

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESOURCES  
AND  
THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL  
RESEARCH (CONICYT) OF CHILE**

The Department of Industry, Science and Resources of Australia, hereafter referred to as DISR and the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research of Chile, hereafter referred to as CONICYT, both entities hereafter referred to as "the Parties",

Recognizing the key role that science and technology play in economic and social development and the potential benefits of enhanced scientific and technological co-operation between the two countries

HAVE MUTUALLY DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Parties will:

- (a) promote co-operation between the Parties in science and technology in areas of mutual interest;
- (b) facilitate mutually beneficial collaboration in science and technology through interaction between relevant institutions and enterprises in the two countries, such as in research and development activities or in their commercial application.

2. In pursuance of the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding referred to in Paragraph 1 above, the Parties will:

- a) identify opportunities for and promote co-operative activities, such as joint research and development projects, as mutually decided upon by both Parties;
- b) encourage increased science and technology collaboration between both countries by supporting the organisation of scientific and technological meetings, workshops, and symposia of mutual interest whereby researchers in Australian and Chilean agencies, universities, enterprises, laboratories and other research centres will have opportunity to discuss co-operation in the performance of scientific and technological research and exchange research information on science and technology;
- c) Each bear their own costs incurred in the course of carrying out the objectives.

3. Separate arrangements and contracts may be concluded between relevant agencies, institutions and enterprises of the two countries covering specific fields of collaboration, the treatment of intellectual property, details of financing and other appropriate matters for implementation of the cooperative activities under this Memorandum of Understanding.
4. Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved amicably and expeditiously by consultation or negotiation between the Parties or such other means as they may mutually decide.
5. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties at the request of either Party. Any amendments will become effective upon written notification between the parties.
6. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature. It may be revoked by either Party giving written notice to the other of its intention to terminate it, in which case it will terminate ninety days after the date of the notice of termination. Such revocation, however, will not terminate any ongoing activity prior to the full execution, unless both parties mutually decide to do so.

Done in four original copies, two in English and two in Spanish language, all texts being equally authentic and both of equal effect.

Signed at Santiago, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2000.

For Australia:

The Department of Industry, Science and Resources of Australia, represented by the Minister of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts of Australia, the Hon. Senator Richard Alston

For Chile:

The National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research of Chile, represented by Mr. Eric Goles Chacc, President



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