



**Korean Agency for Technology and Standards
&
British Standards Institution
Joint Cooperation Agreement**

KATS, the Korean Agency for Technology and Standards of the Republic of Korea,

and

BSI, the British Standards Institution of the United Kingdom, and in particular British Standards,

hereinafter referred to as "the Sides";

having jointly evaluated the favourable opportunities for cooperation in their areas of activity,

having the experience, ability and resources to develop and enhance the efficiency and scope of activities through mutual cooperation,

AGREE

to a **Joint Cooperation Agreement** which will operate in accordance with the following paragraphs.

Paragraph 1

The Sides will cooperate in a number of sectors related to their activities, namely, but not exclusively, in the exchange gained in working in their national spheres of activity as well as in the wider international arena, on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, in accordance with the provisions of the laws and regulations in their respective countries.

Paragraph 2

Cooperation will be implemented through meetings of the Sides, represented by the **Director of British Standards** and the **Administrator of KATS**, or their nominated alternates, at least twice a year, to discuss and decide upon matters of common interest.

Paragraph 3

The **Director of British Standards** and the **Administrator of KATS** will nominate relevant contact points in their organizations for specific areas of activity. These contact points will communicate and meet when they recognise a useful opportunity to do so, in order to discuss issues of common interest and reach decisions on cooperation in the fields of activity for which they are responsible.

Paragraph 4

The representatives of the Sides may address the following:

- the exchange of information and experience relating to standardization and conformity assessment;
- the identification of opportunities and mutual cooperation in the international standards organizations including handing over of Secretariats;
- coordination of interests and cooperation in projects and activities conducted under the auspices of international organizations relating to standardization and conformity assessment;
- identification and adoption of best practices between the two organizations;
- joint activities in the field of technical assistance to third countries;
- any other items of mutual benefit.

Paragraph 5

Following the identification of opportunities in the aforementioned, and/or other areas, the corresponding contact points of the Sides will develop a Business Plan for the implementation of any project and will present this to the **Director of British Standards** and the **Administrator of KATS** for decision and implementation.

Paragraph 6

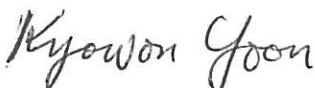
Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement will be settled through consultations between the Sides or such other means as they may mutually decide.

Paragraph 7

1. This Agreement will enter into force upon signature by the Sides.
2. This Agreement will remain in force for a period of five (5) years and continue in force thereafter in successive periods of five (5) years. At any time, either Party may notify the other Party in writing, ninety (90) days in advance, of its intention to terminate this Agreement.
3. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended and supplemented by the consent of the Sides in writing.
4. The termination of this Agreement will not affect the validity or duration of projects under this Agreement that are initiated prior to such termination.

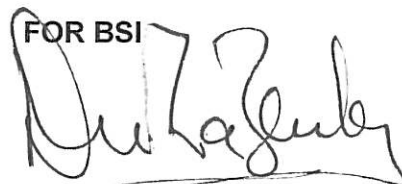
Done at Buenos Aires, this 17 day of September 2003, in duplicate in the English language.

FOR KATS



Kyo-Won Yoon
Administrator

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David Lazenby
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