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and
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between
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and
LLOYDS METALS AND ENERGY LIMITED (LMEL)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made and entered into on this 7th day of May, 2025, by and between:

Gondwana University, Gadchiroli (hereinafter referred to as "GUG"), a public university established under the laws of India, having its principal office at MIDC Road Complex, Gadchiroli - 442605, Maharashtra, India.

and

Lloyds Metals and Energy Ltd (hereinafter referred to as "LMEL"), a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at Plot No. A1 & A2, MIDC Industrial Area, Ghugus, Chandrapur – 442505, Maharashtra, India.

WHEREAS:

1. The Gondwana University has represented that the Maharashtra State Board of Technical Education (MSBTE) has issued NOC to the Gondwana University for starting 3-Year Diploma Program in Mining Engineering, Metallurgical Engineering, Manufacturing Technology and Computer Science and Engineering with an intake of 30 students each, from the academic session 2025-26 through University Institute of Technology (UIT), an autonomous conducted college of the university.
2. LMEL is engaged in the business of mining and steel manufacturing along with various CSR activities including promotion of education, providing various training to develop the skill set of local people, generation of employment, facilitating the local eligible students for higher education at domestic as well as foreign universities.
3. Accordingly, the LMEL considering the common objective of the Gondwana University agreed in principle to collaborate for the establishment of University Institute of Technology (UIT) in a phased manner.

4. Lloyds Metals and Energy Ltd (LMEL) is committed to support this project as part of its collaboration as corporate industry partner.
5. UIT is planned to offer technical degree and diploma level courses in Mining Engineering, Manufacturing Technology, Metallurgical Engineering and Computer Science and Engineering to support the industrial development of Gadchiroli District.
6. UIT shall be operationalized from the academic session 2025-26 in the existing building at Adpalli campus under collaboration with LMEL.

SCOPE OF MOU

1. UIT Establishment & Development:

- UIT shall be temporarily housed in the existing building at the new campus ground at Adpalli, which LMEL shall renovate and upgrade to accommodate the initial batch of students.
- UIT shall commence operations with an initial intake of 120 students (30 students per batch across 4 engineering disciplines).
- Shift into the new campus at Adpalli that is likely to come up in the coming 2 to 3 years.
- The Board of Governors shall be jointly constituted by Gondwana University, M/s. Lloyds Metals and Energy Ltd. and Department of Higher and Technical Education of the Govt., after approval from Govt. of Maharashtra.

2. Infrastructure & Financial Commitments:

- LMEL shall collaborate to support for:
 - Renovate the Adpalli campus for temporary operations.
 - Set up essential laboratories, classrooms, and student facilities to ensure compliance with academic and industry standards.
 - Cover operational expenses for the first two academic sessions, after which funds from other sources are expected.
 - Meet expenses towards the Twinning Program for 30 students.
 - An approval from Department of Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Maharashtra shall be sought for above.

3. (GUG) Responsibilities:

- Own and oversee the institute, ensuring adherence to regulatory and statutory requirements, including financial and performance audits.
- Reach out to other industries for financial support.
- Provide academic and technical guidance, including collaboration with Curtin University, Australia, to adopt global best practices.
- Manage day-to-day academic operations and ensure that UIT produces industry-ready diploma holders.



- Will be mainly responsible for facilitating placement of the students establishing a robust industry outreach program.
 - Strive to provide quality education with industry ready students.
4. (LMEL) Responsibilities:
- Provide support for starting the institute. LMEL will work towards a Twinning program with Curtin University, Australia as a preferred collaborator.
 - Facilitate student internships and faculty training within LMEL's industrial setup.
 - Provide placements for students based on its requirements.
 - Facilitate up to 30 students per year for first five years under the Twinning Program, wherein:
 - Internship at LMEL's industrial facilities.
 - 1 semester under a Twinning Program.
 - Offer industry exposure through guest lectures, workshops, and research collaborations.
 - Nominate four members on the Board of Governors of UIT.
 - Support in the recruitment of the faculty for UIT on its behalf, ensuring quality at the best price.
5. Research & Consultancy Hub:
- UIT shall serve as a technical research hub, offering consultancy services to the industry and providing reliable testing facilities.
 - The institute shall actively engage in research projects in mining, metallurgy, and steel manufacturing.
6. The Gondwana University shall apply to the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Govt. of Maharashtra immediately for approval of detailed terms and conditions as laid down in the MoU or may be incorporated in future.

TENURE & EXIT CLAUSE

- This MoU shall be valid for 15 (Fifteen) years from the date of signing and may be renewed upon mutual consent.
- Either party may exit the partnership after completing its obligations or if the counter party is not meeting its obligations, by providing a one-year written notice without citing any reason.
- This MoU will lapse if the government is unable to fulfill its financial commitment by the end of academic session 2025-26, unless agreed on by both the parties to extend the deadline.




LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- The MoU shall comply with all applicable education and industry regulations set forth by the Government of Maharashtra and the University Grants Commission (UGC).
- Any dispute arising under this MoU shall be resolved through mutual consultation. If unresolved, the matter shall be referred to arbitration in Mumbai, Maharashtra, in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

SIGNATURES


For Gondwana University, Gadchiroli (GUG):



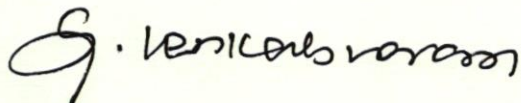
Name: Dr. Anil K. Hirekhan

Designation: Registrar

Date: 07/05/2025


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Witness: Prof. M. D. Uttaswar
Director (I, I & L)


For Lloyds Metals and Energy Limited (LMEL):



Name: Shri Soundrarajan Venkateswaran

Designation: Executive Director (Operations)

Date: 07/05/2025


Witness: GAJANAN NANK
(GENERAL MANAGER - CSR)

