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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

THIS MOU made as of the 20th day of March, 2009

Between:

Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Alberta,
as represented by the

Minister of ENVIRONMENT (AENV)

and

Minister of TRANSPORTATION (TRAN);

And

ALBERTA MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION
(as represented by the Executive Director)

The Parties to this MOU,

Being Parties that have interest in increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Alberta;

Recognizing that the Government of Alberta has endorsed and committed to sustainability and Alberta's 2008 Climate Change Strategy and the Provincial Energy Strategy;

Recognizing that all Albertans and Alberta companies need to be part of the climate change solution and together we all share the responsibility for managing and reducing GHG emissions;

Recognizing that the Alberta Motor Transport Association is a proactive association dedicated to promoting a professional, environmentally responsible image of the trucking industry;

Recognizing that economic development, competitiveness issues, and industry growth need to be considered in developing measures and actions to reduce GHG emissions;

Recognizing that Alberta can be a global leader in using energy more effectively and efficiently;

Recognizing that reductions in energy consumption and GHG emissions have associated benefits in reduction of other air emissions;

Recognizing that the Government of Alberta is committed to working collaboratively with other organizations to address climate change for present and future generations;

have agreed as follows:

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this MOU is to build on the achievements of the 2005 MOU and facilitate AENV, TRAN and the Alberta Motor Transport Association (AMTA) working together to take action to reduce GHG emissions and help Alberta meet the targets set out in the 2008 Climate Change Strategy and the Provincial Energy Strategy.

SCOPE:

This MOU applies to GHG emissions emitted by members of the AMTA . However, where possible, this agreement will serve as a means to provide a GHG mitigation framework for further emission reduction actions from additional transportation fuel related sub-sectors and stakeholders within Alberta's transportation industry.

DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT:

This MOU will take effect on the date it is signed and will expire on December 31, 2012, unless one of the Parties terminates it by giving the other Party a six month written advance notice to this effect. Upon conclusion of this MOU, reviews will be conducted by all Parties, and if agreed, a subsequent MOU or agreement may be established to build on any achievements of the previous MOU to further engage the Alberta trucking sector.

ROLES AND REPONSIBILITIES:

The AMTA agrees to:

- (a) Support Alberta's 2008 Climate Change Strategy - *Responsibility / Leadership/ Action* by working together with AENV and TRAN to identify opportunities and "best practices" to improve energy efficiency and to reduce GHG emissions; and
- (b) Use established communication channels (newsletters, web site, conferences, etc.) to promote awareness and to encourage members to implement technologies and "best practices" that improve energy efficiency and reduce GHG emissions;

The Government of Alberta agrees to:

- (a) Support the development and promotion of "best practices" for reducing GHG emissions;
- (b) Identify and/or provide appropriate resources required for increasing AMTA members awareness of actions to increase energy efficiency and reduce GHG emissions;
- (c) Provide relevant energy efficiency and GHG mitigation information regarding initiatives and programs to AMTA for distribution and communication to members; and,
- (d) Work together with AMTA to identify areas of mutual interest, directly or indirectly related to the mitigation of GHG emissions, and develop mechanisms for pursuing those areas.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- (a) The AMTA Greenhouse Gas Coordinating Committee (AGCC), established pursuant to the 2005 MOU, will oversee the implementation of this MOU.

- (b) The Greenhouse Gas Coordinating Committee will schedule meetings three times per year and report on an annual basis to the Deputy Minister of Environment, the Deputy Minister of Transportation and the AMTA Board of Directors;
- (c) The Greenhouse Gas Coordinating Committee will provide direction for the implementation of the contract between Alberta Environment and the AMTA.
- (d) The Greenhouse Gas Coordinating Committee will establish other areas of mutual interest and coordinate the development of initiatives that support those interests.
- (e) Within the first year of this agreement, a three year work-plan will be established with prioritized initiatives and delivery time-lines. This work-plan will be updated on an annual basis, upon annual review of this MOU agreement.

PROSPECTIVE AREAS:

To date, the Government of Alberta and the AMTA have identified a number of prospective areas for action. These areas form the base for a discussion of how the organizations will work together and subsequent work-plans. The prospective areas include:

- (a) Fuel efficiency and other energy efficiency “best practices” identification
- (b) Best practices award recognition program
- (c) Driver education
- (d) Potential rebate program
- (e) Information/educational website
- (f) Alternative fuels, idle reduction technologies and in-cab heaters
- (g) Truck fleet efficiency / Load matching / Long Combination Vehicles
- (h) ITS – weigh in motion / vehicle identification weigh scale bypass
- (i) Fleet Challenge Alberta Initiatives

COMMUNICATIONS:

The Parties to this MOU agree to report annually to the public on a joint basis, a statement of the overall results and activities arising from this MOU.

SIGNATURES:

Agreed to by:

Minister of Alberta Environment

Minister of Alberta Transportation

Executive Director of Alberta Motor Transport Association