GEOPROFESSIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

and the

CANADIAN GEOTECHNICAL SOCIETY

Memorandum of Understanding

In recognition of our common and complementary purposes and shared interests, the Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA) and the Canadian Geotechnical Society (CGS) agree to formalize their relationship in advancing their mutual interests in confronting risk, optimizing performance and promoting the value of the geoprofessions, particularly environmental and engineering geologists through this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

We are committed to work together toward the following goals:

- Encourage continuing dialogue to identify mutual interests and collaboration opportunities between GBA and CGS at the national, state/provincial, and local levels to advance engineering, science, continuing education, and public understanding of the geoprofessions.
- Seek to collaborate and understand the needs of both organizations to act in mutually supportive ways to efficiently serve the needs of our mutual customers. Seek to engage our boards in active discussions if and when differences arise and work together to amicably resolve those differences.
- Collaborate in areas of mutual interest that will benefit both organizations and the geoprofessions.
- Encourage our memberships to be actively involved in each other's organization and conferences to efficiently seek technical-focused content from the CGS and business-focused content from GBA.
- Seek to leverage the distribution channels of each other's organization to efficiently provide services to our mutual customers.
- Seek to provide services and content to each other's organization using deliverables that are in accordance with the receiving organization's needs.
- To provide better interaction and improved communication, each organization shall provide one free registration for a staff member to attend the other's annual meeting (the annual CGS conference and the Spring GBA conference). Incidental expenses (hotel, meals, flights) will not be provided.

It is understood that this MOU is conceived as a living, aspirational document, meant to change as circumstances and priorities warrant. It is a beginning point for collaboration between GBA and the CGS.

Neither party is authorized by the other under this MOU to act on behalf of or in the name of the other party. Neither party shall have the authority to bind the other in contract, debt or otherwise. The parties are and shall remain separate entities, and no partnership, joint venture or agency relationship shall be created under this MOU.

Any and all uses of a party's confidential or proprietary information, materials, or property, specifically including intellectual property, shall be subject to advance review and approval by the party.

It is also agreed that this MOU will be instituted for an indefinite period and may be terminated by written notice from either party at any time. Further, any changes to the MOU shall be in writing and signed by both parties.

Executed this 2nd day of October 2023.

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