

LETTER OF INTENT ON COOPERATION

between

GEOSCIENCE AUSTRALIA

and

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND MINES BUREAU OF SRI LANKA

Introduction

1. The Geological Survey and Mines Bureau (GSMB), the premier national geoscience agency in Sri Lanka for the generation and dissemination of geoscientific information and regulates mining and processing of mineral resources of Sri Lanka hereinafter referred to as the (GSMB) and Geoscience Australia (GA), the pre-eminent national geosciences agency, and the trusted advisor for the geology, including resources, and the geography of Australia hereinafter referred to as the (GA).
2. Recognizing that GSMB and GA (the Participants) have many similarities in geoscientific roles and responsibilities, and have identified the potential to cooperate in their mutual and shared interests in the area of Earth Sciences;
3. Have outlined the objectives for future collaboration for ongoing dialogue and cooperation between GSMB and GA.

Facilitating Cooperation

4. GA and GSMB wish to pursue scientific and technical cooperation in the Earth Sciences.
5. The cooperation between GSMB and GA may take the form of Activities related to:
 - a. geoscientific investigations,
 - b. geospatial analysis and investigations,
 - c. information systems and data management,
 - d. training and capacity building,
 - e. adoption of modern technology, and
 - f. other areas that are of mutual interest.
6. This cooperation may be undertaken through: exchange of scientific and technical information, exchange of study visits and scientists, collaboration on individual research activities, participation in training courses, or other forms of cooperation that are jointly determined.

Future Contact

7. The cooperation envisaged by this *Letter of Intent* will be undertaken when mutually beneficial opportunities arise.
8. Designated contacts within GSMB and GA will communicate on future potential opportunities for collaboration.
9. This *Letter of Intent* is not legally binding.
10. This *Letter of Intent* will be reviewed within two years to examine its efficacy and evaluate progress towards increased cooperation and collaboration.

This *Letter of Intent* will enter into effect on the date of its signature and will continue to be in effect until either GSMB or GA terminates the *Letter of Intent* by giving at least one month's written notice to the other Participant.

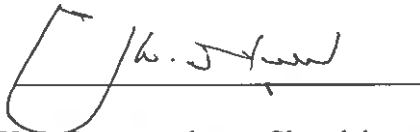
Signed in Canberra on the 25th day of May 2017.

For Geoscience Australia

For the Geological Survey and Mines Bureau
of Sri Lanka



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