**LOAN AGREEMENT**

The *Museo Nazionale dell’Antartide* - Earth Science Section of Siena (MNA-Siena) is acting in the name and on behalf of the Italian National Scientific Committee (PNRA) to manage the Antarctic rock samples collected during the Italian Antarctic Expedition. The person who is requesting an Antarctic rock sample and who is signing the Sample Request Form will be hereafter referred as the Beneficiary.

By signing the MNA Sample Request Form, the Beneficiary undertakes to respect the following clauses.

1. The MNA-Siena agrees to lend the sample to the Beneficiary for a limited time and to authorise it to use the sample for its exclusive internal research use purposes, such as described in the Sample Request Form hereinafter. All other use, including that for commercial purposes and even free of charge, is excluded. This loan is personal, unassignable and non-transferable.
2. The Beneficiary agrees, in particular, not to transfer or provide the sample to third parties and guarantees the MNA-Siena that its colleagues and any other person associated with the Beneficiary shall respect the obligations of the present article.
3. No rights are granted to the Beneficiary or implied by the present agreement to sell, rent or transfer the sample to third parties.
4. The Beneficiary agrees to return the sample within the fixed time. If the analyses lead the destruction of the sample, this must be mentioned before; no return will be asked in this case.
5. Notwithstanding the article 4 hereinbefore, the Beneficiary has the possibility to obtain an extension of the loan by justified written request to the Director of the *Museo Nazionale dell’Antartide* - Earth Science Section of Siena (Dr. Rosaria Palmeri, rosaria.palmeri@unisi.it).
6. The present loan of the sample is free of charge. However, the Beneficiary agrees to pay all costs for the return of the sample.
7. The Beneficiary agrees to acknowledge the PNRA and MNA-Siena for the loan of the sample in any publications. The Beneficiary agrees to send a copy of any publication in which data obtained from the loaned sample is used. Copy of the publications must be sent to the MNA-Siena (rosaria.palmeri@unisi.it).

**MNA - ANTARCTIC ROCK SAMPLE REQUEST FORM INSTRUCTIONS**

Please address your application to the Director of the *Museo Nazionale dell’Antartide* - Earth Science Section of Siena Dr. Rosaria Palmeri (rosaria.palmeri@unisi.it) if you have a PNRA project approved. If not, please address your application to the President of the Italian National Scientific Committee (presidente@csna.it), to the President of the *Museo Nazionale dell’Antartide* (riccica@unisi.it) and to the Director of the *Museo Nazionale dell’Antartide* - Earth Science Section of Siena (rosaria.palmeri@unisi.it).

**Explanation**

Name of requester: person responsible for the samples. If the requester is a student, he/she should obtain the signature of his/her advisor, which will become responsible for the secure handling of the samples.

Rock code: the list of Antarctic rock samples house at the MNA-Siena is available at the following web site:

http://www.mna.it/collezioni/catalogo-rocce-sede-di-siena

Form: thin section, fragment, slice.

Minimum mass/size: minimum amount of sample requested to complete the research.

Remarks and notes: include any other useful information.

Title of research, PNRA project code and PI name (if concerning an approved PNRA project): information about approved PNRA project.

Description of the project: 20 lines as maximum.

Analytical methodology, effects on samples and collaborators/laboratories: indicate the instrumental methods to be used, if they are destructive, partially destructive or altering the samples, and the involved collaborators/laboratories.

*Acknowledgment: This form is largely based on the form used by the NASA Antarctic Meteorite Sample Request Form (http://curator.jsc.nasa.gov/antmet/index.cfm) and the ISAR Sample Request Form (http://isar.cnrs-orleans.fr/isar/page-lending-system-3.html).*

**MNA - ANTARCTIC ROCK SAMPLE REQUEST FORM**

Name of person

requesting samples \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Professional title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Title of research, PNRA project code and PI name (if concerning an approved PNRA project)

Purpose of study

Analytical methodology, effects on samples and collaborators/laboratories

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Duration of the research

Duration of loan desired

Certification of research advisor (required only when requester is a student)

I certify that the student submitting this request has access to the laboratories required to complete the research.

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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The PNRA and MNA-Siena will be acknowledged for the loan of the rock samples when the results are published.