



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**INSTITUTION OF INCORPORATED ENGINEERS
SRI LANKA**

AND

**INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING SURVEYORS
UNITED KINGDOM**

14 March 2009

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES) represents and encourages surveying within the civil engineering and geospatial industries in the United Kingdom and overseas. The Institution of Incorporated Engineers Sri Lanka (IIESL) is the leading professional body for practicing engineers and technologists in Sri Lanka and overseas.
- 1.2 Representatives of the IIESL and the ICES held informal discussions since 2007 on matters of mutual interest. It emerged from the discussions that there were a number of areas of common interest between the two organizations and in particular, the opportunity for joined professional development programs and reciprocal membership arrangements.
- 1.3 Executive councils of ICES and IIESL carried out a competency requirement mapping exercise on both institutions' membership suitability assessment criterion. It was reported to their respective councils that there are significant similarities in the competency standards required in General Skill areas and Cost Engineering, Quantity Surveying and Project Management disciplines in areas of Commercial Management.
- 1.4 The ICES is regarded as a natural home for Civil Engineering Surveyors working in the UK as many of its aims, objectives and values are similar to those of the IIESL. Likewise the IIESL is seen as a logical point of contact for ICES members working in Sri Lanka and the middle east as part of their overseas experience.
- 1.5 To further develop the relationship between the two organizations and to assist with the professional development of their members, the IIESL and ICES have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

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2 MOU OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the MOU are to:

- 2.1 Promote good relations between the two organizations.
- 2.2 Promote greater awareness of the surveying profession in each country.
- 2.3 Define the modalities for initial process of reciprocal membership awarding and the process of future review.
- 2.4 Provide general opportunities for appropriate joint ventures benefiting both organizations.
- 2.5 Encourage and assist in development of joint policies, procedures and standards where appropriate.
- 2.6 Create easy and effective communication channels between the two countries – accessible to all members.
- 2.7 Promote activities of the MOU to members of both organizations.

3 RECIPROCAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDING

Under this MOU applications from Corporate Members of the IIESL will be invited to apply for full Membership of the ICES and vice versa via the following procedure:

- 3.1 Self certification against the ICES (or IIESL) competencies: This may include the general competency requirements and at least one field of specialization in their respective membership disciplines. i.e. no signatures are required for applications.
- 3.2 Detailed Curriculum Vitae.
- 3.3 Two years Continuing Professional Development records.
- 3.4 Since they are members of one of the professional bodies there is no need for submission of an experience report.
- 3.5 Applications once certified by their respective institutions would be sent to the other institution for review and consideration for membership award.
- 3.6 Suitable applicants will be invited for a Review Interview.



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- 3.7 The interviews for members of IIESL who seek membership in ICES can be conducted in Dubai with immediate effect, but no Review centre exists at the moment in Sri Lanka. However, ICES would seek to address this problem if there is a take-up of interest from IIESL Members to apply for ICES membership.
- 3.8 Respective membership fee as applicable at the time of the interview will be payable by successful applicants and payments will be handled by IIESL or ICES.
- 3.9 Only applications from Corporate Members category for the Corporate Membership category in the other organization is considered in this MOU. Applications to Fellow were not discussed at this stage.

4 ACCESS TO ORGANIZATIONS BY MEMBERS

As part of the MOU, the IIESL and ICES will explore mechanisms whereby members can gain access to the membership benefits of the other organisation whilst they are resident in either country. This may involve social networking, participation in CPD events and exchange of information.

5 REVIEW OF CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT

At yearly intervals and before October 1 of each year the MOU will be reviewed by both parties to ensure it continues to meet their needs and to explore possible avenues for further development.

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