



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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**COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH**  
Anusandhan Bhavan, 2, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110 001, India

*Represented by*

**CSIR-CENTRAL LEATHER RESEARCH INSTITUTE**  
Adyar, Chennai 600 020, India

and

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

in connection with

**Establishing Collaborative Activities for the *Development of  
Leather Industry in the COMESA Region***

January 2014

  
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**M.1 THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**

**M.1.1.** THIS Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) made and entered into on this 9th day of January, Two thousand and fourteen between Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860, having its registered office at Anusandhan Bhavan, 2, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110 001, (hereinafter called **CSIR** which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its successors and permitted assigns) represented by Central Leather Research Institute, Adyar, Chennai – 600 020 (hereinafter called **CSIR-CLRI** which expression shall where the context so admits include its successors and permitted assigns) of the first part of the one 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. 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 of the COMESA regions.

**M.2.2** WHEREAS CSIR at its Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Adyar, Chennai-600 020 (hereinafter called the **CSIR-CLRI**) has also immense expertise in the area of R & D activities relating to leather and leather products and has had the experience of similar activities in India and other developing countries.

**M.2.3** WHEREAS both CSIR-CLRI and COMESA/LLPI are convinced of the mutual benefits of undertaking collaborative activities between the two organizations for the development of leather industry in the COMESA Region (hereinafter called **ACTIVITY**).

**M.2.4** WHEREAS both CSIR-CLRI and COMESA/LLPI have agreed in this connection to enter into this umbrella MoU to record the mutual intention of extending mutual cooperation to each other towards undertaking specific collaborative activities at a later date, depending upon the requirements as and when the need arises, as per the mutually agreed terms and conditions in terms of separate Agreement to be signed by both the parties.

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** MoU envisioned that the Parties will work together to develop the mechanisms and to undertake activities jointly that will promote and sustain the value adding activities along the leather value chain, in the COMESA Region. The MoU shall serve as the basis for the various leather and leather products development activities to be undertaken jointly by CSIR-CSIR-CLRI and COMESA/LLPI.
- M.3.3** Once the ACTIVITIES are finalized by CSIR-CLRI and COMESA/LLPI, the activities shall be undertaken by both the parties in terms of a fresh bilateral MoU to be signed between the parties.

**M.4 DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS**

- M.4.1** "CSIR-CLRI" means Council of Scientific and Industrial Research - Central Leather Research Institute
- M.4.2** "COMESA/LLPI" means the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa – Leather and Leather Products Institute P.O Bag No. 2358, 1110 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 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 CSIR-CLRI and/or COMESA/LLPI and other institutions that mutually agreed to by both parties

**M.5 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMESA/LLPI & CSIR-CLRI and AREAS OF COOPERATION**

- M.5.1** CSIR-CLRI 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 leather and leather products in general.
- M.5.2** CSIR-CLRI shall give due consideration to COMESA/LLPI requests for technical support for the goals and objectives of COMESA/LLPI in the development of leather industry in the COMESA Region.
- M.5.3** COMESA/LLPI shall endeavor to build capacity for African countries at various levels within the leather value chain.
- M.5.4** CSIR-CLRI and COMESA/LLPI will cooperate in the areas of research, training, technology transfer, consultancy, exchange of programs,



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