

AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

AND THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The Ministry of the Environment of the Kingdom of Denmark and the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the People's Republic of China (Hereafter referred to as the "Parties");

Recognizing the global nature of environmental issues and the urgency of finding cost-effective and lasting solutions, which are coherent with the need for economic growth, a safe and clean environment, wealth and better health for humans;

Noting that globalization has resulted in a growing number of relationships between a broad group of stakeholders in Denmark and China based on a growing exchange of commodities, technologies, knowledge, ideas and experts;

Noting that the growing relationship between stakeholders and authorities in the two countries within environmental issues has already developed into concrete projects, initiatives, visits and cooperation;

Have agreed as follows;

Article 1

The objective of this agreement is to promote and intensify the cooperation between the Parties within environmental protection, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article 2

The following areas have been identified by the Parties as mutual high priority areas of cooperation:

1. Water pollution prevention and control, including sludge management in wastewater treatment plants,
2. Air pollution prevention and control, including air pollution mitigation and control measures for power stations,
3. Soil pollution prevention and control and polluted land rehabilitation,
4. Solid waste management, utilization of waste, waste incineration including recycling of slag,
5. Management of chemicals,
6. Environmental management and regulation in general,
7. Other environmental issues the parties may identify.

Article 3

Cooperation between the Parties under this agreement may be conducted in the following forms:

1. Identification of concrete projects for cooperation to address environmental challenges,
2. Testing and demonstration of green technologies targeted at environmental challenges,
3. Exchange of relevant environmental information and documentation – including regulation,
4. Exchange of visits of environmental experts, scholars and delegations,
5. Jointly organized seminars, workshops and meetings attended by scientist, experts, regulators, enterprises and other stakeholders,
6. Other forms of cooperation as mutually agreed upon.

Cooperation will be conducted on the basis of a mutually agreed rolling work plan.

Article 4

The implementation of the agreement shall build on already existing experience and cooperation between Denmark and China – within core areas such as water, air and waste.

The Parties shall be engaged in identifying and initiating environmental projects for cooperation between stakeholders such as national authorities, provincial authorities, companies, utilities, enterprises, knowledge institutions within development and application of green technology and regulation. The identified projects shall be included in the rolling work plan.

Article 5

Each party shall endeavor to support the cooperation activities under this agreement.

Unless otherwise arranged between the Parties, international travel and in-country expenses related to exchanges and cooperation activities for representatives from the public authorities will be held by the sending Party.

Article 6

Each Party shall designate a coordinator for the implementation of this agreement. In order to review and facilitate ongoing cooperation and make future work plans, the coordinators will meet alternately in the Kingdom of Denmark and the People's Republic of China, as agreed by the Parties.

Article 7

Nothing in this agreement shall affect the obligations of the Parties deriving from any treaties, conventions, regional or global agreements related to environmental protection.

Article 8

This agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force for a five-year period. The agreement replaces the agreement between the parties signed on 10 September 2007.

Unless one Party notifies the other in written form three months prior to the expiration of this agreement, it will automatically be renewed for a period of five year.

The termination of this Agreement will not affect the validity of any arrangements already made under this Agreement.

Done in duplicate in Beijing on 9 September 2014 in Chinese and English languages, each version being equally authentic.



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