Memorandum of Understanding for
Cooperation in Research and Development
between
Sichuan University, Chengdu
and
European North Sea Energy Alliance (ENSEA)

The University of Sichuan (Chengdu, China), represented by its President, Prof. Dr. XIE HePing, and the European North Sea Energy Alliance (ENSEA), represented by its coordinator, Prof. Dr. Koos Lok (Energy Valley Foundation, Groningen), acting on behalf of the ENSEA-Partners of Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Scotland (see annex), consider the development of cultural and scientific cooperation to be of mutual advantage to both parties, and desiring to reinforce such cooperation in energy research and development, especially in the area of System Integration of renewable energy, agree on the following points:

1. Based on the principles of mutual benefit and respect for each other's independence, the parties will foster joint research and development activities in the following areas:
   a) Energy System Integration;
   b) Underground Clean Energy Systems;
   c) Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage;
   d) Underground Energy Storage;
   e) Unconventional Gas especially Shale and Methane Gas.

2. The parties will foster joint research and development projects and apply for appropriate funds of national or international institutions. If all parties agree, additional partners could also participate in the projects.

3. It is implicit that every activity undertaken under this Memorandum of Understanding is approved by the appropriate officials at each party and must fall within each institution's academic and fiscal constraints.

4. The parties agree that this Memorandum of Understanding does not contain any legal, financial or resource obligations for each side, and that measures will be pursued on the condition that national or international funds are available for the specific purpose and a separate legal agreement is executed by the partners involved.

5. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for four years and may be terminated by either party with a minimum of 4 month written notice. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by agreement of all parties.

6. In the event of any dispute arising out of or in connection with the interpretation of this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties shall endeavour to settle such dispute amicably by good faith negotiations.
Prof. Dr. XIE Heping
President
Sichuan University
Chengdu, 30 May 2015

Prof. Dr. Koos Lok,
Energy Valley foundation
Coordinator
European North Sea Energy Alliance
Chengdu, 30 May 2015

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