SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

The National Research Council of Italy

and

State Key Laboratory of Polymer Materials Engineering of Sichuan University

The National Research Council of Italy (CNR) and State Key Laboratory of Polymer Materials Engineering of Sichuan University (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”) have agreed to draw up the following Agreement

Article I - Purpose

The purpose of this Agreement is to further strengthen cooperation in scientific research between Italy and China. The Parties, on a basis of equality and mutual benefit, will collaborate on the following (but not limited) scientific areas:

• Multifunctional graphene-based nanocomposites for valuable applications in the main sector identified as societal challenges: health, energy, environment, transport, food safety, cultural heritage, etc.
• Multifunctional polymers and biomaterials
• Innovative technologies for the processing of polymers and nanocomposites involving 3D printing
• Development of innovative materials based on polymers from renewable sources.

Article II - Forms of Cooperation

The Parties will collaborate, as a general principle, through the following joint activities:

• Joint laboratories and joint research activity
• Jointly application for high level papers and patents
• Promoting of the Mobility of staff and not-permanent researchers and their formation
• Jointly submission of research proposals in the framework of both the Horizon 2020 program (EUROPE) and the calls of MOST for international cooperation (CHINA)
• Jointly Technology transfer of the results generated by the common activity within the Joint Lab.
Article III - Financial support

Joint laboratory: JOINT LABORATORY FOR GRAPHENE-BASED MULTIFUNCTIONAL POLYMER NANO COMPOSITES

For the joint laboratory,
Italian Principal Investigator and Institute: dr MARINO LAVORGNA of Institute of Polymers, Composites and Biomaterials of National Research Council (IPCB-CNR)

Foreign Principal Investigator and Institute: prof HESHENG XIA of State Key Laboratory of Polymer Materials and Engineering of Sichuan University in Chengdu, China (SKPLME)

selected by CNR for the years 2016-2018,

CNR will grant the Italian research team an annual amount of € 50,000;
SCU will grant the Chinese Research team an annual amount of RMB 200,000.

Article IV - Intellectual Property Rights

The contents and results of the activities carried out under the above mentioned Joint Laboratory may be used, published and patented by CNR and SKPLME (Sichuan University) following the normal provisions in force on this issue within the scientific community. Each partner retains the intellectual property rights on the results deriving from the activities performed during the Joint Laboratory.

Article V - Entry into Effect, Duration, and Termination

This Agreement shall enter into effect on the date of its signing by both sides.
This Agreement shall remain in force until the expiration of CNR funding.
Either Party may notify the other of its intention to terminate the Agreement, in which case any existing program will be brought to an orderly conclusion and the funding will be suspended.
Notification will have to be forwarded six months in advance of the termination of the Agreement.
This Agreement is drawn and signed in two originals in English language.

Date:

For the National Research Council of Italy

President

For Sichuan University, China

President or other legal representative

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