

COALITION PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY ORDER NUMBER 24**MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Pursuant to my authority as Administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), and under the laws and usages of war, and consistent with relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions, including Resolution 1483 (2003),

Recognizing that Iraq possesses a large, well-trained engineering and technical work force fully capable of advancing scientific research and development initiatives to support the reconstruction and economic development of Iraq,

Recalling that Iraq's scientific expertise was employed in a manner inconsistent with accepted notions of scientific development and for purposes directed by the former regime,

Understanding that redirecting the efforts of Iraq's scientific and technical research efforts away from weapons development is necessary to transform and modernize Iraq's industrial base in support of the continued economic development of Iraq,

I hereby promulgate the following:

Section 1**Dissolution of the Ministry of Atomic Energy**

In accordance with CPA Order No. 2, Dissolution of Entities (23 May 2003), the Ministry of Atomic Energy is hereby dissolved. Employees and assets of the Ministry of Atomic Energy shall be transferred to the Ministry of Science and Technology established hereunder.

Section 2**Establishment of the Ministry of Science and Technology**

There is hereby established the Ministry of Science and Technology as a ministerial level agency that shall identify, research and develop projects designed to restore and improve Iraq's infrastructure and industrial base.

Section 3 Purpose

The Ministry of Science and Technology will work with public and private industry, governmental agencies, and educational institutions to lead scientific and technological development for the purpose of fostering the restoration and improvement of Iraq's infrastructure and industrial base.

Section 4 Organization

The Ministry of Science and Technology shall be organized by centers of thought. These centers include:

- 1) Fossil Fuel/Solar Energy Research and Development Center. This Center will focus on the development of new technologies to maximize the potential of current fossil fuel production and to research alternative energy sources.
- 2) Environmental Protection Center. This Center will focus on standards and compliance measures to address radiation, air quality, hazardous materials, water management, and pollution prevention.
- 3) Information and Electronics Technology Center. This Center will focus on research and technology to foster business productivity. The functional areas will include hardware and software, process engineering, and electronic devices.
- 4) Agriculture and Food Technology Center. This Center will focus on the redirection and refurbishment of the agriculture and food production capabilities of Iraq. The functional areas will include natural pesticides, improved seed stocks, processed foods, and hydroponics.
- 5) Materials and Chemistry Center. This Center will focus on supporting the emerging sectors by nurturing the development of material technologies. The functional areas will include plastics, ceramics and glass, metals, and building technology.
- 6) Industrial Development Center. This center will investigate potential solutions and processes that require the study of available raw materials and the commercial viability of supporting technologies. This includes the use of licensing agreements and outside experts and partners.

Section 5
Entry into Force

This Order shall enter into force on the date of signature.

 8/24/03

L. Paul Bremer, Administrator
Coalition Provisional Authority