MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA
(hereinafter referred to as UNISA of Muckleneuk, Tshwane, South Africa)

and

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY
(hereinafter referred to as Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia, USA)
In order to develop educational, outreach and scientific ties of cooperation between Parties, to encourage academic exchange and collaboration, and to advance education and training in the respective institutions, the Parties, in the spirit of deepening ties, agree therefore to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

PURPOSE
This agreement is based on the principles 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 process 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.

AGREEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITIES
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/or graduate)
- Joint supervision of M.S. and Ph.D. students
- Exchange of academic information and materials
- Exchange of periodicals and other publications
- Organization of joint research programs
- Organization of joint conferences
- Organization of other academic exchanges agreeable to both universities

IMPLEMENTATION
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.

PRIMARY CONTACTS
For Virginia Tech (Professor Josiah Tiou) and for UNISA (Professor Gabriel Summers) shall serve as liaison officers for this agreement.
FUNDING
The Parties will endeavor to secure adequate funding from various sources including governmental agencies, corporations, private organizations and foundations to cover the costs of activities conducted pursuant to the MOU. However, the activities associated with the MOU shall be contingent upon the availability of sufficient human and financial resources.

DURATION
The agreement shall become effective on the day representatives of both universities affix their signatures and seals, will be in force for a period of three (3) years, and is subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It is also understood that either institution may terminate the agreement at any time, although is assumed that such action would only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to the other institution.

This agreement is not intended to be a legally binding document. It is meant to describe the nature and to suggest the guidelines of the cooperation described above. Nothing therefore shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor will any constraints be imposed by either upon the other in carrying out the agreement.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING
This document is a statement of understanding and is not intended to create binding or legal obligations on either party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned approve the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed for and on behalf of
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Dr. Charles Steger, President
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA, USA

Signed for and on behalf of
UNISA, Pretoria
Professor N.B. Tityana
Principal and Vice-Chancellor:
UNISA, Pretoria, South Africa

Date: 12/22/06
Date: 19. 02. 2007
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As witness:

Dr. S.K. De Datta
Associate Provost for International Affairs
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA USA

Date: DEC - 19, 2007

As witness:

Professor N. Bajwa
Vice Principal: Strategy, Planning and Partnerships

Date: 14/01/2007

James A Hyatt
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Virginia Tech
Blacksburg, VA USA

Date: 12-20-06

Witness

Date: 20/02/2007