

Letter of Intent

between

The University Centre in Svalbard, Norway

and

Moscow State Academy of Water Transport, Russia

This Letter of Intent (LOI) has been established between the University Centre in Svalbard (hereafter referred to as UNIS), with its administrative headquarters in Longyearbyen, Svalbard, Norway and the Moscow State Academy of Water Transport (hereafter referred to as MSAWT), located in Moscow, Russia.

Article 1: Purpose

The purpose of this LOI is to develop mutually beneficial linkages between UNIS and the MSAWT. Both parties undertake to explore collaborative opportunities in the general areas of student exchanges, joint research, scholarly collaboration, and faculty exchanges. These linkages are based on shared interests in areas of mutual interest related to the field of Arctic and Sea Technology.

Article 2: Areas of Collaboration

Areas of collaboration may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- (a) facilitating the mobility of undergraduate and graduate students to participate in academic programs of study
- (b) the exchange of faculty
- (c) scholarly collaboration in areas of common interest
- (d) joint research initiatives in polar scientific research

The details of each area will be specified in attachments to this LOI.

Article 3: Obligations

- (a) Neither institution will incur, as a result of this LOI, any financial obligations resulting from the actions of the other party without a prior agreement in writing to accept specific financial obligations
- (b) Each university commits to developing an understanding of the other university; each institution will facilitate the actions of the other in this regard.
- (c) UNIS and the MSAWT abide by a policy of equal opportunity, and do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or physical disability,
- (d) This LOI will be for a term of two years, commencing at the date when it has been signed by both parties. Within 24 months of the signing of this LOI, UNIS and MSAWT will aim to sign a detailed Memorandum of Understanding elaborating a framework for implementation of ongoing collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

Signed on behalf of:

University Centre in Svalbard



Ole Arve Misund
Director (CEO)

Date:

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Moscow State Academy of Water Transport



Vladimir Kostin
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Date:

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