AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPERATION CONCERNING CIVIL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PREAMBLE

The Government of Canada, through its wholly-owned corporations, Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, and the Government of the United States of America, represented by the United States Atomic Energy Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), have for several years been engaged in atomic energy programmes within their respective countries and from the inception of these programmes have collaborated closely in certain areas. The principal objective of Canada's atomic energy programme is the civil use of atomic energy and, in particular, the use of atomic energy as a source of electric energy. The objective of the atomic energy programme in the United States is twofold: (1) the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes, and (2) the use of atomic energy for defence purposes. There exists a unique tradition of cooperation between Canada and the United States. Based on similar national interests, this co-operation produces special industrial and economic interrelationships. Consequently, progress in each country toward the full benefits of the peaceful uses of atomic energy will be accelerated through an arrangement which is consistent with the co-operation existing in other areas. Accordingly, the Government of Canada and the Government of the United States of America, the parties to this Agreement, agree, as provided herein, to assist each other in the achievement of the objectives of their respective atomic energy programmes to the extent such assistance is relevant to current or projected programmes and subject to applicable laws of the respective governments and the availability of material and personnel. While for the present and for the foreseeable future priority of materials and personnel must be given to defence needs, an increasing number of opportunities exist for the development of the peaceful applications of atomic energy. It is expressly understood that the design, fabrication, disposition, or utilization of atomic weapons are outside the scope of this Agreement.

ARTICLE I—Period of Agreement

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt by the Government of Canada of a notification from the Government of the United States of America that the period of thirty days required by Section 123 (c) of the United States Atomic Energy Act of 1954 has elapsed, and it shall remain in force through July 31, 1965.

ARTICLE II—Exchange of Information

Classified and unclassified information will be exchanged between the Commission and the appropriate agencies of the Government of Canada with respect to the application of atomic energy to peaceful uses, including research and development relating thereto, and including problems of health and safety. There are set forth in this Article the specific fields in which classified information will be exchanged. The exchange of information provided for in this Article will be accomplished through the various means available, including reports, conferences and visits to facilities.