



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**National University of Science and Technology
Zimbabwe (NUST)**

and

**COMESA – Leather and Leather Products Institute
(COMESA/LLPI)**

in connection with

**Furtherance of their Mutual Interests in Technology
Transfer, Training and Research, and as a Contribution
to increased International Co-operation**

August 2015

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M.1 THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

M.1.1. THIS Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) made between National University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe having its registered office at Corner Gwanda Rd/Cecil aveA6, P O Box AC 939, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, (hereinafter called NUST) which expression shall where the context so admits include its successors and permitted assigns of other part.

AND

M.1.2 Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) – Leather and Leather Products Institute (LLPI), having its registered office at P.O. Box.2538, Code No.1110, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (hereinafter called **COMESA/LLPI**) which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its successors and permitted assigns of the other part.

M.2 PREAMBLE

M.2.1 WHEREAS the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) - Leather and Leather Products Institute (LLPI) (hereinafter called **COMESA/LLPI**) works with objectives to support and develop the leather industries in COMESA Member States that encompass Zimbabwe.

M.2.2 WHEREAS National University of Science and Technology, (hereinafter called **NUST**) is a higher learning institution with the mission of contributing positively towards the advancement of humanity through the provision of knowledge based solutions to scientific, technological, economic and social challenges.

M.2.3 WHEREAS both NUST and COMESA/LLPI are convinced of the mutual benefits of undertaking collaborative activities in furtherance of their mutual interests in technology transfer, training and research, and as a contribution to increased international co-operation for the development of leather industry(hereinafter called **ACTIVITY**)

M.2.4 WHEREAS both NUST and COMESA/LLPI hereby agree to implement, within the framework of the regulations applying in each of the institutions and subject to the availability of resources, the following programmes and activities:

- i. Joint research activities
- ii. Participation in seminars and academic meetings
- iii. Exchange of publications, academic materials and other information
- iv. Training in leather products value addition
- v. Technology transfer.
- vi. Consultancy Services
- vii. Staff exchange
- viii. Development of leather products incubator

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

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M.3 SCOPE OF THE MoU

M.3.1 This umbrella MoU details the rights and obligations of the parties hereto, pertaining to the ACTIVITY.

M.3.2 The MoU shall serve as the basis for the various leather and leather products development activities to be undertaken jointly by NUST and COMESA/LLPI.

M.4 DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS

M.4.1 "NUST" means National University of Science and Technology

M.4.2 "COMESA/LLPI" means the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa – Leather and Leather Products Institute

M.4.3 "COMESA Member States" are Burundi, Comoros, D.R. Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe

M.4.4 "IP" means Intellectual Property

M.4.5 "MoU" means Memorandum of Understanding

M.4.6 "Party" or "Parties" refer to the NUST and/or COMESA/LLPI and other institutions that mutually agreed to by both parties

M.4.7 "SME" means Small and Medium Enterprise

M.5 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMESA/LLPI and NUST and AREAS OF COOPERATION

M.5.1 NUST and COMESA/LLPI agree to cooperate with each other through their appropriate organs with respect to all matters of common interest that arise in the fields of SMEs and leather and leather products in general.

M.5.2 COMESA/LLPI shall endeavor to build capacity for African countries at various levels within the leather value chain.

M.5.3 NUST and COMESA/LLPI will cooperate in the areas of research, training, technology transfer, consultancy, exchange of programs, development of SMEs and other regional and international programs, preferably with written protocols and agreements.

M.5.4 NUST and COMESA/LLPI will give due consideration to consultancy and extension services in the leather sector and other cross-cutting issues as follows:

- i. Advice on issues of technology transfer;
- ii. Promote and sustain development of SMEs in the region in general and in Zimbabwe in particular;
- iii. Promote adoption of cleaner technology and appropriate waste



