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COOPERATION PROTOCOL

by and between

**CITY OF CAPE TOWN MUNICIPALITY,
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**
(Hereinafter referred to as "Cape Town")

Duly represented by **Ald Patricia De Lille** in her capacity as **Executive Mayor** and duly authorized thereto

and

**THE CITY OF VARNA,
REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**
(Hereinafter referred to as "Varna")

Duly represented by **Mr Kiril Yordanov** in his capacity as **Mayor** and duly authorized thereto

(Hereinafter referred to as "the Participants")

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS Cape Town and Varna share many areas of commonality, such as tourism and recreation, beautiful coastline, natural attractions, protected natural areas and large multi-purpose ports;

WHEREAS Cape Town would like to establish a partnership in Eastern Europe and explore economic and industrial links that could benefit trade and industry in Cape Town;

WHEREAS Varna led a successful economic trade mission to Cape Town in 2010 and is home to a large shipping industry and an acclaimed medical university known for its academic and scientific research;

WHEREAS the Participants wish to promote better goodwill, friendship and mutual understanding, as well as favourable cooperation between the peoples of the two cities; and

WHEREAS the Participants have recognised the importance of the principles of equality and mutual benefits.

NOW THEREFORE the Participants agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Purpose of this Declaration

- 1.1 The Participants declare their intention to establish a co-operative relationship, in accordance with prevailing laws and regulations of each country, in the following fields:
 - 1.1.1 Economic, Industry and Trade.
 - 1.1.2 Information Technology.
 - 1.1.3 Transportation.
 - 1.1.4 Health.
 - 1.1.5 Culture and Art and Tourism

ARTICLE 2

Objectives of the Cooperation

The Participants undertake to work together in appropriate ways towards:

- 2.1 Achieving growth and development related to social, economic and environmental goals within each CITY's area of jurisdiction, and to realising the full potential of each CITY.

ARTICLE 3

Areas of Cooperation

In giving effect to these undertakings, the Participants commit themselves:

- 3.1 To build integrated and sustainable partnerships with one another in which expertise, research and best practices are shared with the goal of achieving the purposes as mentioned in 2.1 hereof.
- 3.2 To seek to understand each other's priorities, capacities and constraints.
- 3.3 To develop mechanisms to identify mutually agreed programmes and projects for the purpose of achieving the goals mentioned in 2.1 hereof.
- 3.4 To further the development goals of each city in a sustainable manner.
- 3.5 To promote innovation and knowledge transfer.

ARTICLE 4

Duration

- 4.1 This Cooperation Protocol comes into effect upon signature and will remain effective unless and until terminated by written notice by either Party.
- 4.2 This Cooperation Protocol shall be subject to a review within 3(three) years from the date of signature hereof. Any changes hereto shall be reduced to writing and signed by both Participants.

ARTICLE 5

Good Faith and Dispute Resolution

The Participants must seek to resolve any dispute concerning the implementation of this Cooperation Protocol through dialogue and discussions in good faith.

ARTICLE 6

Warranties

- 6.1 The Participants commit to identify and undertake projects in line with the objectives of this Cooperation Protocol.
- 6.2 The Participants warrant that when the projects as mentioned in 6.1 herein are identified, they shall make every effort to obtain the necessary authority to implement and fund said projects and further agreements will be entered into.
- 6.3 The Participants warrant that they have the necessary authority and will to commit to this Cooperation Protocol.
- 6.4 The Participants warrant that this Cooperation Protocol is in accordance with and does not conflict with their respective legal systems.
- 6.5 The Participants warrant that the areas of collaboration as mentioned in Article 1 herein falls within their respective functional areas or that the Participants have obtained the necessary authority to act within that specific functional area from the appropriate sphere of their respective governments.

ARTICLE 7

Funding

- 7.1 At the signing of the Cooperation Protocol there are no financial implications that are foreseen or immediately ascertainable.
- 7.2 Should any financial implications or obligations arise out of this Cooperation Protocol, the Cooperation Protocol would be reviewed.
- 7.3 Any renegotiated Cooperation Protocol as contemplated in clause 7.2 or amendment herein shall be reduced to writing and signed by both Participants.

ARTICLE 8

Monitoring and Administration

Each city will appoint a representative who will be responsible for the good execution of its provisions.

Signed at Varna on the sixth day of November 2012

Done in triplicate in Cape Town, Republic of South Africa, in six authentic copies, two of each in Afrikaans, Bulgarian and English. In the event of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

WITNESSES

1. _____ for and on behalf of Cape Town

2. _____

Ald Patricia De Lille
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

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1. _____ for and on behalf of Varna

2. _____

Mr Kiril Yordanov
MAYOR