

**AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND  
THE NATIONAL DRILLING COMPANY  
OF THE EMIRATE OF ABU DHABI OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
COVERING  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE EARTH SCIENCES**

Article I.

The Geological Survey (USGS) of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America and the National Drilling Company (NDC) of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi of the United Arab Emirates (hereafter referred to as the Parties), in view of the successful scientific and technical cooperation between the Parties in the field of ground-water research, have agreed to extend the Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) Covering Scientific and Technical Cooperation in the Earth Sciences, signed February 6, 1988, as amended and extended June 26, 1993, for five years effective February 6, 1993, and extended effective February 6, 1998.

Article II.

All terms and conditions of the original Memorandum and the Agreement to Amend and Extend the Memorandum (Agreement) shall remain in effect. The Memorandum and Agreement establish a framework for the exchange of technical knowledge and augmentation of technical capabilities of the USGS and NDC with respect to Earth sciences.

Article III.

This Agreement shall enter into force upon the signature of both Parties, effective February 6, 2003, and remain in force until terminated at any time by either Party upon ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other Party. Unless otherwise agreed, the termination of this Memorandum shall not affect the validity or duration of projects under this Memorandum that have been initiated prior to such termination.

Done at Abu Dhabi, in duplicate, in the English language.

FOR THE  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Signature

Marcelle M. Wahba

Ambassador of the U.S.A to the U.A.E.

Date February 6, 2003

FOR THE  
NATIONAL DRILLING COMPANY  
OF THE EMIRATE OF ABU DHABI OF THE  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Signature

Abdulla Nasser Al Suwaidi

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Date February 6, 2003

