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FRAMEWORK COOPERATION AGREEMENT

between

- a) Institute of Meteorology and Water Management-National Research Institute, Podleśna 61, 01-673 Warsaw, Poland, "Instytut Meteorologii i Gospodarki Wodnej Państwowy-Instytut Badawczy", (hereafter called IMGW-PIB) represented by: Dr. Przemysław Ligenza, PhD;
- b) the Mountain rescue service, Horný Smokovec 52,062 01 Vysoké Tatry, Slovakia "Horská Záchraná Služba" (hereafter called HZS), represented by Ing. Jozef Janiga MBA;

(hereafter referred as parties to the agreement)

Article 1

Objectives and scope of the cooperation agreement

The aim of this framework cooperation agreement is to give a basis for the enhancement of cooperation in the field of meteorological observations and data exchange of, risk prevention and mitigation in the field of meteorology, mountain hazards and rescue missions and exchange of experience in above mentioned areas.

Parties to the agreement has agreed that cooperation will cover, among others following activities:

1. **Data exchange:** share meteorological observations and measurements from automatic weather stations free of charge. Details, mode of technical implementation and extent of the exchange will be agreed in a separate agreement between Parties
2. **Experience and expert knowledge exchange:** experience and knowledge exchange in the form of common training, conferences, field work and studies,
3. **Joint applications for research and development funding:** collaboration in the common research, operative and developmental projects and proposals together with joint applications

for funding. Any common action in this filed will be subjected to a separate agreement between Parties.

4. **Cooperation on the housing of the radio-relay station at Kasprovy Wierch:** IMGW-PIB declares its readiness to provide necessary space to house the radio-relay station necessary for SAR operations in its facility at Kasprovy Werch. Details, technical implementation will be subject of further negotiations and will be agreed in a separate agreement between Parties.

Article 2

Obligations of the parties to the agreement

The parties to the agreement commit themselves to:

establish a list of people who will be responsible for the before mentioned topics and their technical and operative implementation,

provide adequate and logistical support their own structures and make available, their own assets with the aim to fulfill the goals of this agreement,

host receive in their own structures the personnel of the parties and the planed training, study research and field work activities,

publicize the cooperation among parties to the agreement through their own press offices and other mass media in each State.

Article 3

Implementation of the cooperation agreement

For the purposes of this Cooperation Agreement, each party to the agreement shall designate its contact person(s) for the respective area of cooperation

Article 4

The duration of the cooperation agreement

This cooperation agreement is valid during five years from the effective date.

This Cooperation Agreement shall enter into force after its signature by both Parties and efficiency on the day following the day of its publication in the Central Register of Contracts kept by the Office of the Government of the Slovak Republic. HZK will notify the fact of above mentioned publication to IMGW-PIB.

The Parties agree that, any amendments shall be made in writing by agreement of the Parties and

signed by the representatives of the Parties.

Each Party shall have the right to withdraw from this Cooperation Agreement upon 1 month notification to the other Party.

This cooperation agreement is drawn up in two copies.

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