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This Agreement of Cooperation (this "Agreement") is made this 24th day of October 2012 by and between

(i) the Government of the Province of Alberta, represented by its Premier, The Honourable Alison Redford, Q.C. (such party being referred to herein as the "Government of Alberta"),

and

(ii) the Ismaili Imam, represented by His Highness the Aga Khan, Forty-Ninth Hereditary Imam of the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslims (such party being referred to herein as the "Ismaili Imam").

The parties together being referred to herein as the "Parties".

Preamble

1. WHEREAS the Government of Alberta desires to promote sustainable development and specific support for the vulnerable within Alberta and abroad, in the economic, social, and cultural fields, and whereas it recognizes the contributions made by the Ismaili Imam to such endeavors through institutions appropriate to the circumstances of time and place, for which the Ismaili Imam has entered into protocols and agreements with governments, states, and international organizations in order to optimize its contributions in this respect;
2. WHEREAS the Government of Alberta and the Ismaili Imam desire to foster and strengthen their relationship and to enhance their joint and separate endeavors to improve the human condition in Alberta and in other parts of the world;
3. WHEREAS His Highness the Aga Khan, in his capacity as the forty-ninth hereditary Imam of the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslims (the "Ismailis"), has established, guides, and governs, under the Ismaili Constitution, Constitutional Bodies that endeavor to provide important elements of social governance for Ismailis in Canada, and whereas His Highness the Aga Khan has founded and chairs a group of private, non-denominational, international development agencies which together comprise the Aga Khan Development Network ("AKDN"), and which contribute towards social, cultural and economic development in Africa, the Middle East, and South and Central Asia;
4. WHEREAS the Ismaili Constitutional Bodies aim to serve the needs of the Ismaili Community to enable it to make a more effective contribution to the development of the societies in which it lives, and to secure continuing improvement in the quality of life of the Ismaili Community itself through the adoption of policies and implementation of programs in areas such as health, social welfare, education, economic enhancement, culture, habitat, sport, women's issues and youth development;

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5. WHEREAS AKDN's programmes aim to help reduce human suffering, promote human development, and in general contribute towards, and collaborate with others in, efforts to achieve such objectives, with a view to creating a fraternal culture of enlightenment, peace, tolerance, and mutual respect, help and understanding;
6. WHEREAS the Government of Alberta and the Ismaili Imamat reaffirm their shared desire to confront persistent, varied and large-scale occurrences of material poverty that result in degradation and deprivation among its victims, recognizing that such poverty is one of the great challenges facing the global community;
7. WHEREAS the Government of Alberta, based in Edmonton, Alberta, plays a leading role in fields such as education, the environment, health sciences, sustainable natural resource development, continuing care and affordable seniors housing, amongst others;
8. WHEREAS the AKDN has experience in diverse cultural and geographical environments, in the construction of permanent capacities, through multiple input programmes, to enable individuals and communities to respond to adversity and the challenges arising from social, economic and cultural change;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties enter this Agreement to explore opportunities for collaborating further and learning from each other in fields of mutual interest, such as, amongst others, the health sciences; education; environment, forestry and natural resources management; culture; and private sector and economic development, so as to further their common goal of equitable human advancement and social justice, based on the principles of mutual benefit and reciprocity.

1. Identifying Projects and Programs

The Parties shall endeavor to identify suitable projects or programs on which they may work together in furtherance of their shared objectives as set forth in the recitals above. Where the Parties choose to engage in projects or programs together, they may enter into agreements that provide details concerning the specific commitments to be made by each Party, as well as timeframes, budgets, funding sources and provisions related to project design, development and implementation, monitoring and reporting. Any binding obligations in respect of such projects or programs shall be subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in such agreements.

2. Roles

The Government of Alberta shall identify appropriate provincial agencies as well as institutions based in the Province of Alberta that may be suitable candidates for participation in projects in collaboration with the Ismaili Imamat, the Ismaili Constitutional Bodies and agencies of the AKDN in areas of mutual interest.

The Ismaili Imamat, the Ismaili Constitutional Bodies and the AKDN have experience in working in Canada, Asia, Africa, and other parts of the developing world, as well as institutional capacities on the ground in these regions, and human and material resources. These strengths,

combined with those of the Government of Alberta, can enable the Parties to achieve their joint and separate undertakings in sectors of mutual interest.

3. Steering Committee

A joint Steering Committee shall be established consisting of senior members of both Parties, with the aim of reviewing progress under this Agreement. The Steering Committee shall also suggest areas of future action and opportunities for partnership between the Parties. The Steering Committee shall endeavor to meet at least once or twice a year, and more frequently if required. The Steering Committee shall be comprised of up to three members appointed by the Premier of the Province of Alberta, and up to three members appointed by His Highness the Aga Khan.

4. Representatives for the Purposes of this Agreement

The following persons are representatives of the Parties for the purposes of sending or receiving notices under this Agreement:

For the Government of Alberta: Minister of International & Intergovernmental Relations
320 Legislature Building
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5K 2B6

For the Ismaili Imamat: Director of Diplomatic Affairs
Aga Khan Development Network Foundation
Aiglemont
Gouvieux 60270
France

5. Settlement of Differences

Any differences between the Government of the Province of Alberta and the Ismaili Imamat arising out of the interpretation or application of the present Agreement shall be settled amicably by agreement.

6. Coming into effect, Renewal and Amendment of this Agreement

This Agreement shall come into effect immediately upon signature by the two Parties and shall remain in full force and effect for a period of five years, and can be renewed by common consent of the Parties. It may be amended at any time by mutual consent of the Parties. Each Party may decide to terminate this Agreement by notifying that decision to the other Party with twelve months written notice.

Signed in Edmonton, Alberta this 24th day of October 2012, in two original copies,

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

FOR THE ISMAILI IMAMAT

Original signed by:

**Honourable Alison Redford, Q.C.
Premier**

Original signed by:

**His Highness the Aga Khan
Forty-Ninth Hereditary Imam
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