



Memorandum of Understanding

On

Cooperation in the Water Sector

Between

the Ministry for Energy and Water Management of the Republic of Malta

and

the Ministry of Energy of the State of Israel

The Ministry for Energy and Water Management of the Republic of Malta, and the Ministry of Energy of the State of Israel (referred to hereinafter as the "Sides")

Whereas:

- A. The Sides desire to strengthen the friendly relations between them;
- B. The Sides recognize the great significance of cooperation in sectors of mutual interest;
- C. The Sides have expressed their interest in supporting and developing strategic cooperation in the water resources sector based on the mutual interests of their respective states and wish to intensify discussions and further explore the potential for mutual benefits to be derived from cooperation in this sector;
- D. The Sides wish to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (Hereinafter "MOU") for the purpose of setting out the basis and parameters for the purpose of cooperation in the water sector.

Now therefore, the Sides have reached the following understanding:

1. Objectives and Sectors of Strategic Cooperation

1.1 The main objectives of this MOU are to:

- 1.1.1 Express the Sides intention to establish a long-term cooperation on water resource matters for the mutual benefit of both Sides;
- 1.1.2 Develop and share experience from best practices, regulatory schemes and sector expertise in the water resource sector of each Side;

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- 1.1.3 Promote collaboration on strategic initiatives concerning state of the art water technology;
 - 1.1.4 Seek potential collaboration between private water resources management companies in both countries.
- 1.2 The Sides may also carry out discussions and cooperation on other areas of mutual interest as mutually agreed upon.

2 Forms of Cooperation

2.1 Cooperation in under this MOU may include:

- 2.1.1 The promotion of technical cooperation;
- 2.1.2 The exchange of know-how, including information on best practices;
- 2.1.3 The design and implementation of studies, projects and programs;
- 2.1.4 The development of quantitative tools for analysis of methodologies for long-term strategic planning;
- 2.1.5 Other forms of cooperation determined by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

3 Non Legally Binding Character

3.1 This MOU is solely an expression of the Sides intentions and shall not constitute any legally binding obligations for the Sides.

4 Legal Aspects

4.1 The Sides acknowledge and accept that Cooperation under this MOU will be carried out within the framework of the respective national laws and regulations of the two Sides.

5. Dispute Settlement

5.1 Any differences of interpretation of the provisions of this MOU will be settled through negotiations and consultations between the Sides.

6. Implementing Authorities

6.1 The authorities entrusted for the purpose of implementing this MOU (hereinafter referred to as the "Implementing Authorities") will be: the Ministry for Energy and Water Management of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Energy of the State of Israel.

7. General Provisions

- 7.1 This MOU can be modified at any time, upon mutual written consent of both Sides, and will enter into effect with the same procedures set forth in this Article.
- 7.2 The present MOU will enter into effect on the date of its signature, and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.
- 7.3 This MOU will be renewed automatically for further periods of five (5) years unless one Side notifies the other of its intention not to extend the validity of the MOU in writing and through diplomatic channels, no later than six (6) months prior to the intended date of termination.
- 7.4 The termination of this MOU will not affect any activities undertaken prior to the termination of this MOU, unless otherwise agreed to by the Sides.

Done in Prague on 19 June 2008, which corresponds to 6th day of Tammuz in the Hebrew calendar, in two (2) original copies, each in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

**FOR THE MINISTRY FOR ENERGY
AND WATER MANAGEMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA**

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY OF
THE STATE OF ISRAEL**

