



## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

### A. Preamble

This **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** is between **International Accreditation Service**, an organization (herein **IAS**) located at Brea, California, USA and **the Association of Indian Laboratories**, (herein **AOIL**) located at New Delhi, India, respectively.

**IAS** and **AOIL** agree that it is important to contribute to the improvement of national and international trade, industry and the performance of Indian organizations by:

- Working towards strengthening national and international accreditation frameworks;
- Increasing the level of confidence in the value of accreditation domestically and internationally, including enhancing the competence of people responsible for the implementation, management, audit and performance of such systems; and
- Providing high quality accreditation services to industry domestically and internationally.

**AOIL** and **IAS** believe that effective organization and business outcomes demand strong and transparent accreditation systems.

Together, **AOIL** and **IAS** want to encourage testing and calibration laboratories, inspection agencies, product certification bodies, management system certification bodies and personnel certification bodies to seek accreditation under internationally recognized standards preferably those recommended by the partners to this MOU. The organizations agree that this can best be achieved by establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between **AOIL** and **IAS**.

### B. Scope

The scope of the MoU is defined as follows:

1. **IAS** and **AOIL** will jointly work to increase awareness of accreditation in all sectors of the economy;
2. **IAS** and **AOIL** will exchange experts in industry sectors that will be of mutual benefit;

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3. **IAS** will provide, as needed and under separate contractual arrangements, appropriate training to **AOIL** stakeholders and partners in accreditation matters;
4. **IAS** and **AOIL** will represent mutual interests in various forums, regulatory areas, business meetings, as it relates to accreditation matters
5. **IAS** and **AOIL** will mutually cooperate to provide needed technical and administrative support in all needed areas of technical programs and accreditation activities, as appropriate
6. **IAS** will provide facilitate access to all relevant documentation/rules/procedures/criteria of **IAS** to **AOIL** to develop a clear understanding of global accreditation practices that may be mutually beneficial; .

### **C. Financial Obligations**

**IAS** and **AOIL** have no mutual financial obligations for any activities undertaken, unless agreed upon separately by a written agreement. All expenses and costs associated with events and activities will be undertaken after mutual written agreements.

### **D. Commencement, review, amendment & termination**

This MoU will commence September 16, 2017 and may be amended at any time by mutual consent. Either organization may terminate the MoU by giving a 90-day written notice to the other party.

### **E. Confirming the MoU**

We understand and agree with the intent and requirements of the MoU as detailed-

September 16, 2017

Signed by:

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