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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
CHINESE ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION SCIENCES
(CAAMS)
AND
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH
(CONICYT)**

The Chinese Academy of Agricultural Mechanization Sciences, hereafter referred to as "CAAMS", and the National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research of the Republic of Chile, hereafter referred to as "CONICYT", both entities hereafter referred to as "the Parties".

Recognizing the key role that agricultural engineering plays in economic and social development, and the potential benefits of enhanced scientific and technological collaboration between both agencies, the Parties have mutually agreed the following:

**ARTICLE I
Objectives**

The Parties hereby agree to promote the research and development of scientific tools and technology, as well as introduce improved methods for agricultural engineering through means of information exchange, Science and Technology (S&T) collaborations and proactive extension services under their respective program frameworks and guidelines.

**ARTICLE II
Areas of Cooperation**

Cooperation under this MOU may include, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- (1) Agricultural Machinery Technologies: Research, design and manufacturing of small, medium and large-sized agricultural machinery, and equipment with uses ranging from land preparation to post-harvest;
- (2) Renewable Energy: Technologies and equipment including small and medium-sized wind turbine manufacturing and improvement, production of biofuels and biomass, solar and thermal energy;



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(3) Agricultural Product-Processing Technologies: Technologies and equipment for the further processing of agricultural products, food safety testing, food packaging and storage among others.

ARTICLE III

Forms of Cooperation

In pursuance of the Objectives of this MOU, referred to in **ARTICLE I** above, the Parties will:

- (1) Promote joint research projects involving their respective research communities;
- (2) Encourage increased scientific and technological collaboration between relevant institutions;
- (3) Plan and implement cooperative human capital training programs;
- (4) Facilitate the exchange of scientists and engineers.

ARTICLE IV

Funding

Details of financing and other appropriate matters for the implementation of all cooperative activities under this MOU will be subject to specific agreement between the Parties on a case by case basis. This MOU is based on equality, reciprocity and mutual benefits, and implies no financial commitment from either Party.

ARTICLE V

Intellectual Property Rights

This MOU will respect policies relative to the negotiation of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) established by each researcher's respective institution.

ARTICLE VI

Effective Date, Amendments, Validity and Termination

- (1) This MOU shall enter into force upon its signature by the Parties and remain in force for a total of FIVE years. This MOU may be amended or extended by written mutual agreement of the Parties.



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(2) At the discretion of either Party, this MOU may be terminated upon receipt of written notification by the other Party with at least SIX months in advance.

Hereby signed in Beijing, this day, the 23rd of August, 2012, in duplicate, all texts being of equal authenticity.

SIGNED by and in representation of
the Chinese Academy of
Agricultural Mechanization Sciences.

Mr. Li Shujun
President of CAAMS

SIGNED by and in representation of the
National Commission for Scientific and
Technological Research.

Mr. José Miguel Aguilera Radic
President of CONICYT