Memorandum of Understanding Between

The Science and Technology Department of Sichuan Province, The People's Republic of China

And

The National Research Council (CNR), Italy On Cooperation in Scientific Innovation and Technology Transfer

This memorandum records the intention of the Science and Technology Department of Sichuan Province, the People's Republic of China and the National Research Council (CNR), Italy (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties") to strengthen cooperation on scientific innovation and technology transfer, as well as specific projects, in the framework of Sino-Italian S&T cooperation agreement and on the basis of abiding by relevant rules and regulations of the two countries.

This memorandum is made as a gesture of goodwill between the Parties, which may see the development of collaborations to:

- a) promote and support CNR or its subordinate bodies working together with universities, research institutes and enterprises from Sichuan Province to jointly apply for the inter-governmental S&T cooperation project.
- b) emphasize on project collaboration and technology transfer in the areas of bio-material, polymer material, agriculture and animal husbandry, electronic information, new energy and environmental protection between subordinate bodies of CNR and universities like Sichuan University and Sichuan Agricultural University, research institutes and enterprises of Sichuan.

c) jointly promote the establishment of joint research centers and laboratories in the areas of polymer material and bio-agricultural technology between subordinate bodies of CNR and universities like Sichuan University and Sichuan Agricultural University, research institutes and enterprises of Sichuan and support the already established Multifunctional Polymers and Biopolymers Research Center (MPBRC) between the Department of Chemical Sciences

d) jointly build network platform for enhancing projects and achievements exchange and releasing cooperative information.

and Technology Materials of CNR and the Sichuan University.

e) jointly organize technical and academic seminars for common interests.

Details of the implementation and actions of any cooperation on the platform or project shall be negotiated separately.

This memorandum is subject to revision, renewal or cancellation by mutual consent and becomes effective upon completion of signature for a period of 5 years.

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