





# ALBANIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF LARGE DAMS

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

Albanian National Committee on Large Dams, (ALBCOLD)

AND

Romanian National Committee of Large Dams, (ROCOLD)

THE UNDERSIGNED

Part A:

Albanian National Committee of Large Dams (ALBCOLD)

Hereafter referred to as "ALBCOLD".

Official address:

Rr. "Abdi Toptani", No.1, Tirana, Albania

Legal representative:

Mr. Arjan JOVANI

Title:

Chairman of ALBCOLD

and:

Part B:

Romanian National Committee of Large Dams, (ROCOLD)

Hereafter referred to as "ROCOLD".

Official address:

Bulevardul Lacul Tei 122, Bucharest, Romania

Legal representative:

Mr. Catalin POPESCU

Title:

President of ROCOLD

#### WHEREAS:

ALBCOLD and ROCOLD take into consideration that,

- ALBCOLD has knowledge and experience in the field of Dam engineering, Dam safety and public awareness, Emergency Preparedness Plans particularly in Albanian large dams sector,
- ROCOLD has extensive knowledge and experience in the field of Dam Engineering and Dam Safety and Monitoring, and public awareness for water flooding.
- Each party maintains close relationships with Universities and Science Academies in its own country,
- Each Party maintains close relationships with Dams Owners and Operators in its own country
- Each Party support the Young Engineers forums in its own country
- The common interest is to exchange experience and knowledge on Dam engineering and particularly on new technologies for Dam Safety, management and monitoring, Civil Protection from water Flooding, Evaluation of dam assets, certification of dam safety
- Wishing to investigate the possibility to form a type of alliance between the parties, in order to form a strategic combination enabling a deepening of insight, a widening of knowledge transfer.

## PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### 1. Scope

This Agreement aims to create and regulate the institutional conditions of cooperation between the Parties, as well as to determine the basic regulatory priorities of this cooperation, based on the institutional autonomy, mutual respect, universally accepted principles and common interests.

The agreement aims to preserve and develop the most successful traditions of cooperation to date between the two Parties.

Both parties shall Endeavour to investigate the opportunities to exchange experience and Knowledge on Dam Engineering sector.

Furthermore, Parties have the intention:

At a later stage to enter into a cooperation agreement in order to exchange experience and knowledge, to involve one another in research projects, Training works, and education, and to use one another facilities.

The intended co-operation between the Parties focuses on: .

- Exchange of field experiences of Engineers to dam safety, maintenance, Monitoring, Risk Management,
   Evaluation of dams assets, dams safety certification;
- Exchange of experience and support for engineering students through cooperation with universities of both countries
- Organization of exhibitions for large dams and site visits in both countries
- Updating of legal and institutional frameworks in the dam sector
- Update and improvement of Technical Guidelines for design, monitoring and safety of large dams in accordance with ICOLD Recommendations and experience in both countries.
- New Dam engineering technology, especially for rock fill dams and concrete dams;
- Promotion of young engineer through their forums and participation in the international seminars and courses;
- · Seismic Risks for the large dams;
- · any other form agreed upon between the Parties.

#### 2. Contact

Each Party shall appoint a point-of-contact who will act as liaison to the other Party to coordinate and/or communicate any activities in relation to this MOU,

## 3. Project opportunities

When one Party becomes aware of a project opportunity that is of relevance in terms of expertise to either Party, it will contact the other Party to decide and agree on a common approach and on responsibilities of each Party. When the Parties agree to submit a joint proposal to an organization, a specific agreement between the Parties shall be entered into for the execution of the project. The responsibilities and roles of each Party shall be agreed upon according to the nature and content of each project.

### 4. Costs

Both Parties shall bear their own costs in relation to the activities stemming from this MOU, unless otherwise agreed. In the event of commercial projects, Parties will be compensated for their participation based on mutual respect and according to specific project estimation and the commercial rates in the agreement signed between the parties for that specific project

#### 5. Administration

All commitments, obligations and expenditures related to programmers and projects stemming from this MOU shall be administered in accordance with each Party's normal practices and policies and the specific terms and conditions of the funding agencies.

## 6. Duration

This MOU shall be in force for a period of three years from the date of signature after which the MOU shall be renewed automatically for a similar period unless either of the Parties notifies in writing the other Party, three months in advance, of its desire to terminate this MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned has signed this MOU.

For ALBCOLD (Part A)

For ROCOLD (Part B)

Mr. Arjan Jovani

**ALBCOLD Chairman** 

Mr. Catalin Popescu

**ROCOLD President** 

\_\_\_\_

4