The Exchange of Letter between the Ministry of Land
and Resource of the People's Republic of China
and the Minerals Management Service of the Department of
the Interior of the United States of America

Based on the institutional reform of the Chinese Government, the Ministry of Land and Resources of the People's Republic of China and the Minerals Management Service of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America agree to reassign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Minerals Management Service of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America and the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Geology and Mineral Resources of the People's Republic of China which was signed on November 9, 1997. The Ministry of Land and Resources replaced the Ministry of Geology and Mineral Resources as of April 8, 1998. Therefore, both the Minerals Management Service and the Ministry of Land and Resources are the proper governing authorities under the MOU.

In doing so, the MOU will remain as originally agreed with all articles and annexes unaltered.

This revision will enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force until September 9, 2002, unless otherwise extended by mutual agreement.

For the Minerals Management Service of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America

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