MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

JALAL-ABAD STATE UNIVERSITY
(Republic of Kyrgyzstan)

AND

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(Virginia Tech)

This agreement is based on the principle of reciprocity and expresses the interest of both parties in exchanging scholars, students, academic information and materials in the belief that the research and educational processes at both the institutions will be enhanced and that mutual understanding between their respective scholars and students will be increased by the establishment of such exchange programs.

The Jalal-Abad State University (JAMU) and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) agree to implement this Memorandum of Understanding.

1. The universities agree to encourage the development of the following exchange programs based on their respective academic and educational needs:

- Exchange of faculty
- Exchange of students (undergraduate and graduate)
- Joint supervision of M.S. and Ph.D. students
- Exchange of academic information and materials
- Organization of joint conferences
- Organization of other academic exchanges agreeable to both universities.

2. The parties recognize that the implementation of any exchange program will depend upon the academic interests and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources. Accordingly, the implementation of each exchange program based on this agreement shall be separately negotiated and determined by both universities.

3. This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and scope of cooperation and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing therefore shall diminish

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5. For Virginia Tech, Dr. Khaleed Hassona and for JAMU, Prof. Akindayeni Abass are hereby designated as the officials for this agreement.

6. In order to avoid any possible inconveniences to the other institution, it is agreed that any action taken for the mutual fulfillment of the agreement by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that any institution may terminate this agreement at any time, through written notice to the other institution. The signatures and seals will be in force for a period of 5 years, and is subject to review or modification during that time.

4. The agreement shall become effective upon the day representatives of both universities sign their names below.

[Signatures and seals]