COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Between

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, USA

and

Shanxi Province, Peoples Republic of China

Both Virginia and Shanxi Province face major challenges in the reclamation of lands drastically disturbed by mining, and in the protection of the environment from the negative effects of mining. Active reclamation and environmental protection research programs are being carried out in both locations, and these programs would mutually benefit from a cooperative exchange of experience, data, technologies, ideas, and information. A party from VPI&SU visited Shanxi in November 1986, and a party from Shanxi visited Virginia in July 1988. During these initial visits it became obvious that a fully cooperative exchange program would be very beneficial to both parties. Therefore, both parties (VPI&SU and Shanxi Province) agree to execute the following agreement to the best of their abilities:

1. Shanxi Province and VPI&SU agree to cooperate in the areas of reclamation and environmental protection research. Areas of research will include reclamation of coal mines, coal wastes, and bauxite mines. Emphasis will also be placed on developing effective technologies and policies to ensure that reclaimed mined lands will meet the land-use requirements of the local community.

2. Each party will conduct research on these topics within their own country.

3. Both parties will keep in close contact and will regularly exchange experience, data, technologies, ideas and information. Both parties agree to a regular exchange of delegations to meet this objective.

4. Shanxi Agricultural University and VPI&SU agree to exchange qualified graduate students in the area of mined land reclamation and environmental quality.

5. Both parties agree to provide housing and lab facilities for exchange visitors, and will provide laboratory analyses for exchange soil and plant tissue samples.

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ANNOTATIONS

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