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Memorandum of Understanding

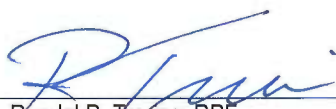
This agreement dated for reference the 23 day of Feb., 2006 between The Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia.

Whereas the parties recognize each other as honoured and learned professions of equal merit whose close cooperation is essential to the proper protection of the public interest and to ensure that the special knowledge, skills and training of each profession are properly available to the public, it is therefore agreed that:

1. Professional Foresters shall confine their activities to the practice of professional forestry as defined in the *Foresters Act*.
2. Registered Forest Technologists shall confine their activities to the scope of practice authorized by the *Foresters Act*, ABCFP Bylaws and policies as established by the ABCFP Council.
3. Special Permit holders shall confine their activities to the scope of practice authorized by Council under the *Foresters Act*, ABCFP Bylaws and policies as established by the ABCFP Council.
4. Professional Engineers shall confine their activities to the practice of professional engineering as defined in the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*.
5. Professional Geoscientists shall confine their activities to the practice of professional geoscience as defined in the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*.
6. Licensees shall confine their activities to the scope of practice authorized by Council under the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act* and Bylaws.
7. It is recognized these aforementioned legislated areas of practice overlap to a certain extent.
8. A Joint Practice Board (JPB) shall be established by and be accountable to the [?] councils of both associations to bring forward recommendations regarding the following matters:
 - a. Changes to this Memorandum of Understanding.
 - b. Creation of Terms of Reference for the JPB consistent with this Memorandum of Understanding;
 - c. Clarification of the roles of persons acting under the *Foresters Act* and the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act* in areas of overlapping practice in forest resource development.
 - d. Identification and prioritization of member guidance needs relative to areas of overlapping practice in forest resource development and the development of guidance products (including guidelines and articles) to address those needs.
 - e. Identification, prioritization and promotion of professional development needs in areas of overlapping practice in forest resource development.
 - f. Identification and prioritization of communication needs in areas of overlapping practice in forest resource development.

9. Where a need for member guidance has been identified under matters listed in section 8 d, the JPB may develop guidance documents for approval by each councils.
10. The ABCFP and APEGBC Councils shall appoint an equal number of members to the JPB.
11. The ABCFP and APEGBC Councils may refer matters to the JPB for attention.
12. When developing guidance products for members, the JPB shall invite APEGBC's Division of Engineers & Geoscientists in the Forest Sector (DEGIFS) and the ABCFP's Professional Practice Committee (PPC) to appoint individuals to serve on any task force established to develop that guidance product.. The JPB may also consult with and/or appoint to task forces other experts or interested parties it deems appropriate.
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 - a. It is expected that JPB decision-making will be by consensus and that diligent efforts will be made to achieve consensus.
 - b. Approval of recommendations to the two councils shall require a clear majority from each of the respective council's representatives.
 - c. Other decisions of the JPB require a simple majority of the JPB so long as there are at least half of the representatives from each of the associations present.
 - d. JPB members opposed to a recommendation to the two councils shall be afforded the opportunity to attach a minority report to the recommendation.
 - e. If the JPB is unable to achieve approval from a clear majority of each of the associations' representatives for recommendations to council, then the matter may, with the support of 75% of the full JPB, be referred to the two councils without recommendation, for resolution by or for further direction from the Councils.
14. The ABCFP and APEGBC Executive Directors shall ensure that the JPB has appropriate staff and budgetary support.
15. Both associations will, individually and jointly, and consistent with the clarifications arising from the work of the JPB, promote the appropriate utilization of their members in relation to forest resource development activities.
16. Both associations will promote the appropriate use of professional titles as prescribed in the *Foresters Act* and the *Engineers and Geoscientists Ac.*
17. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be reviewed by both Councils within five years from the date of signature below.
18. The JPB shall stand as long as the Memorandum of Understanding remains in effect.

On behalf of the council of the Association of BC Forest Professionals:



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President

On behalf of the council of the association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC:



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