

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE UK SPACE AGENCY

AND

**THE NATIONAL SPACE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF
NIGERIA**

REGARDING COOPERATION IN THE EXPLORATION AND USE OF OUTER SPACE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES

The United Kingdom Space Agency (hereinafter referred to as 'UKSA') and the National Space Research and Development Agency of Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as 'NASRDA')

HAVING regard to the wishes of UKSA and NASRDA (hereinafter referred to as the 'Participants') to cooperate on space activities for their mutual benefit;

CONSIDERING the common interest of the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Nigeria in the use of space technologies for peaceful purposes;

RECOGNISING the advantages and benefits arising from international cooperation in the space field;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDINGS

1. The purpose of the present Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter the 'Memorandum') is:
 - a) to provide a framework for collaborative activities and for reviewing areas of common interests in the civil aspects of space;
 - b) to facilitate the interchange of information, technology and personnel in areas of mutual interest;
 - c) to nominate relevant points of contact for both Participants.
2. Subject to the laws and regulations applicable to them, the Participants, through consultation, will decide upon the specific items and scope of cooperation within the framework of this Memorandum. Details of the proposed collaborative projects are as follows:
 - a) NASRDA and UKSA will facilitate discussions in relation to a possible bilateral project based around the NovaSAR initiative, which already has attracted UK government support;

- b) UKSA will facilitate the training in the UK of Nigerian personnel in the field of satellite engineering and operations of a satellite;
- c) UKSA will facilitate collaboration between NASRDA and UK commercial organisations in the area of space data fusion and analysis for information extraction and dissemination;
- d) UKSA will facilitate support from any space company based in the UK of the NASRDA interest in the construction of future satellites in Abuja for both telecommunications and earth observation;
- e) NASRDA will work with UKSA to develop mutually beneficial sharing mechanisms for satellite data from future satellites where accessible to the agencies.

Other areas of cooperation may be identified by mutual consent of the Participants.

3. Both Participants acknowledge that any activities undertaken through the Memorandum will:
 - a) comply with all relevant export controls in force; and
 - b) respect intellectual property rights.

The Participants also acknowledge that the present Memorandum will place no financial or other commitment on either Government or Participant.

4. The Participants will arrange meetings by mutual consent to review progress on the implementation of the present Memorandum.

The persons nominated by the Participants as responsible for overseeing the implementation of the present Memorandum are as follow:

for UKSA: Ms. Elizabeth Cox

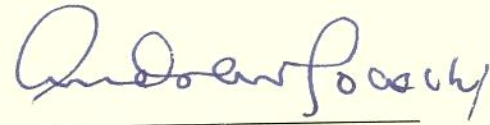
for NASRDA: Dr. Olufemi Agboola

or such other person notified to the other Participant.

5. The present Memorandum may be amended and augmented by mutual consent of the Participants. The Participant wishing to make an amendment and augmentation will notify the other Participant in writing. Any amendment and augmentation will take effect when each Participant has notified the other Participant in writing of its consent to the amendment and augmentation.
6. The present Memorandum will come into effect on the date of signature by both Participants and continue in operation until terminated by either Participant giving six months' written notice to the other.

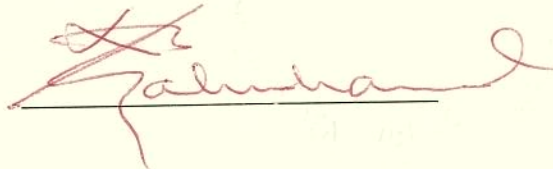
Signed in duplicate in Abuja on 24 February 2014 in the English language.

For
The UK Space Agency (UKSA)



Dr Andrew Pocock
British High Commissioner to
Nigeria

For
The National Space Research and
Development Agency of Nigeria (NASRDA)



Dr Seidu Mohammed
Director General