LETTER OF INTENT BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND RESEARCH OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA

CONCERNING

JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Further enhancing the Memorandum of Understanding signed on April 5, 2007 the Ministry of Education and Training of The Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the Federal Ministry of Science and Research of the Republic of Austria, hereinafter referred to as "Sides" have reached an understanding as follows:

Article 1

Both sides encourage the direct cooperation between their institutions of higher education in developing and offering of joint degrees programmes both on the Bachelor and on the Master Level.

Article 2

Both sides welcome the idea of developing joint degree programmes in sustainable tourism and in Environmental Studies between a consortium of higher education institutions in Austria (namely the Vienna University of Technology, BOKU - The University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Vienna), IMC University of Applied Sciences Krems) and a consortium of higher education institutions in Vietnam (namely the Hanoi University, the Hue University and the University of Commerce in Hanoi). Both on the Bachelor and on the Master–Level.

Article 3

Both sides welcome the idea of developing joint degree programmes in Environmental Studies between a consortium of higher education institutions in Austria (namely the Vienna University of Technology, BOKU - The University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences Vienna) and a consortium of higher education institutions in Vietnam (namely the Danang University and the Institute for natural environmental science and technology of the Hanoi University of Technology). Both on the Bachelor and on the Master–Level.

Article 4

The present letter of intent does not result in the creation of any new obligation regarding international law nor shall it have any effect on existing legislation.

Done in Vienna on June 2, 2008 in two original documents in English, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Ministry of Education and Training of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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