



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**THE UNDERSECRETARIAT OF MINING SUSTAINABILITY OF THE
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINING,
REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA**

and

**THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES, INDUSTRY REGULATION AND SAFETY,
GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

on

COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF MINERAL RESOURCES

The Undersecretariat of Mining Sustainability of the Ministry of Energy and Mining and the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety of the Government of Western Australia (referred to as the "**Participants**"),

With the purpose of developing and strengthening cooperation in the field of mineral resources between the Participants,

Aiming to increase minerals and related mining services and technology trade and investment between Republic of Argentina and Western Australia, and support development of their respective mining sectors.

The Participants have reached the following understandings:

1. To cooperate within their respective areas of competence in the field of mineral resources in the following areas:
 - a. Encouraging minerals exploration and development;
 - b. Geoscience information and systems;
 - c. Mining titles administration, including cadastre systems;
 - d. Environmental approvals and compliance, including mine closure;
 - e. Mining rehabilitation and securities;
 - f. Occupational health and safety regulation;
 - g. Royalties and taxation;
 - h. Stakeholder engagement;
 - i. Information systems and technology;
 - j. Other areas, as agreed.

2. The types of cooperation may include any of the following areas, where mutually decided:
 - a. Visits by Ministers and/or senior government officers;
 - b. Promotion and support of opportunities for mining and related services and technology trade and investment subject to respective legislation and regulations;
 - c. Training and capacity building workshops;
 - d. Exchange of officers;
 - e. Discussions among officers;
 - f. Sharing of information;
 - g. Other types, as mutually decided.
3. Cooperation is subject to the availability of funding and personnel and that the Participants will be individually responsible for the mobilization of funding and personnel.
4. Cooperation may be undertaken by other related organizations as mutually decided.
5. This Memorandum may be reported on as mutually decided.
6. This Memorandum supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the Participants.
7. This Memorandum is not binding and does not impose any commitments or undertakings for any of the Participants under international law.
8. This Memorandum will come into effect on the date of signing and will remain in operation for three (3) years.
9. This Memorandum may be terminated, amended, or extended as mutually decided. In the event of termination, the Participants intend to continue to their conclusion specific cooperative projects already in progress.

Signed in Perth, on 17th of MAY, 2018, in two originals in Spanish and English, both texts being equally valid.



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