**Partnership Agreement**

**between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_University (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) and Federal State Budget Educational Institution of Higher Education Don State Technical University   
(the Russian Federation).**

Rostov-on-Don\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_20\_\_

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ University, hereinafter referred to as \_\_\_\_\_\_, the Rector, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Don State Technical University, hereinafter referred to as DSTU, the Rector, Meskhi Besik Chokhoevich, (each a “Party” and collectively, the “Parties”), to develop the partnership signed this Partnership Agreement, hereinafter referred to as “Agreement”, on the following:

1. **SUBJECT OF AGREEMENT**

1.1 The Agreement shall outline the basic principles of strategic partnership and collaboration.

1.2 The Parties are aimed at mutual assistance development in common goals achievement by means   
of long-term and comprehensive relations establishment.

1.3 The main principles of cooperation are trust and mutual respect, compliance with Russian and international legislation. Cooperation shall be carried out with the full legal autonomy of the Parties.

1.4 Priority areas of partnership:

1.4.1 Mutually beneficial relations development and bilateral academic contacts support;

1.4.2 Cooperation in scientific and technical research and development of joint educational and cultural projects;

1.4.3 Education quality assurance;

1.4.4 Academic mobility programmes implementation;

1.4.5 Co-participation in national and international programmes and projects;

1.4.6 Exchange of information in areas of mutual interest between Parties;

1.4.7 Carrying out joint conferences, seminars and other events.

1. **OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES**

2.1 The obligations of the Parties under the Agreement are identical.

2.2 The Parties have the right to take co-performers from other institutions of higher education as well as from third-party companies for projects implementation.

2.3 In the process of cooperation, the Parties undertake:

2.3.1 To inform each other about international, national and local events (conferences, seminars, exhibitions, festivals, contests, etc.) which are held by the Parties;

2.3.2 To specify the projects to be further implemented in the fields concerning both Parties, hereinafter referred to as “Projects”;

2.3.3 To search funding sources for Projects implementation;

2.3.4 To prepare the papers required to obtain funding for Projects implementation.

1. **SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH RESULTS PUBLISHING**

All the scientific and technical information received via joint research projects implementation will   
be available for the Parties. During the term of the Agreement and within two (2) years after its expiration, each of the Parties agrees to seek permission from the other Party with the intention   
to publish the results of joint research. By means of negotiations, the Parties agree to determine whether the publication of scientific results incurs the disclosure of commercial information taking into account the state requirements regarding patent legislation, which enables to apply and issue patents. The Parties also agree to stick to the common practice concerning co-authorship.

1. **FINAL PROVISIONS**

4.1 All changes and amendments to this agreement must be done in a written form and signed   
by empowered persons of both parties.

4.2 All joint activities of the parties, financial relations included, must be formed as separate agreements.

4.3 The Agreement can be terminated by mutual consent of the Parties.

4.4 The Agreement can be terminated ahead of time at the initiative of either Party   
of what the other Party should be notified in a written form at least one month prior to the termination   
of the Agreement.

4.5 The agreement copies received by e-mail or by fax are equal in legal terms.

4.6 The present Agreement enters into force upon its signing by the Parties and is valid until \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_. The validity period is extended if neither of the Parties declares about its termination at least three months prior to the expiry date.

1. **DISPUTES ESCALATION**

5.1 The Parties assume to undertake the relevant measures to settle any disputes   
and claims by mutual consultation and negotiations.

5.2 The agreement has been executed in English and Russian languages   
all having equal force. However if there shall be any conflict between the three versions, the English version shall prevail.

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| On behalf of Don State Technical  University, Rostov-on-Don,  the Russian Federation  Rector \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Meskhi Besik Chokhoevich  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_20\_\_ |  | On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_University,  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Rector \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  /\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_20\_\_ |