SISTER CITIES

AGREEMENT,

concluded by and between

THE STATUTORY CITY OF OSTRAVA

With the site: Prokešovo square 8, 729 30 Ostrava,

Czech Republic

Represented by: Ing. Petr Kajnar, Mayor of the Statutory City of Ostrava

Company identification number: 00845451

and

THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT

With the site: 505 Travis Street, Suite 200, Shreveport, LA 71101, USA

Louisiana, United States of America

Represented by: Mr. Cedric B. Glover, Mayor of the City of Shreveport

Company identification number (IFU):

(Further "Parties of the Agreement")

Article I.

In view of the possibility to create partnerships based on free will and equality and confident that friendship between both cities and their people is guaranteed by a wide variety of links in political, economic and cultural life as well as by individual contacts, both parties conclude this Sister Cities Agreement with the consent of the Assembly of the City of Ostrava and the City Council of Shreveport.

Article II.

- 1. Both parties declare their intention to commence a long-term cooperation with the aim of providing mutual support to economic, social and cultural development. This cooperation shall apply especially to sharing information, knowledge and experience in the following areas:
- Encouraging and publication of existing exchange contacts between Shreveport and Ostrava,
- Support and promote the development of new social, economic, academic and community programs to encourage citizens of both cities to share their experience and learn from each other,
- Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) exchanges,
- Conduit of information leading to improvement of operation of the cities' various government agencies,
- Identification of common themes that can generate new initiatives in financial, social and cultural relationships between the cities,
- Promotion of key priorities relevant to both Shreveport and Ostrava,
- Support of programs that advance the aims of this Sister cities Agreement,

- Exchange of information, recommendations and experience regarding civil-military relations, as the City of Shreveport is located near an air force base that organizes an annual air show and the City of Ostrava supports the NATO Days in Ostrava and Czech Air Force Days show.

Article III.

- 1. Both Parties take into account that this Agreement sums up all possibilities of cooperation. Particular activities will be then adjusted and a separate contract shall be drawn up for each joint project.
- 2. Each Party is individually responsible for its financial costs resulting from abovementioned activities.
- 3. Both Parties shall seek additional sources of funding for joint projects.
- 4. Both Parties shall inform the general public about their activities within this Agreement.
- 5. When implementing this Agreement, both Parties shall act in full conformity with the legislation in their countries.

Article IV.

- 1. This Agreement enters into force on the day of its signature by both Parties to the Agreement.
- 2. This Agreement is produced in the Czech language (two originals) and the English language (two originals); each party obtains one original in each language.
- 3. This Agreement and its enforcement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana (without regard to its choice of law principles).
- 4. Each Party of the Agreement is entitled to terminate it for any reason or no reason at all on the basis of written notice submitted to the other party. The period of notice is one month and begins on the first day of the month following the month when the no tice was submitted to the other Party of the Agreement.
- 5. The validity of this legal act for the Statutory City of Ostrava ensues from Section 41, Act No. 128/2000 Sb. (the Act on Municipalities):
 The Statutory City of Ostrava is entitled to conclude this Agreement on the basis of consent granted by the City Assembly in Resolution No. ... of...
- 6. The validity of this legal act for City of Shreveport ensues from the Charter of the City of Shreveport, 1978, and Resolution No. __ of 2013 of the City Council of the City of Shreveport.

In Ostrava on	in Shreveport on
Ing. Petr Kajnar	Cedric B. Glover
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Mayor	Mayor
Statutory City of Ostrava	Shreveport, Louisiana