MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNIVERSIDAD AUTONOMA DEL ESTADO DE HIDALGO (HIDALGO, MEXICO)

AND

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY (ONTARIO, CANADA)

In this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo and Lakehead University, (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties" or singularly as "Party"), wishing to encourage and facilitate international education opportunities for their students, and seeking to promote the process of internationalization at their respective institutions, declare their mutual interest in exploring co-operation as follows on the basis of equality and reciprocity of benefits:

- 1. The Parties wish to collaborate in planning for, developing, and establishing opportunities for their students and faculty at Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo ("UAEH") and Lakehead University ("LU"), respectively.
- 2. Areas of potential cooperation between the "Parties" include but are not limited to:
 - a) Joint development of academic, scientific and technological projects for the benefit of both institutions.
 - b) Joint development of student and faculty mobility opportunities.
 - c) Summer, short term, and semester based courses in language and culture training.
 - d) Providing opportunities for Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo students to earn a Lakehead University undergraduate degree on the basis of twinning programs (2+2 or 3+1), mutually agreed upon by the two parties.
 - e) Any other academic activities that are of mutual benefit to both students and faculty of both institutions.
- 3. Any actual collaboration in a particular area shall be negotiated in an agreement between the "Parties" completely separate from this "MOU".
- Collaboration will be coordinated through the Office of International Affairs at Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo and the International Office of Lakehead University.
- 5. Under this "MOU", and in any collaboration arising from this "MOU", neither "Party" will incur any financial obligations resulting from the actions of the other "Party" without a prior agreement in writing, completely separate from this "MOU", to accept specific financial obligations. It is understood by the "Parties" that any agreement pertaining to financial matters will be conditional upon the availability of funds for each "Party".

- 6. This "MOU" will be in effect from date of signature from both "Parties" and shall continue thereafter from year to year until such time as
 - a) both "Parties" agree in writing to terminate it; or
 - b) either "Party" gives at least six (6) months written notice of termination to the other "Party".
- 7. While in effect this "MOU" may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the "Parties".
- 8. This "MOU" is not binding on the "Parties" and contains no enforceable legal obligations.

The following signatures are affixed as acknowledgement and notification of the terms of this "MOU":

For Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo, (Hidalgo, México):

For Lakehead University, (Ontario, Canada):

Mr. Adolfo Poetigo Loyola Restor Dr. David W. Barnett, D. Sc., P. Eng. Acting Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

Date:

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