALIMCO shall jointly organize seminars, conferences or workshops ontopics based on Science and Technology and in the field of Plastics and Petrochemical Engineering.
- (v) CIPET and ALIMCO will provide need-based Capacity Building and Training programs to Industries as per prevailing rules.
- (vi) CIPET and ALIMCO will plan and jointly launch Skill Development Courses in the area of Science and Technology and in the field of Plastics and Petrochemical Engineering.
- (vii) CIPET and ALIMCO shall work jointly and engage in research or training programmes sponsored by funding agencies, and invite each

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other's faculty-staff to participate therein.

- (viii) CIPET and ALIMCO will give staff opportunities to utilize the expertise and resources available at both institutions through training and an exchange of ideas.
- (ix) Each Party will ensure appropriate protection of Intellectual Property Rights generated from cooperation pursuant to MoU consistent with laws, rules, IPR policy of CIPET and regulations of India.
- (x) CIPET and ALIMCO agree not to file any publications seeking IPR (public patent) in their own names or the names of their associates or any other persons onany matter related to the information developed under this MoU, but they may seek intellectual property rights in the joint names of the parties as mutually agreed on acase-by-case basis.
- (xi) Any publications relating to the activities covered by this MoU must be in the names of the people participating from both parties.
- (xii) In all publications, it will be duly acknowledged that the work has been carried out CIPET and ALIMCO under this MoU between the parties.
- (xiii) All ethical guidelines for research publications at both institutions shall be followed strictly.
- (xiv) CIPET and ALIMCO will coordinate support with visiting institutions for office space, library, laboratory, and other privileges relevant to the level and purpose of the visit, subject to resource availability.
- (xv)CIPET and ALIMCO will nominate one representative to coordinate the programme. Furthermore, a coordination committee will examine and identifymethods to increase cooperation between the parties on a periodic basis.

## B. Confidentiality

The parties agree that there is no intention to share any confidential or proprietary information in any collaboration under this memorandum of understanding. If either party wishes to disclose information pertaining to the other that it considers confidential or proprietary, the parties will enter into a separate non-disclosure agreement.

# C. Commencement, Renewal, Termination and Amendment

This MoU is effective as of the date of execution by the later of the appropriate officers of each signatory institution/organization to sign. This MoU shall remain in force for a period of five (05) years from the date of signing, with the understanding that it may be terminated by either party giving at least six months' notice to the other party. This MoU may be amended or extended by mutual consent in writing of the two parties.

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## D. Arbitration/Dispute Resolution:

In the event of a dispute or a difference of any nature whatsoever between the parties during the course of performance of respective obligations arising out of this agreement, the parties agree to refer the matter to their respective Heads of the organization to resolve the dispute keeping in view the best interest of the parties and with the spirit of performance of this agreement. If the matter still unresolved, any dispute or difference relating to the interpretation and application of the provisions of commercial contract(s) between Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and Government Departments/Organizations the present agreement, such dispute or difference shall be taken by either party for resolution as mentioned in DPE OM NO F. No. 4(1)/2013-DPE (PMA)/FTS-1835 dated 22.05.2018 or latest.

#### E. Financial Commitment:

There is no financial commitment on the part of both parties. If there is any financial consideration, it will be dealt separately.

### F. Effective date and signature

To WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized there to have signed this Memorandum of Understanding on the 18<sup>th</sup> May'2023 in two originals.

This MoU shall come into effect upon the signature of authorized officials of CIPET and ALIMCO.

On Behalf of ALIMCO

Chairman & Managing Director

Date

On Behalf of CIPET

Prof. (Dr.) Shishir Sinha

Director General

Date

Witnesses

A. K. Singh

Deputy General Manager,

ALIMCO

Date 18/05/2023

Dr. P.S.G. Krishnan

Principal Director (TSS&BD)

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CIPET Head Office

Date 18/05/03