

Memorandum of Understanding regarding a Potential Collaboration

between

Kingston University and International University of Chabahar

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") is between:

- **Kingston University higher education corporation ("KU")**; of River House, 53-57 High Street, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 1LQ and
- **International University of Chabahar ("IUC")**; of 15 Satari St., Vali-Asr Ave, Tehran, Iran Po Box: 19395 - 6361 {Head Office}

1. Preamble

- a) KU, through its Faculty of Engineering has wide experience developing and running courses associated with Aerospace and aviation. It's EASA compliant FD in Aircraft Engineering has become internationally recognized and has been adopted for training establishments including Newcastle Aviation College, City of Bristol College, KLM Engineering, British Airways, and the UK Ministry of Defence in the UK and by the Asian Aviation Centre in Sri Lanka. Its Aerospace and Astronautic suite of MEng and BEng courses are fully recognized by professional institutions and industry. Kingston University is the only UK affiliate campus of the International Space University and has an active Space Society.
- b) IUC is located in south of Iran in Chabahar Free Trading Zone, and runs HE courses in association with other International Universities including London School of Economics, Royal Holloway, Goldsmith College and Liverpool University. All courses are taught in English and the University has state of the art teaching, technological and student support facilities.

2. Purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding

KU and IUC wish to investigate closer collaboration for their mutual benefit between the Faculty of Engineering and IUC to develop and deliver courses related to the field of aerospace Engineering.

3. Possible Activities to be carried out

The form and nature of any collaboration will be investigated by the parties, but any implementation must be the subject of a separate formal contract. Areas and activities which might be included in such an agreement include:

- a) KU franchising part of its existing BEng(Hons) in Aerospace Engineering to IUC for local delivery in Chabahar.

- b) IUC students who have successfully completed the partial studies will go on to study for a full BEng. Degree at KU.
- c) Delivery of KU courses by IUC will be subject to a satisfactory Institutional Visit by KU staff and passing a 'validation' by KU.
- d) Offer opportunities for IUC students to progress onto other undergraduate and postgraduate programs at Kingston University.
- e) Each institution is prepared to consider additional proposals for mutual co-operation. By discussion between the parties, alterations and additions may also be made to the present proposal.
- f) The parties will work closely together towards fostering a collaborative research culture in Aerospace and other Engineering areas with a view to develop joint Master and PhD programs.

4. Obligations of KU and IUC

Neither Party has any formal obligations under the Memorandum of Understanding other than to investigate with an open mind areas of potential collaboration. Any actual areas of collaboration undertaken by the Parties will be the subject of a separate written agreement between KU and IUC signed by authorised signatories of each Party.

5. Financial Payments

No financial payments are envisaged under this Memorandum of Understanding. Any payments from one Party to the other that become necessary should be negotiated separately and agreed as part of a written contract.

6. Effective Date

This MoU will come into effect on the date of signing by both Parties and will remain effective for two years or until terminated by either Party giving one months written notice to the other.

7. Other

- 7.1 This MoU records the understanding between the Parties and is not intended by the Parties to be a legally binding document and shall not be enforceable in any court of law.
- 7.2 Notwithstanding other clauses in this MoU, the parties will not carry out any action that is likely to damage the reputation of either Party. Confidential information disclosed by one Party to the other (and identified as such) shall not be disclosed to third parties.

8. Signatures

Signed as an understanding:

for and on behalf of
KU by:

Peter Mason

Name: PETER MASON

Job title: Dean of Engineering

Date: 26th Sept 2006

for and on behalf of
the IUC by:

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Name: Hamdrezza Mirzai

Job title: Chancellor

Date: 26 Sep 2006



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