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Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission of  
the European Communities and the United States Bureau  
of Mines, Department of the Interior  
concerning sharing information in the field of mineral technology

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission of the European Communities and the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, concerning sharing information in the field of mineral technology was signed in Brussels today (January 16, 1984) covering the non-confidential exchange of information in the field of mineral technology.

The Agreement was signed by His Excellency Mr. George VEST, Ambassador of the United States of America to the European Communities and, on behalf of the Commission, by Mr. Leslie FIELDING, Director General for External Relations.

The Memorandum covers an initial period of five years with the possibility of further extensions.

This Memorandum is an addition to other cooperation in the S & T field between the Community and the United States in areas such as nuclear safety, remote sensing, the environment, solar energy and fusion.

Both the Commission and the United States Bureau of Mines currently have R & D programmes covering mineral technology. The exchange of information envisaged will in the first instance concentrate on the two areas of mining research and minerals and materials research. Further areas may be added by mutual agreement.

The cooperation will include the exchange of publications and of non-company-confidential research results, the exchange of experts, the organisation of seminars, symposia and technical workshops and when appropriate, visits to reseach laboratories and centers.

The Memorandum provides for the protection of non-proprietary information on both sides and for progress reviews by representatives from both sides to be held at least once a year.