



**International Cooperation Agreement
for the project**

No. TQ26000083 / NSTC 114WFA0912113

**AI-assisted Optimization of Thermochemical Processes for
Resource Recovery from Waste**

(hereinafter „Project“) – Sigma Programme

Article 1

Parties of the agreement

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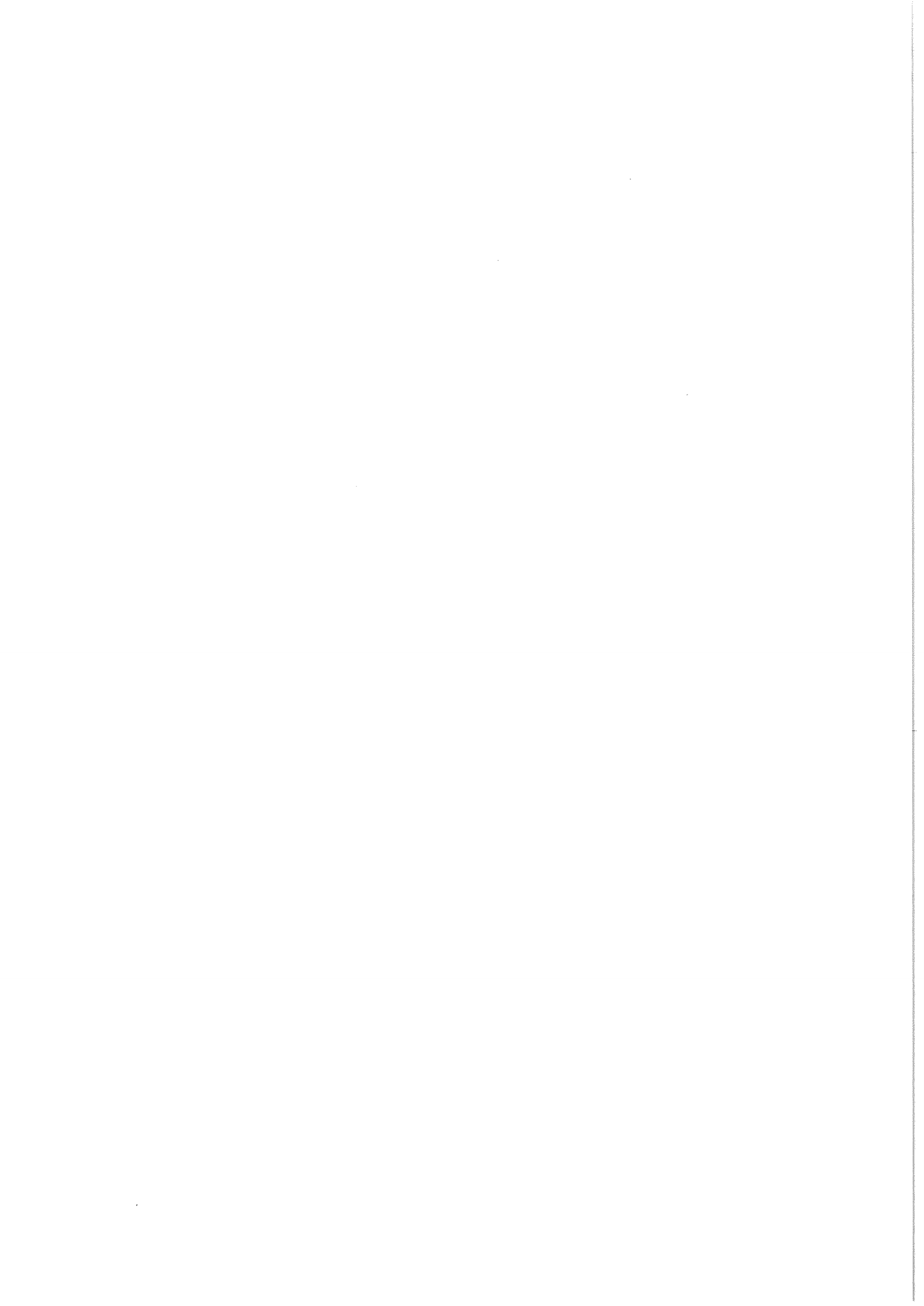
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Article 2

Subject of the cooperation agreement

1. The subject of this Cooperation Agreement is the mutual collaboration of the Parties in the preparation, implementation, and execution of the international research and development project entitled “AI-assisted Optimization of Thermochemical Processes for Resource Recovery from Waste” - in the project no. **TQ26000083 / NSTC 114WFA0912113** with its acronym AI-WASTE (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”) which was approved for co-financing by the Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (hereinafter TACR) in the frame of the Sigma Programme - for the Parties from the Czech Republic, and by the National Science and Technology Council (hereinafter NSTC) - for the Parties from Taiwan.
2. The Project focuses on applied research and experimental development in the field of waste-to-energy and waste-to-material technologies, with particular emphasis on the optimization of thermochemical conversion processes, including pyrolysis, gasification, combustion, and related hybrid technologies, using advanced artificial intelligence (AI)-assisted predictive and control models.
3. The Project has duration of 36 months - from 01/2026 to 12/2028.
4. The Parties shall carry out the Project and their respective tasks under the Project in accordance with the conditions set by the providers of the financial support (TACR and NSTC) with whom the Parties are obliged to sign a contract.

Article 3

Plan of activities

1. The Parties are hereby committing to perform activities in compliance with the Project & Schedule description set in the Common Proposal which was an integral part of the approved project proposal.

2. Detailed division of works and activities among the Parties, including project outputs, is specified in Annex 1 – Project schedule.
3. Parties undertake to make all necessary efforts to fulfil the purpose, goal and result of the project stated in Article II of this Agreement. Failure to achieve the purpose, goal and result of the project referred to in Article II of this Agreement can only be justified by the fulfilment of circumstances generally recognized and defined as force majeure.

Article 4

Intellectual property rights

1. Any patents, copyrights, trade secret, trademark and other intellectual properties existing prior to the Project (hereinafter “Background IP”) shall belong to the party that owned such rights prior to the project. All Parties agree that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to grant either party any license with respect to the other’s Background IP.
2. Excluding each Parties’ Background IP, Contract parties agreed that future intellectual property created by fulfilling tasks within the project (hereinafter “intellectual property”) is always property of a side the employees of which created this intellectual property.
3. If the intellectual property is created by fulfilling tasks within the project provably in cooperation of employees of more sides, relevant details of intellectual property shall be determined by all Parties separately and set forth in a separate written formal agreement.
4. The Parties hereby acknowledge and agree that Henry Gas a.s. (Coordinator – CZ), shall be recognized as the main industrial implementer of the Project results, particularly with respect to applied research outputs intended for industrial, technological, and commercial utilization, including but not limited to:
 - development, construction, testing, scaling-up, and operation of technological units and systems,
 - industrial and commercial utilization of solid recovered fuels, alternative fuels, and related products,
 - integration of Project results into waste-to-energy and waste-to-material technological solutions,
 - commercialization of such solutions towards third parties.
 - This recognition shall not limit the academic, research, or non-commercial use of the Project results by the other Parties in accordance with this Agreement.
5. With respect to any intellectual property created within the Project jointly by employees of Parties from the Czech Republic and Taiwan, or solely by Parties from Taiwan and intended for industrial or commercial application, the Parties agree as follows:
 - The relevant owner(s) of such intellectual property shall grant Henry Gas a.s. a priority right to obtain a license for industrial and commercial exploitation within the European Union.
 - Upon request by Henry Gas a.s., such license shall be granted as an exclusive, royalty-free, territorially limited license for the European Union, unless the Parties agree otherwise in writing.
 - The license under this Article shall include the right to:
 - use, further develop, and adapt the intellectual property for industrial purposes,
 - integrate it into technological systems and solutions,
 - grant sublicenses to third parties for implementation and commercialization purposes.
 - The grant of such license shall be executed in compliance with applicable rules on public funding, state aid, and the contractual obligations towards TACR and NSTC.

- Academic, research, and non-commercial use of the intellectual property by the Taiwan Parties shall remain unaffected.

Article 5

Confidentiality

1. All information related to the solution of the project and the results of the project are considered confidential, except for information provided to the Information System of research, experimental development and innovation or information that the providers of the financial support (TACR, NSTC) are obliged to provide to other state administration bodies, judicial authorities, or authorities active in criminal proceedings.
2. The Parties shall ensure the confidentiality of all confidential information and, if it has been transferred to a third party under the Agreement, shall ensure that such third parties maintain the confidentiality of such information provided to them as confidential and use it only for the purposes for which they were handed over.
3. The Parties agree that scientific publications, registered as Project outputs, will be released from the obligation to maintain confidentiality, if the included information does not endanger other outputs' intellectual property rights registration. Mutual agreement on the included content within the publication must be met.
4. The parties are released from the obligation to maintain confidentiality,
 - a) if the content of the information provided to them as confidential becomes publicly accessible, based on other activities, even carried out outside the scope of the Agreement or based on measures not related to the solution of the project, or
 - b) if the requirement to maintain confidentiality has been revoked by those for whose benefit this obligation was established.

Article 6

Other clauses

1. If dissemination of knowledge does not adversely affect its protection or use and subject to legitimate interests, the Parties shall ensure further dissemination of their own knowledge as provided under this Agreement.

Article 7

Final clauses

1. The Parties are aware that they are not eligible to hand over rights and duties according to this contract to any third person without previous written consent of all other contract parties.
2. The Parties from the Czech Republic are not responsible in any case for handling or on the contrary inactivity of the Parties from Taiwan and for results of the project phases solved by them. The parties from Taiwan are not responsible in any case for handling or on the contrary inactivity of the Parties from the Czech Republic and for results of the project phases solved by them. In case of dispute between the Parties from the Czech Republic and Taiwan, the relevant Parties will effort to its solution by negotiations with target to reach consensus. If the consensus will not be reached by 3 months from dispute appearance at the latest, eventually if the negotiations for solution of the dispute will not be commenced within this time, the dispute will be solved by three appointed arbitrators with English

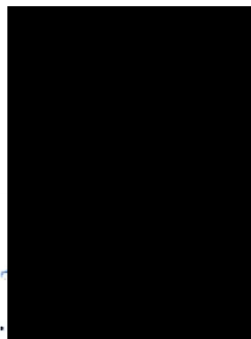
language under the jurisdiction of International Court of Arbitration in a third country, the final decision of which the Parties are binding themselves to respect.

3. It is possible to change the Agreement only by written amendments signed by all Parties.
4. The Agreement is concluded for terminated period – for the period approved by providers of the financial support (TACR and NSTC) for solution of the Project.
5. The Agreement shall be executed in five (5) originals, always one for each of the Parties. The electronic version will be forwarded to TACR via the data box of the Coordinator – CZ.
6. The contracting parties agree to the publication of the full text of this Agreement in the register of contracts in accordance with Act No. 340/2015 Coll., on special conditions for the effectiveness of certain contracts, publication of these contracts and on the register of contracts (Act on the Register of Contracts) in the Czech Republic. Publication of the Agreement through the register of contracts will be ensured by the Participant 1 - CZ.
7. The Parties are declaring that this Agreement is expression of their right and free will and is not concluded in strait and disadvantageous conditions. For testimony of that they are adding their signatures.

Signature sheets

In Prague on

Coordinator - CZ
Henry Gas, a.s.



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Ondřej Douša, Chairman of the board of directors

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In Ostrava on 20-02-2026

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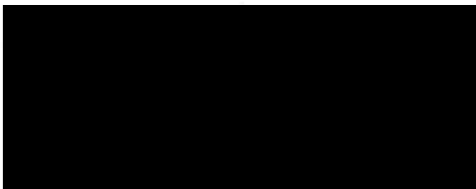
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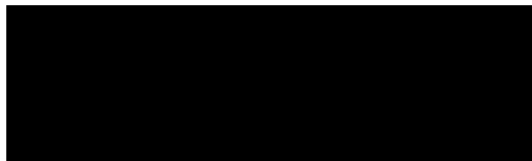
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