



MANITOBA



ISRAEL

JOINT DECLARATION

CONCERNING INNOVATIVE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY CO-OPERATION IN MATTERS OF WATER MANAGEMENT

BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER STEWARDSHIP

OF

THE GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND LABOR OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL

(hereinafter jointly referred to as “the Participants”)

WHEREAS the Participants seek to strengthen economic relations between their two governments;

WHEREAS the Participants expect that co-operation and exchange of their experiences in water management and protection would contribute to economic and social development and environmental sustainability within their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS the Participants wish to establish a framework to enable them to effectively co-operate on mutually beneficial joint projects to support the development and application of innovative technology and methods to address water-related challenges and grow their respective water technology sectors;

THEREFORE the Participants hereby declare that the following framework may serve for co-ordination of these efforts:

1. The Minister of Water Stewardship of the Government of Manitoba and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor of the State of Israel will provide leadership and oversight of this co-operation, and will endeavour to engage the support of other relevant departments of their respective governments as required from time to time.
2. The Participants may co-operate in various areas including, but not limited to the following:
 - a) protecting and restoring the quality of water resources and the health of aquatic ecosystems;
 - b) research, control and assessment regarding water resources;
 - c) planning and management of water resources;
 - d) development and commercialization of innovative technologies, methods, and infrastructure in the water industry, including in the areas of:
 - (i) municipal and industrial wastewater treatment and reuse including nutrient capture and recycling and capture and reuse of grey water,
 - (ii) agricultural wastewater treatment, and nutrient and manure management and recycling, and
 - (iii) improving energy and water efficiency of the water industry;
 - e) new irrigation techniques;

- f) metering and fee rates regarding water supply;
 - g) desalinating water for human consumption;
 - h) constructing, maintaining and securing pipelines and water facilities;
and
 - i) standardization of products in the field of water technology including the adoption of international standards, as well as modifying existing standards in this field.
3. The Participants will consider carrying out various forms of co-operative activities, including:
- a) exchanging information;
 - b) arranging meetings, study trips and missions in both jurisdictions;
 - c) organizing and promoting business seminars and meetings with the goal of introducing advanced innovative solutions in the field of water management to relevant companies, organizations and authorities;
 - d) incorporating technological solutions in beta site facilities and pilot programs; and
 - e) arranging for co-operation between Manitoban and Israeli companies and other entities engaged in the field of water technologies.
4. In cases where the activities mentioned in Article 3 lead to co-operative projects, the Participants will document in writing such projects, specifying the goals of the project, action plans, timelines and milestones, and the respective responsibilities and recommended contributions of each Participant.
5. Any financial, technical or intellectual property rights issues that arise during the course of an activity under this Joint Declaration will be addressed by separate contracts through their identified representatives.
6. This Joint Declaration does not create any contractual, financial or other legal obligations for the Participants.



7. Liaison for the purpose of this Joint Declaration will occur principally through the Deputy Minister of Manitoba Water Stewardship for the Province of Manitoba and the Consul of Economic Affairs in Canada for the State of Israel.

Signed in Jerusalem on the 13th day of October, 2010, which corresponds to the 5th day of Cheshvan of 5771.

**For Manitoba Water Stewardship of
the Government of Manitoba**

**For the Ministry of Industry, Trade and
Labor of the State of Israel**

Original Signed By
Honourable Christine Melnick
Minister

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Honorable Binyamin Ben-Eliezer
Minister
