



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

*between*

**Université Laval (UL)**

**and**

**COMESA – Leather and Leather Products Institute  
(COMESA/LLPI)**

**in connection with**

**Furtherance of their mutual interests in technology  
transfer, training and research, and as a contribution to  
increased international co-operation**

**January 2015**

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**M.1 THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)**

**M.1.1.** THIS Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) made between Université Laval (UL) having its registered office at 2325 Rue de l'Université, Québec, G1V 0A6, Canada (hereinafter called UL) which expression shall where the context so admits include its successors and permitted assigns of other part.

AND

**M.1.2** Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) – Leather and Leather Products Institute (LLPI), having its registered office at P. O. Box. 2538, Code No.1110, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (hereinafter called **COMESA/LLPI**) which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its successors and permitted assigns of the other part.

**M.2 PREAMBLE**

**M.2.1** WHEREAS the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) - Leather and Leather Products Institute (LLPI) (hereinafter called **COMESA/LLPI**) works with objectives to support and develop the leather industries of the COMESA regions.

**M.2.2** WHEREAS Université Laval (hereinafter called UL) is a higher learning institution that has been training, equipping, and guiding the decision makers who've grappled with the major issues of society.

**M.2.3** WHEREAS both UL and COMESA/LLPI are convinced of the mutual benefits of undertaking collaborative activities in furtherance of their mutual interests in technology transfer, training and research, and as a contribution to increased international co-operation for the development of leather industry (hereinafter called **ACTIVITY**)

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

**M.3 SCOPE OF THE MoU**

**M.3.1** This umbrella MoU details the rights and obligations of the parties hereto, pertaining to the **ACTIVITY**.

**M.3.2** The MoU shall serve as the basis for the various leather and leather products development activities to be undertaken jointly by UL and COMESA/LLPI.

**M.4 DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS**

**M.4.1** "UL " Université Laval

**M.4.2** "COMESA/LLPI" means the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa – Leather and Leather Products Institute

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- M.4.3 "COMESA Member States" are Burundi, Comoros, D.R. Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Seychelles, Sudan, Swaziland, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe
- M.4.4 "IP" means Intellectual Property
- M.4.5 "MoU" means Memorandum of Understanding
- M.4.6 "Party" or "Parties" refer to the UL and/or COMESA/LLPI and other institutions that mutually agreed to by both parties

**M.5 GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMESA/LLPI & UL and AREAS OF COOPERATION**

- M.5.1 UL and COMESA/LLPI agree to cooperate with each other through their appropriate organs with respect to all matters of common interest that arise in the fields of SMEs, and leather and leather products in general.
- M.5.2 COMESA/LLPI shall endeavor to build capacity for African countries at various levels within the leather value chain.
- M.5.3 UL and COMESA/LLPI will cooperate in the areas of research, training, technology transfer, consultancy, exchange of programs, development of SMEs and other regional and international programs, preferably with written protocols and agreements.
- M.5.4 UL and COMESA/LLPI will give due consideration to consultancy and extension services in the leather sector and other cross-cutting issues as follows:
  - I. Advice on issues of technology transfer
  - II. Promote and sustain development of SMEs in the region
  - III. Promote investments in the leather sector in the African Region
  - IV. Promote adoption of cleaner technology and appropriate waste management for sustainable development
  - V. Standardization, quality grading and certification of leather and leather products
  - VI. Benchmarking
- M.5.5 UL and COMESA/LLPI will concert and coordinate their efforts in the areas of information collection, analysis and dissemination of activities in the following fields:
  - a. Market information
  - b. Human resource
  - c. New and indigenous technology
  - d. Any other areas of interest to the leather sector

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