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Report to: **Council for Decision**

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Subject: APEGBC – The Association of Mineral Exploration of British Columbia (AME BC)
Memorandum of Understanding

Linkage to Strategic Plan: Establish a common level of expectation among stakeholders regarding the practice of the professions in the public's interest.

Background

A large number of APEGBC members work in the mineral exploration industry, specifically a large number of geoscientists. In order to better engage this community, a Memorandum of Understanding between APEGBC and the Association of Mineral Exploration of British Columbia was proposed.

The original APEGBC – ACEC-BC Memorandum of Understanding was used as a template to form the APEGBC – AME BC MOU. On March 18th Peter Mitchell, John Clague and Lindsay Steele met with AME BC representatives Kendra Johnston, Rick Conte and Simone Hill to discuss the possibility of an MOU. The AME BC representatives agreed that an MOU between the two organizations would be very beneficial. The MOU was presented to the AME BC Board of Directors on April 28th and was approved.

The MOU was presented to the Geoscience Committee on May 21st for support, the following motion was made:

MOTION: *It was moved, seconded (Anglin, Hickin) and carried that the Geoscience Committee expresses support for the spirit of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Mineral Exploration of British Columbia (AME BC) and that it be presented to Council for consideration of any legal implications that it might have compared to pre-existing memorandums that APEGBC has with other groups.*

Discussion

There are a number of areas where AME BC and APEGBC's interests overlap. In these areas it is helpful to have a previously agreed to memorandum of understanding. It will also display that APEGBC is reaching out to the geoscience community, many of whom feel that APEGBC has typically focused on the engineering community.

Recommendation

MOTION: **That the APEGBC – AME BC Memorandum of Understanding be approved.**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia
and
The Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia

Whereas:

- A. The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (APEGBC) is, under the authority of the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*, the governing body for the practice of professional engineering and professional geoscience in British Columbia, and as a professional association, APEGBC has a fundamental interest and duty to encourage its members to act in the public interest in all professional matters.
- B. The Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia (AME BC) is an apolitical, non-government, non-profit industry association governed by bylaws adopted by the members of AME BC on January 23, 2012. AME BC represents, advocates, protects and promotes the interests of its members who are engaged in mineral exploration and development in BC and throughout the world.
- C. Many of the members of AME BC are registered as Professional Geoscientists or Professional Engineers with APEGBC.
- D. Both APEGBC and AME BC favour the development of a close working relationship in the interests of promoting world-class standards of mineral exploration and development excellence.
- E. A cooperative relationship is in the mutual best interest of APEGBC and AME BC.

Therefore APEGBC and AME BC agree to:

- 1. Cooperate to increase the prestige and esteem of professional geoscience and engineering generally, and as it specifically relates to mineral exploration and development.
- 2. Seek grounds on which to cooperate with each other in relations with governments, other professional associations and entities, and the public, to express a unified position on matters pertaining to the practice of geoscience and engineering.
- 3. Maintain an open dialogue on issues of concern while identifying any differences that may arise, seek to identify an approach which is compatible with each organization's mandate and obligations.
- 4. Assist each other in consultative and operational matters generally, and in accordance with the following terms:
 - a. Representatives of APEGBC and AME BC will attend regular consultation meetings (a minimum of twice per year).
 - b. AME BC will consult with APEGBC on professional practice matters pertaining to the mineral exploration and development industry, and APEGBC will provide such advice and assistance to AME BC as is necessary.

- c. As key providers of continuing education to the geoscience community in British Columbia, APEGBC and AME BC will seek opportunities to work together on continuing education initiatives to the benefit of AME BC, APEGBC and the geoscience and engineering community.

APEGBC and AME BC are subject to the British Columbia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will act according to this Act to protect personal information where required.

This agreement is open-ended and will be reviewed every three years by APEGBC and AME BC.

Signed in Vancouver, British Columbia this ____ day of _____, 2015

On behalf of APEGBC

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