

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND RESOURCES
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
ON COOPERATION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR**

The Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources of the Commonwealth of Australia (hereinafter referred to as the Participants),

NOTING past cooperation between the Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Department of Primary Industries and Energy of the Commonwealth of Australia under a Memorandum of Understanding on collaboration in energy research and development signed April 11, 1988, for a ten-year period through April 10, 1998,

DESIRING to establish a framework for cooperation on energy matters and to develop and strengthen bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest in the energy sector, including enhancing policy consultation, facilitating bilateral energy trade and investment and advancing energy technology policies to promote research, development and deployment of innovative energy technologies, and

HAVING mutual interest in creating an attractive climate for domestic and foreign private capital investment in the energy sector of their respective countries, and in encouraging partnerships among the business sectors of both countries in the exploration, development and processing of energy resources, products, services and technologies,

Have reached the following understandings:

1. The Participants propose to initiate collaboration as follows:
 - (A) Bringing together senior policy officials, industry leaders and technical experts through regular consultations and organizing and participating in workshops and seminars on mutually determined topics;
 - (B) Exchanging experts and sharing information on current and future trends in the energy sector, energy regulations and policies, including barriers to energy trade and investment, financial issues related to emerging technologies, and technical guidance to advance energy technology development and deployment;
 - (C) Encouraging the development of corporate partnerships, joint ventures, licensing and the transfer of technologies, tools and equipment between organizations in the

United States and Australia, and large scale long-term public-private sector cooperation to advance energy technology and infrastructure development; and

(D) Engaging in additional forms of cooperation, as may be mutually determined by the Participants.

2. Where collaboration may lead to the creation of intellectual property, the Participants will consult with each other and make appropriate arrangements for the protection and allocation of such intellectual property.

3. A High Level Group on Energy Cooperation and Innovation, co-chaired by a representative from each Participant and composed of representatives from each Participant's government, research bodies and industry, will be established to ensure the effective implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and will meet periodically as mutually determined. Each Participant will appoint a Principal Coordinator to coordinate activities under this Memorandum of Understanding.

4. This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to create legally binding obligations between the Participants. The ability of the Participants to undertake the activities contemplated by the Memorandum of Understanding is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

5. The collaboration contemplated by this Memorandum of Understanding may commence upon signature.

6. The terms of this Memorandum of Understanding may be altered at any time by mutual consent in writing. If either Participant desires to terminate its activities under this Memorandum of Understanding, it will give three (3) months written notice to the other Participant.

Signed at Washington

this 10TH day of November, 2003.

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA:**

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY,
TOURISM AND RESOURCES OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA:**

