MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COOPERATION BETWEEN KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY AND ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY Pvt. Ltd. NEPAL

Considering their common interest in promoting the mutual cooperation in the area of research, and academics, both parties wish to expand the basis for friendship and cooperative educational exchange and have set forth the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to develop research and academic cooperation and to promote relations and mutual understanding between both parties.

ARTICLE II SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Both parties undertake to promote and develop research and academic cooperation in the following ways:

- 1. Share the technical expertise and resources for the promotion of research activities.
- 2. Cooperation in computer graphics design laboratory development relevant to the expansion of research facilities and academic studies in the country.
- 3. Exchange of technical staffs and students.
- 4. Cooperation in research and the presentation of its results.
- 5. Exchange of academic materials, publications and other scientific information.
- 6. Other educational and academic exchanges to which both the parties agree.

ARTICLE III FINANCIAL ARRANGEMEMT

- 1. Both parties agree that all specific arrangements and plans for activities are to be negotiated and are dependent on the availability of funds.
- 2. Both parties agree to seek financial support from national and international organizations for the joint activities to be undertaken as stated under the terms of this MOU.

ARTICLE IV AGREEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION

A detailed description of the scope of activities shall be defined in an agreement of implementation, which constitutes an integral part of this MOU.

An agreement of implementation will include such items as:

- 1. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each institution for the agreed upon activity.
- 2. Schedules for the specific activity.
- 3. Budgets and sources of financing for each activity.
- 4. Any other items deemed necessary for the efficient management of the activity.

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ARTICLE V INTELLECTUAL PROPERY RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION

- 1. Both parties will share all data and research findings, patent rights, copyrights and other intellectual property rights to any discoveries, inventions and products resulting from this MOU.
- 2. Detailed management of the intellectual property rights and publication shall be defined in the agreement of implementation of each activity.

ARTICLE VI SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES

The differing viewpoints and interpretations of this MOU shall be settled amicably by mutual consultation or negotiation

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS; DURATION AND TERMINATION

- 1. Amendments to this MOU can only be written by mutual consent of the two parties.
- 2. This MOU shall be in effect from the date of its signing and be valid for the duration of three years from that date and will be automatically renewed on an annual basis thereafter, unless terminated or replaced with a new MOU.
- 3. This MOU may be terminated by either party by written notice at least 6(six) months in advance. In case the MOU ceases to be in effect of account of termination thereof, the provisions of the plan of operation shall be continued to apply to the extent necessary to secure the implementation of existing activities as agreed upon in the agreement of implementation.

ARTICLE VIII EXECUTING AGENCIES

- 1. The executing agencies to coordinate the activities under this MOU from KU will be:
 - (a) Department of Computer Science and Engineering, School of Engineering
 - (b) Centre for Art and Design, School of Arts

This MOU is written in English in 2(two) copies, both are authentic.

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Mr. Jyoti Tandukar Chairman Alternative Technology Pvt. Ltd. Nepal

Date: December 25, 2007

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Dr. Bhola Thapa Acting Dean, School of Engineering, KU

Date: December 25, 2007



KATHMANDU UNIVERSITY School of Engineering

December 25, 2007

To Registrar Kathmandu University



Respected sir

Kindly find the original copy of MOU between School of Engineering, Kathmandu University and Alternative Technology Pvt. Ltd. Nepal. This MOU is signed by Dean, School of Engineering and Chairman of Alternative Technology on December 25, 2007 at Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel.

Dr. Bhupendra Bimal Chhetri, Dr. Bim Prasad Shrestha, Mr. Anup Baskota and Mr. Purushotam Kharel were present in the occasion from Kathmandu University. Both the parties had open discussion to make the MOU successful and utilize the resources available in both the organization for the benefit of society.

Alternative Technology Pvt Ltd is small but one of the successful Nepalese software company which has developed unique carpet design software GALAINCHA. Their product is used by most of the carpet designer in the country and they have sold their products to many countries in US and Europe.

Alternative Technology is donating 8 license of GALAINCHA worth of NRs 2000000 (Two million rupees). Among these 8 license, 4 will be used by Center for Arts and Design, School of Arts for digital design tools lab and 4 will be used by Department of Computer Science and Engineering to conduct training program for Carpet and Thanka designer (specially targeted to Tamangs of Kavre) as social responsibility program.

Beside this, students of CSE dept will undergo internship at Alternative Technology Pvt. Ltd.

I request for endorsement of this MOU and approval for accepting of grant of NRs 2 million software.

We assure you that we will make this MOU active and effective.

Sincerely

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