

## **MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT**

## Between

Asociación de Ingenieros Profesionales de España, (in this document abbreviated by AIPE), herewith lawfully represented by Miguel Iriberri Vega Ind Eng IPr, President of AIPE;

Koninklijk Instituut Van Ingenieurs (in this document abbreviated by KIVI), herewith lawfully represented by Micaela Vera Isaura Marianne dos Ramos MSc CEng, Chief Executive Officer and Registrar;

Hereafter together to be referred to as: 'Parties'.

## I Preamble

- 1. Considering that Parties
- subscribe to upholding standards for professional engineers, in order to uphold the quality of the engineering profession and safeguard society;
- have developed similar processes and procedures within their organisations to ensure accordingly;
- are satisfied about the quality assurance of the processes and procedures in each organisation;
  - intend to engage into a lasting and fruitful cooperation with each other.
- 2. Parties therefore wish to establish a Mutual Recognition Agreement, with the purpose to:
  - Uphold standards for the engineering profession across borders;
  - Reduce barriers between engineers and exercising the engineering profession between their respective countries;
  - Support mobility and recognition of excellent engineers in their respective jurisdiction.
  - Encourage knowledge exchange between the engineering communities in Spain and the Netherlands;
- 3. The scope of this Mutual Recognition Agreement is to regulate that professional engineers registered with one Party will upon request and abiding by regulations set by this Agreement, automatically be fully recognised and registered at an equal level by any of the other Parties.

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## **II Articles**

Parties have therefore agreed to the following:

#### Article 1.

The professional engineers referred to in this Agreement will be of the following level of qualification:

AIPE Professional Engineer (levels Expert and Senior)

KIVI Chartered Engineer

#### Article 2.

Engineers registered as Chartered Engineer and in good standing in the KIVI system, should submit their application for admission as a member of AIPE to secretaria@ingenierosprofesionales.com

- § 1 Professionals to which this article refers will be admitted to AIPE as Professional Engineer, either as level Expert or level Senior, depending upon their years of working experience and to be decided by AIPE, whilst maintaining all their professional attributes granted to them by KIVI, in accordance with the certificate issued by KIVI.
- § 2 Applicants pending admission as Professional Engineer will not be submitted to admission exams mentioned in the IPr-1000 of AIPE or any other regulation containing such requirement whilst this Agreement is in force.

## Article 3.

Engineers registered as Professional Engineer level Expert or level Senior, registered and in good standing in the AIPE system, should submit their application for admission as a member of KIVI to chartered@kivi.nl.

- § 1 Professionals to which this article refers will be admitted to KIVI as Chartered Engineer, whilst maintaining all their professional attributes granted to them by AIPE, in accordance with the certificate issued by AIPE.
- § 2 Applicants pending admission as Chartered Engineer will not be submitted to admission exams mentioned in the NL-SPEC of KIVI or any other regulation containing such requirement whilst this Agreement is in force.

## Article 4.

Application forms for registration in the AIPE system referred to in this Agreement should contain at least the following information:

- Full name
- Passport number
- KIVI registration number
- Full address as registered in KIVI system
- Professional registration certificate issued by KIVI, which expressly contains the respective professional attributes, eventual restrictions regarding the exercise of certain activities and information on professional ethics sanctions.

#### Article 5.

Application forms for registration in the KIVI system referred to in this Agreement should contain at least the following information:

- Full name
- Passport number





- AIPE registration number
- Full address as registered in AIPE system
- Professional registration certificate issued by AIPE, which expressly contains the respective professional attributes, eventual restrictions regarding the exercise of certain activities and information on professional ethics sanctions.

#### Article 6.

Applicants undertake to send their respective professional ID or certificate, valid in their country of residence, in a maximum of 30 (thirty) days following the request for registration or submission of the application, as evidence of their registration with AIPE or KIVI.

## Article 7.

The value of rates, expenses and fees as mentioned on any subject in the specific regulations of Parties, will not be affected by this Agreement.

#### Article 8.

Professional engineers referred to in this Agreement have the same rights and obligations regarding the exercise of their professional activities established by Parties in their respective jurisdictions.

## Article 9.

Parties will appoint a working committee consisting of at least one person of each organisation, that will be handling all practical issues concerning this Agreement.

#### Article 10.

Parties undertake to adapt and make available application forms for registration as well as any other required administrative measures within 60 (sixty) days following the date this Agreement is signed.

## Article 11.

International conventions or reciprocal agreements regarding arbitration by the competent court for judging disciplinary matters will be respected when applying disciplinary sanctions arising from the exercise of professional activity by professional engineers referred to in this Agreement.

## Article 12.

Difficulties or differences arising in the interpretation or application of this Agreement will be solved through direct negotiation between Parties.

## Article 13.

Parties may agree to amend this instrument. Amendments will come into force after a maximum of 60 (sixty) days following mutual approval.

## Article 14.

Any one of the Parties may denounce this Agreement, whereby it will cease to have effect 180 (one hundred and eighty) days following receipt of the notification of denunciation by the other party.

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Article 15.

This Agreement will come into force on the date the Agreement is signed, and will be valid until denounced by one of the Parties.

## **III Signing**

Two exact copies of this Agreement are issued, one for each Party.

Signed in Madrid on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017,

Asociación de Ingenieros Profesionales de España

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