# Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

#### Between

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The following Memorandum of Understanding represent a partnership between The Nilgiris Education and Research Foundation (The NEAR Foundation), 11/314, Kilkundha, Kilkundha Post, The Nilgiris - 643219, Tamil Nadu, India and the Nanotechnology Research Lab, Department of Physics, Kongunadu Arts and Science College (KASC), (Autonomous), G.N. Mills Post, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. The former is represented by Dr.K.P.B. Dinesh, Research Director and the later is represented by its Secretary and Director, Dr. M. Aruchami. Hereafter the industry shall be referred to as IHPL and the institution shall be referred to as KASC, respectively.

Basic information about The NEAR Foundation:

- The Nilgiris Education And Research Foundation (The NEAR Foundation) is a Non-Governmental Organization registered under Indian Trust Act 1882 in the state of Tamil Nadu. The NEAR Foundation is initiated by academicians and philanthropists of the Nilgiris district.
- The NEAR Foundation, Nilgiris, was registered on 21st October 2013 and inaugurated by Prof. H. Devaraj, D.Sc., Vice Chairman of UGC and Prof. G. James Pitchai, Ph.D., Vice Chancellor of Bharathiar University.

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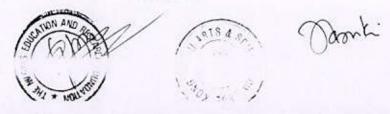
- The prime aim of the foundation shall be irrevocable educational, health, economic, social and cultural development for the benefit of all needy persons and is often presented as a guaranteed way to change the lives of people to empowered lives. And also to drive and sustain a kind of growth that improves the quality of life of everyone and share solution to achieve sustainable development.
- To promote scientific inventions and discoveries through research work this, would result in betterment of mankind and technical advancement.

#### Basic informations of KASC:

- KASC is a grant-in-aid institution recognized by the state government and the
  University Grants Commission offering Post Graduate training and Research
  in Arts, Science and Information Technology disciplines. The College offers
  courses of study in 22 under graduates, 15 post graduates, 11 M. Phil and 9
  Ph. D programs. The College has the required intellectual and infrastructural
  resources supported by its strong commitment to prepare graduates for global
  competitiveness.
- KASC sees many differences and similarities in culture and in academic challenges between its own environment and that of IHPL. The college also believes that there exists a mutual interest in improving Research and Exchange of Knowledge through a partnership.

## Both The NEAR Foundation and KASC agree

- That cooperation will enable the participants to successfully investigate and
  resolve some of the important issues related to research, study and service, and
  that through cooperation each institution will be stronger in partnership than it
  would be otherwise.
- That the institutions are willing to offer mutual support in the following areas:
  - a) Train human resources
  - Exchange of Technical and Scientific knowledge particularly in the field of Science and Technology.
  - c) Joint Collaborative projects.



- d) Research cooperation in other upcoming disciplines.
- That the commitments outlined in this document can be amplified or modified based on the specific agreement for particular cooperative purposes between The NEAR Foundation and KASC.
- That the present document shall be considered as current and open to new
  actions upon mutual agreement of both parties through written notification.
  The revised agreement would contain the causes and motives for such
  revisions. Furthermore, if changes of this nature should take place, special
  consideration shall be given to the timely conclusion of ongoing projects that
  might be affected.

This agreement shall remain in effect for a period of 5 years from the date of its signing. At the end of the five-year agreement period (the last 90 days), the participating Institutions will jointly assess progress made during the initial period. Based on this analysis, the participating Institutions will agree on the course of the partnership shall take, subsequent to the review.

The present document is formulated and signed in two originals. One original will remain in possession of The NEAR Foundation and the other shall be kept by KASC.

We, the undersigned, agree to the conditions described herein, and affirm that the following are official addresses of the respective institutions:

Signed, this 5th day of March of 2014.

The NEAR Foundation 11/314, Kilkundha, Kilkundha Post, The Nilgiris - 643219

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