Cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Energy-related Fields

The New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (“NEDO”) and the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Kazakhstan (“MINT”) signed a memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) on May 1, 2012 in Astana, the capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan, concerning cooperation in energy efficiency and clean coal technology fields. Specific cooperative activities include conducting a basic survey in the Republic of Kazakhstan on the introduction of Japanese energy efficiency and clean coal technologies as well as jointly organizing seminars and training sessions.

Furthermore, NEDO also concluded an MOU with JSC “the National Agency on Technological Development” of the Republic of Kazakhstan (“NATD”) * on the same occasion concerning cooperation in the industrial technology field. NEDO and NATD will jointly promote cooperative activities that include information sharing, expert exchanges and seminars.

The backgrounds of the MOUs were introduced during a meeting between Mr. Yukio Edano, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, and Mr. Asset Issekeshev, Minister of MINT and the MOUs were subsequently signed at a signing ceremony by NEDO Chairman Kazuo Furukawa, Minister Asset Issekeshev and a NATD representative, in the presence of Minister Edano.

*NATD is a joint-stock company, 100% wholly owned by the Government of Kazakhstan, established to assist in the coordination of innovative processes and provide the government support for the development of innovations.

1. Project Overview

With the objective of strengthening and expanding cooperative relations in the energy efficiency field and coal industry, NEDO and MINT will jointly carry out the following activities:
(1) Conduct a basic survey on the introduction of Japanese energy-related technologies
(2) Conduct seminars and training sessions regarding Japanese energy efficiency and clean coal technologies

For the purpose of promoting the development of innovation in both countries, NEDO and NATD will jointly carry out the following activities:
(1) Exchange information in the area of industrial technologies
(2) Conduct seminars relating to innovation

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