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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
For Academic Collaboration
between
ZEALAND Academy of Technologies and Business
Denmark
and
North Island College
Canada
("The Agreement Parties")

The above Parties agree to set up the basis of collaboration, a student and staff exchange programme according to the principles and conditions below. This agreement is entered into on 8 October 2024 by and between **ZEALAND Academy of Technologies and Business** hereinafter **ZEALAND** and North Island College, hereinafter "**NIC**".

Whereas the above-named institutions recognize that the value of scientific and educational exchange for promoting the research and teaching activities of the two respective institutions, as well as for deepening the understanding of the economic and social issues and traditions of the two respective cultures.

Whereas "**ZEALAND**" and "**NIC**" have held discussions which established the desirability of strengthening the bonds between the two academic communities by enhancing scholarly interaction of the two institutions through the promotion of systematic and continuing exchange of academic materials, faculty, students and staff to pursue academic programs.

Cooperation

This Agreement aims to further the launch of collaborative efforts in the following areas:

- 1) The two institutions intend to develop joint research projects and to explore the possibility of develop the partnership academically;
- 2) They intend to encourage and promote the enrollment of qualified undergraduate students in the other institution. Both institutions will endeavor to implement the cooperation in their teaching and research work. Furthermore, both institutions and

their academic staff will support their exchange students in finding practical placements or practical work in the industry if requested.

Faculty

- 1.01 Each institution will promote the exchange of faculty for teaching and/or for collaborative research programs.
- 1.02 The parties will explore the possibility of setting up double degree Bachelor, Master and doctoral programs.
- 1.03 They also intend to organize scientific activities as international conferences, workshops and seminars.

Forms of Cooperation

Both institutions wish to promote such academic exchanges as will be of mutual benefit for their respective institutions. Academic exchange is considered to include, but not limited to:

- exchange of students and staff (professors and researchers).
- development of mutually beneficial academic programmes and courses.
- exchange of specialized faculty for purposes of teaching and research.
- reciprocal assistance for visiting staff and students.
- coordination of such activities as joint research, lectures and training.
- exchange of information, documentation and materials in fields of mutual interest.

The above activities shall be realized by means of consultation and exchange of relevant information by appropriate members of the two institutions, and may require the execution of additional agreements between the two parties.

Initial cooperation will be for the exchange of students on a reciprocal basis over time.

Subsequent cooperation may include the exchange of professors and lecturers having the same or similar qualifications and educational experience.

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Academic Areas / Departments for student mobility and other academic projects

Each institution will establish the academic areas where there can be a possibility of a joint cooperation/mobility of students in accordance to the compatibility of academic and language requirements of each institution.

Students

- 2.01** Each institution is encouraged to promote the enrollment of qualified students in the other institution. Each student involved in these programs will be subject to the admission requirements, including submission of translated and evaluated transcripts, as well as tuition and fees of the host institution.
- 2.02** Students will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the host institution, as well as for their cost of living, including room and board, insurance and any other necessary fees while attending the host institution. Students participating in an academic exchange program must purchase an international comprehensive insurance, including emergency evacuation and repatriation insurance coverage.
- 2.03** All candidates admitted to either educational system must comply with the following terms in order to participate in any exchange:
- Have completed the equivalent of at least one year of full-time study in the program in which the candidate is enrolled at the home institution and remain enrolled in said program during their stay at the host institution;
 - Possess an excellent academic record;
 - Meet the specific requirements of both the home and host institutions.
 - Will study full-time for at least one semester but no longer than one academic year in the host institution, in a study program approved by the home institution;

For the students, these exchanges will result in an academic transcript issued by the host institution making it possible to validate this training by the home institution.

- 2.04** Subject to the availability of suitable candidates, each institution will send to the other up to 3 students each academic year, during the period of this Student Exchange Agreement. The period of study for an exchange will be for one semester. The spaces can be distributed equally in academic terms Spring, Fall or

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as agreed by both parties. Exchange students per this agreement will be tuition free (tuition waiver) at the host institution and no tuition fee are to be exchanged between sending and receiving party.

Staff exchange

Both institutions agree to promote the exchange of instructors and researchers, in particular for short-term teaching assignments.

Term

3.01. This Agreement will become effective on the final date of signing and will remain in full force for five (5) years (always to the end of an academic year). If none of the parties inform objections to extended the Agreement for another five (5) years the agreement is automatically extended for another five (5) year period. Any objections to prolong and extend the agreement for another period must prior be informed in writing prior to the date of expiration by the Party objecting to extend.

If no objections are made the agreement is automatically extended for another five (5) year period.

This Agreement may/can be terminated with anticipation by either party, with only a written notice to the other Coordinator listed below, by providing six (6) months grace period. If there are ongoing exchanges in place, termination will not take place until the last form of cooperation is fully completed.

Designation of Coordinators

4.01 Each party designates the following officials to serve as Coordinators under this Agreement. The individuals designated as Coordinators may be changed by either party by providing written notice to the current Coordinators.

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Use of Logos and Trademarks

The parties agree that they can use the brand, logo or emblem of either institution exclusively to promote the object of this agreement, however, both parties agree to stop right away, if so required by the counterparty by any means.

Personal Data Protection

If the parties, in order to give full effect to the purpose of this agreement should come to have access to personal data which responsibility rests with the counterparty, hereby undertake to: (i) treat such personal data only for purposes of developing academic collaboration; (ii) not to process personal data for purposes other than the purpose instructed by the counterparty; (iii) implement security measures in accordance with the regulations and other applicable laws; (iv) keep confidential personal data processed; (v) remove the personal data processed after completion of appropriate academic collaboration; and (vi) not to transfer personal data.

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- 5.01** The institutions can collaborate with other universities and research institutes and those collaborations are not subject to the terms of this Agreement.
- 5.02** The differing viewpoints and interpretations of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by mutual consultation and negotiation.
- 5.03** Each institution agrees to comply with the host country's immigration guidelines in support of exchanges of international students and/or faculty. Each institution will facilitate the acquisition of appropriate visas for students. However, the students are ultimately responsible for obtaining required documents and visas in compliance with all relevant visa requirements and immigration law. Students will be responsible for the direct payment of any host government fees.
- 5.04** Any amendments to this Agreement can only be made by mutual consent in writing of the two Parties.
- 5.05** Each party undertakes to the other party that it shall:
- (i) keep secret and confidential all confidential or proprietary information relating to the purpose of this Agreement that is disclosed or made available (in any form or medium), directly or indirectly, by the other party (hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information");
 - (ii) not use or exploit the Confidential Information in any way, except for or in connection with, the purpose of this Agreement; and
 - (iii) only make disclosure of the Confidential Information with the prior written consent of the other party or by any order of any court of competent jurisdiction or any competent judicial, governmental or regulatory body.
- 5.06** The intellectual property resulting from the collaboration activities carried out under the present Agreement shall be subject to the relevant national rules and regulations, as well as to those international conventions that are binding for the parties.
- 5.07** All activities conducted under this Agreement will be in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the home and host institutions, and all applicable government, state and local laws, rules and regulations.

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Validity of the Agreement

This MOU shall commence on the date of its execution by the last to sign of ZEALAND and NIC and shall remain in force for a period of **five years** and may be renewed upon its expiry and with the agreement of both Parties.

Either Party may cancel this MOU by giving six months' notice in writing to the other Party. The termination of this MOU shall not affect the implementation of the projects or programmes established under it prior to such termination and the binding articles of this MOU shall remain in force until termination of such projects or program.

This agreement is signed by the legal representatives of both institutions and is drawn up in two original copies, one for each institution. It comes into force only after approval by the relevant organs of both institutions, on the date specified above.

A scanned copy of this agreement (signed and exchanged by email) can be accepted as a legal binding commitment by either party of this agreement

In the spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation:

Date:

05-12-24

Signed for and on behalf of
**ZEALAND Academy of
Technologies and Business**

by:

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Rasmus Helleberg Frimodt
Rector and Legal Representative
ZEALAND Academy of Technologies and Business

Date:

11-12-2024

Signed for and on behalf of
North Island College

by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Lisa Domae".

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