



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the

**Saudi Council of Engineers**

and the

**Federal Chamber of German Architects**

**(Bundesarchitektenkammer - BAK)**

(hereinafter called respectively "SCE" and "BAK")

### A. Preamble

Architectural and Engineering Services are essential for the sustainable urban development and the responsible use of resources in order to improve the quality of life. The Saudi Council of Engineers (SCE) and the Federal Chamber of German Architects (BAK) are convinced that the reinforced cooperation between the two organisations described in this Memorandum of Understanding will enable Architects and Engineers in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and in Germany to fulfil their respective tasks even better and to develop solutions jointly.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to form a general working agreement between the SCE and the BAK and to create a productive working relationship between the two organizations.

#### 1. Saudi Council of Engineers

The Statute of Saudi Council of Engineers, which was approved by the Royal Decree no 36/M dated on 26/9/1423H, aims to lay down principles and criteria for engineering practice and to develop the engineering profession. The article No (27) of the executive bylaws stated that all engineers working in engineering profession in the Kingdom have to register with the Council. It is the representative body for the architectural and engineering profession. Its vision is to promote engineering profession, facilitate engineers and engineering establishments to reach ideal solutions, enhance the level of performance, and encourage innovation and creativity to achieve an internationally recognized position.

## 2. Bundesarchitektenkammer

The Bundesarchitektenkammer, established by the Statutes dated /2/6/1969 is the umbrella organisation of the Architects Chambers of the 16 German Länder – bodies of public law. Main tasks are to strengthen the consciousness of architectural culture and the built environment, to enhance consumer protection, and to maintain and improve the economic and legal conditions of professional education and practice. BAK represents nationally and internationally the interests of all Architects, Interior Architects, Garden and Landscape Architects and Urban Planners registered in Germany.

### B. Provisions of Agreement

The cooperation aims to combine knowledge and experience in both organisations to achieve common goals and the professional promotion of architecture in both countries and specifically refers to the following areas:

1. Information exchange, experience sharing, exchange of views.
2. Improving the administrative cooperation in particular regarding recognition of qualifications.
3. Student exchange and internship programmes.
4. Recognition of Professional continuing education and training.
5. Mutual information on building codes, professional contracts and fee systems.
6. Common promotion of Architectural and Engineering design contests.
7. Facilitation of project cooperation.

The parties therefore agree on the following principles:

**1. Information exchange, experience sharing, exchange of views**

The parties inform each other regularly about significant professional policies and developments. The Presidents and/or designated representatives of the SCE and the BAK meet in principle every three years, interchangeably, for a general information exchange, experience sharing, exchange of views.

**2. Improving the administrative cooperation in particular regarding recognition of qualifications**


The parties will facilitate the administrative cooperation by providing all relevant information regarding recognition of qualifications and direct support in individual cases.

**3. Student exchange and internship programmes,**

The parties will encourage their respective members to provide possibilities for internships and inform each other about this regularly.

**4. Continuing professional development (CPD)**

The parties inform each other about their respective programmes in continuing professional development and aim at the facilitation of recognition of relevant CPD credentials.



**5. Law, contracts and fee system**

The parties inform each other about the applicable rules governing the award of architectural and engineering services as well as the remuneration of those services within their respective jurisdictions. The parties within their respective capabilities ensure that their members comply with provisions on the award of architectural and engineering services and their fees when providing cross-border services in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or Germany.

**6. Architecture and engineering design contests**

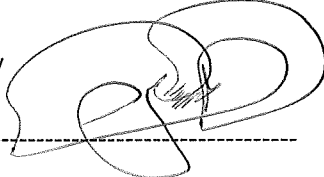
The parties support each other when needed in preparing for architectural and engineering design contests and inform each other about current design contests in their respective states. When appropriate, Architects and Engineers, who are members of the SEC or BAK, shall be able to participate in architectural and engineer design contests in both states.

**7. Project cooperation**

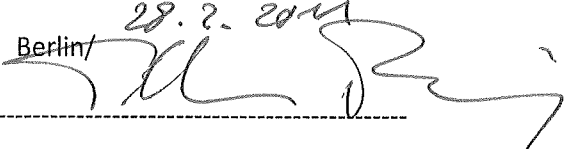
The parties work towards the establishment of consortia and / or partnerships of its members to facilitate cross-border projects. At the same time the parties recognize a need to promote the awareness of local, environmental, social, and cultural factors and ethical and legal standards. Thus the parties encourage their members when practicing in a host nation that the foreign architect should either be registered in that country or should enter into a contractual relationship with an architect duly registered in the host country

**Final Provisions**

- (1) The Parties will submit this proposed Memorandum of Understanding to their respective Decision-making Bodies.
- (2) This agreement does not create any right of mutual claims of the parties or individuals. Compensation claims are excluded.
- (3) Such costs of joint activities arising under this contract are to be determined by individual case. All other costs resulting from the agreement are borne by each party itself

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