

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding the establishment of a DESERTEC Industrial Initiative planning entity (DII) based on the DII principles

Preamble

A secure and sustainable global energy supply and efficient climate protection measures are key to securing the well-being of present and future generations. We, the signatories of this MoU, regard the DESERTEC concept as a scientifically substantiated and economically feasible way of achieving this strategic goal. Therefore, the signatories of this MoU intend to establish a planning entity in order to create a basis for putting the DESERTEC concept into practice as soon as possible. Work on the Mediterranean Solar Plan (Union for the Mediterranean) are intended to be included in this effort.

Basic principles

Our objectives are based on the DII principles, to which all future shareholders of the planning entity subscribe. To achieve these objectives, it is the intent of the companies signatory to this MoU to establish a planning entity in the form of an incorporated company. The company's task will be to clarify the technological issues and create the necessary political, socio-political and economic foundations and develop a viable implementation plan within the next three years. The DII is expected to network closely with the scientific community, non-government organisations (NGOs) and government organisations (GOs). The DESERTEC Foundation will play a central role in this respect.

Shareholders

All signatories of the MoU intend to become DII shareholders. It is envisaged that other companies will join the DII once the company has been established. The aim is for the DII to include interested companies from a variety of different countries.

Legal form

The DII is intended to be established at the latest by 31 October 2009 in consultation with the DESERTEC Foundation and the founding shareholders. The entity is intended to be organised as a GmbH (limited liability company) under German law.

Financing

The DII shall be financed from contributions made by the participating companies. Additional funds may be raised from public sources.

Other agreements

The specific organisational structure of the DII, the amount of the shareholders' contributions, and the conditions governing such contributions will be defined in due course. The details of cooperation will be worked out by deep consultations between Munich Re and the DESERTEC Foundation within the next few weeks, and agreed with the other original signatories.

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