MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COLLABORATION
between the SOUTHERN AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENE (SAIOH) and the AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION (AIHA)

The Southern African Institute for Occupational Hygiene (SAIOH) and the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) support this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a collaborative partnership between the two entities, which would encompass technical cooperation in a number of activity areas within the field of industrial hygiene, as follows:

- Exchange of scientific information and publications i.e. making our OHSA Journal available to you electronically, as and when published, and welcoming AIHA submissions.

- Subscriptions to the respective institutional newsletters and official journals.

- Cross-referencing and sharing of news articles and other on-line material, including scientific journals.

- Mutual sharing of, and occasional inclusion in, the respective institutional / association newsletters.

- Access to material that is for sale via AIHA (at a discounted price), and which can be resold in South and Southern Africa for sharing of technical expertise, with SAIOH as the agent.

- Agreement to display the institutional / association logos on the websites of the respective institution / association, with an electronic link to the respective entities.

- A request from SAIOH for AIHA to include information about SAIOH conferences on the AIHA page dedicated to conferences with international interest; SAIOH, in turn, will do the same for AIHA.

- Exchange of information as related to technical programmes in fields of mutual interest, e.g. worker exposure to crystalline silica and chemicals during hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”), as this process of accessing oil and gas from shale formations has increased substantially in the US in the past 10 years, and is in the initial stages in South Africa.

- Identification of industrial hygiene initiatives (for e.g. practical industrial hygiene / occupational safety and health approaches in construction) which may lend themselves to joint collaboration between
the two organisations, such as training courses, seminars, and conferences, where workplace safety and health are proactively addressed.

- Identification of opportunities for transferring and promoting knowledge and findings in the field of Occupational Safety and Health.

- Potential for the development of an exchange programme for visits by scientific personnel to the sites of the respective entities, with the ultimate aim of building capacity and expertise in Industrial Hygiene. Currently, SAIOH builds capacity in Industrial Hygiene mainly by means of the following:
  
  - Hosting annual conferences on a national level;
  
  - Co-ordinating the presentation of international Industrial Hygiene training through the OH Learning initiative; and
  
  - Hosting technical workshops in regions throughout South Africa where the latest Industrial Hygiene topics of interest such as nanotechnology are presented and discussed.

- The financial provision for the aforementioned areas of collaboration will need to be defined separately.

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