# Memorandum of Understanding on Scientific Cooperation between

Geological Survey of India, Ministry of Mines, of the Republic of India

and China Geological Survey, Ministry of Land and Resources of People's Republic of China in Geosciences

The Geological Survey of India, Kolkata, India and the China Geological Survey, Beijing, China, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties", desirous of developing and reinforcing their cooperation in the field of geosciences, on the basis of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter MOU).

Considering to contribute to the development of scientific cooperation between the Parties.

Have reached the following understanding.

#### **ARTICLE 1**

The Parties have the expertise and capabilities for geological and technological activities, and wish to undertake scientific studies and research projects to strengthen the bilateral co-operation.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

The Parties agree to establish cooperative relationship on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

# **ARTICLE 3**

The aim of this MOU is to extend mutual cooperation in carrying out research and development projects.

# **ARTICLE 4**

All scientific and research publications, studies and reports to be published and exchanged under the provision of this MOU will be in the English language.

## **ARTICLE 5**

The areas of cooperation under this MOU include the following:

- 1. Research and correlation on the basic geology;
- Geological, geo-chemical and geo-physical mapping technology;
- 3. Metallogenic correlation study;
- 4. Geo-database construction technology;
- 5. Environmental geology and hydrogeology;
- Modern technology and methodology of geo-samples analysis; and
- 7. Other areas of cooperation of mutual interest to the parties.

## **ARTICLE 6**

Co-operation between the Parties in the field of geology may be effected by means of:

- 1. Exchange of scientific and technical information;
- 2. Exchange of study visits and scientists;
- 3. Collaboration on individual research activities:
- Joint organization of symposia, conferences, workshops and lectures; and
- 5. Other forms of cooperation as may be mutually agreed between the Parties.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

The Parties agree to participate in preparing technical reports, documenting the results of studies for each project.

The Parties shall share the results of each joint project. Either Party will not provide or transfer the output to a third party without written approval of the other Party, and will not publish the results unilaterally.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

The Parties agree that during the implementation of any cooperative projects, the two Parties shall abide by the laws existing in the country where each cooperative project is located. The Parties will conclude separate agreement as required to

govern specific activities.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

Any dispute concerning the implementation or interpretation of this MOU shall be settled amicably, by mutual consultations or negotiations between the Parties.

### **ARTICLE 10**

This MOU will come into effect on the date of its signing by both the Parties and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years. Thereafter, it will be extended automatically for a subsequent periods of five years at a time, unless it is terminated by either Party by giving a written notice of its intention to terminate it to the other Party at least three (3) months before the expiry of the MOU.

Signed on May 15, 2015 in Beijing in two originals, each in Hindi, Chinese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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Geological Survey of India

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**China Geological Survey**