

AGREEMENT

ON

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF
FORESTRY

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

AND

THE STATE FORESTRY ADMINISTRATION
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

PREAMBLE

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

and

THE STATE FORESTRY ADMINISTRATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
CHINA,

hereinafter as "the Contracting Parties",

wishing to create conditions favourable to the development of mutually beneficial cooperation
in the field of forestry,

HAVE COME TO THE AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

The Contracting Parties have undertaken, within their respective powers and in accordance with valid legislation of their respective countries, to assist with the development of forestry cooperation in the fields of economy, manufacture and science and technology and to promote the establishment of direct relations between entrepreneurial entities and other partners ("cooperative partners").

ARTICLE 2

The Contracting Parties shall cooperate in the fields as follows:

- 2.1 sustainable forest management,
- 2.2 forest resources development and utilization,
- 2.3 biodiversity conservation,
- 2.4 support to programmes of scientific and technological cooperation between the engaged research institutes, schools of forestry, and other workplaces,
- 2.5 exchange of experience and information on management, science and research as well as publications in the field of forestry,
- 2.6 development of consultancy services in the field of forestry,
- 2.7 exchange of scientists, experts, and scholars,
- 2.8 support to activities leading to joint investments in the field of forestry and wood processing industry,

The Agreement may be expanded by other forms of cooperation upon an agreement of both the Contracting Parties in writing.

ARTICLE 3

Either of the Contracting Parties shall not disclose economic, manufacturing, and science and technology information and know-how obtained from the other Contracting Party. The use of results of the economic, manufacturing and science and technology cooperation shall be carried out upon a mutual agreement of the Contracting Parties.

ARTICLE 4

The mutual exchange of science workers, experts, and scholars, and study stays and visits shall be performed under the conditions agreed upon by both the Contracting Parties or by the respective cooperative partners.

ARTICLE 5

The liaison agency of the Czech Republic is the Section of Forestry of the Ministry of Agriculture. The liaison agency of the People's Republic of China is the Department of International Cooperation of the State Forestry Administration. The liaison agencies will hold working meetings when necessary to discuss cooperative plan and coordinate its implementation.

ARTICLE 6

- 6.1 This Agreement shall enter into force on the day of its signature.
- 6.2 This Agreement shall be concluded for indefinite period. Either of the Contracting Parties may, however, withdraw from the Agreement in writing with the 6 (six) months period of notice. Contracting parties shall immediately inform about that in writing relevant cooperative partners.

ARTICLE 7

This Agreement shall not prejudice any rights and obligations following to either of the Contracting Parties from their respective participation in any other international agreements and treaties and in international organizations.

Done in Prague on 8 December, 2005 in two originals, in the Czech, Chinese and English languages, while all the versions have the same validity. In the case of any divergence of interpretation of this Agreement, the English text shall prevail.

For the Ministry of Agriculture
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