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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between



**THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT &
TECHNOLOGY - NIGERIA**

&



**THE TRANSPORT RESEARCH LABORATORY
UNITED KINGDOM**

**ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND RUNNING OF THE
TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGY CENTRE - NIGERIA**

AUGUST 12, 2003

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CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORT & TECHNOLOGY OF NIGERIA (NITT), AN ORGANISATION ESTABLISHED TO ADVISE THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT TO REALISE ITS NATIONAL TRANSPORT POLICIES AND THE TRANSPORT RESEARCH LABORATORY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM (TRADING AS TRL LIMITED), A COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION SPECIALISING IN RESEARCH FOR THE GENERATION AND APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING IN THE TRANSPORT SECTOR ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND RUNNING OF THE TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGY CENTRE OF NIGERIA (TTC)

1. Purpose of Co-operation

The TTC is to be established at the National Institute of Transport & Technology for the purpose of advising the Government of Nigeria on the implementation of sustainable transport policies. The TTC will focus on the economics and safety of transport systems which will include but not be limited to:

- Training standards for transport operators
- Transport sector efficiency energy consumption and operating costs
- The links between transport and employment
- Road safety and driver behaviour
- Vehicle maintenance standards
- Traffic management
- Access to rural areas

TTC requires assistance in the establishment of the Centre and the determination of its strategies, policies, organization and capacity.

2. Form of Co-operation

- a) TRL, formerly part of the British Government, is a private sector Foundation specializing and having expertise in the generation and application of new knowledge through research. TRL has the resources, ability, capability and willingness to assist with the establishment and running of the TTC.
- b) TRL will provide assistance to the TTC by giving advice as follows:
 - i) On the setting up and establishment of TTC, its facilities, staff, organization, training and funding requirements.
 - ii) On specific technical subjects as listed above and on other topics within the expertise of TRL as agreed with TTC from time to time.
- c) Each task for which the TTC requires advice will be specified in a separate letter defining the details of the tasks, the Terms of Reference, time scales, staff requirements from TTC and from TRL and financial remuneration required by TRL. No work will be carried out by TRL unless there is an exchange of letters confirming the above details

- d) All tasks to be carried out by TRL will be paid for by NITT on a commercial basis with full recovery of all staff costs and expenses. The amount of remuneration will be agreed on a task by task basis. 224

TRL and NITT will use their best endeavours to obtain outside funding for its activities. Sources of finance may include the British Government, World Bank, African Development Bank and other funding institutions.

It is recognized by both NITT and TRL that funding by such institutions cannot be guaranteed.

3. Validity

The Memorandum is valid for a period of one year from date of signature and may be extended by mutual agreement.

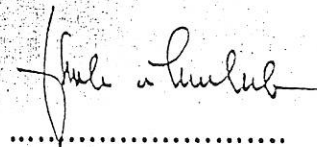
4. Confidentiality

The contents of this document shall remain confidential to both parties and shall not be disclosed to third parties.

Information and data may be exchanged between the organization as part of the tasks performed and for other purposes. The information and data exchanged will remain confidential to the receiving party and shall not be disclosed to the third parties without the approval of both TTC and TRL.

Transfer of information or data does not transfer or create in favour of the receiving party any right of ownership.

Signed by:-



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Director General
NITT



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Director
TRL

Dated 13 - 08 - 03

13 Aug 2003


Witnesses:

Name: S. A. SHAHU

Signature: 

Date: 13 - 08 - 03

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