MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION (MoC) BETWEEN BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDRADS (BIS) AND JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE (JISC)

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), New Delhi, India and the Japanese Industrial Standards Committee (JISC), Tokyo, Japan herein after referred to as "both sides"

Desiring, in a spirit of co-operation and mutual interest, to enhance and strengthen cooperation in the fields of standardization, and conformity assessment with the aim of exchanging necessary information and expertise between both sides

have reached the following common recognition:

ITEM 1 Objective

The objectives of this MoC are to facilitate closer cooperation and provide a mechanism through which both sides can work together towards the common aim of strengthening standardization, and conformity assessment activities.

ITEM 2 Areas of Cooperation

The both sides will, within their competence and in accordance with their respective relevant laws and regulations, encourage and promote cooperation in the areas of:

- Exchanging/sharing related information and experiences regarding policies, plan to develop/amend/revise national standards and schemes/procedures for conformity assessment, etc;
- Exchanging views, consultation and cooperation on ISO/IEC governance and TCs/SCs issues;
- 3) Exchanging views, consultation and cooperation on international issues based on the mutual interests;
- 4) Joint development or proposal of international standards to ISO/IEC;
- 5) Capacity-building to testing laboratories;
- 6) Organizing training courses;

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- 7) Organizing joint seminars/workshops/symposium of mutual interest;
- 8) Personnel exchange between both sides or related organizations;
- 9) Mutual Sales of National Standards;
- 10) Any other items of mutual benefit as decided by both sides.

The items of specific cooperation will be decided through the meetings between the both sides.

ITEM 3 Financing

The both sides will bear the costs related to any activity arising from or as a result of this MoC on their own, unless otherwise decided.

ITEM 4 Plenary meeting

- 4.1 The plenary meeting will be organized by the both sides at regular intervals, to discuss any or all of the issues of cooperation as above;
- 4.2 The plenary meeting will be composed of representatives of the both sides, and may invite representatives of relevant entities other than the both sides with the necessary expertise relevant to the issues to be discussed;
- 4.3 The plenary meeting will be co-chaired by the responsible members of the both sides.

Other meetings

Meetings other than the plenary meeting will be arranged as required.

ITEM 6 Language

English will be the working language for this MoC.

ITEM 7 Modification

This MoC may be modified or supplemented at any time by written consent between the both sides.

ITEM 8 Resolution of Disputes

Any dispute, discrepancy or claim arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this MoC will be settled amicably by consultations and negotiations between both sides.

ITEM 9 Duration and Termination

This MoC will come in to force from the date of signing the MoC by both sides and will remain valid until such time as one of the sides requests its termination by giving four months written notice.

Signed in New Delhi on this 25th Day of January 2014, in two originals in the English language.

For Bureau of Indian Standards

For Japanese Industrial Standards
Committee

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