

# **NORTH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF MINING AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS**

## **SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER**

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith: TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Victoria by Royal Charter dated 28th November 1876 (“the original Charter”) constituted the persons named therein a Body Politic and Corporate by the name of The North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers (“the Institute”):

And Whereas by a humble petition the Institute has represented unto Us that the grant of a Supplemental Charter adding to and amending the original Charter is desirable for the purpose of enabling the objects of the Institute to be carried out with further efficiency and to greater advantage, and has prayed that We would be graciously pleased to grant to it a Supplemental Charter accordingly.

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We, having taken the petition of the Institute into Our Royal Consideration have of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion willed and declared and by these Presents do for us, Our Heirs and Successors will and declare as follows:—

1. The original Charter (except insofar as it incorporates the Institute and confers on it perpetual succession and authorises it to have a common seal) is hereby revoked; but nothing in this revocation shall affect the validity or legality of any act deed or thing already done or executed under the original Charter.
2. The objects of the Institute shall be the prevention of accidents in mines, the advancement of the sciences of mining and the facilitation of research into all aspects of the science, art and practices of mining and engineering generally.

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3. The Institute shall have full power to take by gift or otherwise and hold, grant, demise or otherwise dispose of real or personal property and generally to do all such lawful acts and things as may be requisite in order to further its objects.
  
4. Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and to any bye-laws made under it the management and control of the Institute shall be vested in a Council to be elected from among the members and to include a President, Vice-Presidents and such other office-bearers and other members as may be provided for in bye-laws.
  
5. Subject to the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter bye-laws shall prescribe or regulate as the case may be:—
  - (a) the number of Vice-Presidents and members of the Council, and the titles of the office-bearers;
  - (b) the election of the President, the Vice Presidents, other office-bearers and members of the Council, and the filling of vacancies that may arise among the office bearers and members of the Council;
  - (c) the terms of office of members of the Council;
  - (d) the times of General Meetings and meetings of the Council;
  - (e) arrangements for convening such meetings and the procedures to be followed;
  - (f) the admission, removal or expulsion of members;
  - (g) classes and descriptions of members and, any designatory letters that may be used by members, save that no member shall be permitted to use any description including the word “Chartered” (other than a description bestowed by another body entitled to do so) unless this Our Supplemental Charter has been amended to allow for such use;
  - (g) disciplinary procedures and penalties in respect of members.
  
6. The bye-laws scheduled to this Our Supplemental Charter shall be the bye-laws of the Institute unless and until replaced, altered, added to or revoked as hereinafter provided; and shall have effect as if made and allowed under the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter, to the exclusion of all bye-laws previously made, which are hereby revoked.

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7. The Institute may by resolution at a general meeting make new bye-laws or alter, add to or revoke any of its bye-laws, provided that:—
- (a) no new bye-law, alteration, addition or revocation shall be inconsistent with the express provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter; and
  - (b) no new bye-laws, alterations, additions or revocations shall have effect until approved by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, of which approval a certificate under the hand of the Clerk of the Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.
8. The Institute may by resolution at a general meeting make alterations to this Our Supplemental Charter, and such alterations shall, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors in Council, have effect so that this Our Supplemental Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly. This provision shall apply to this Our Supplemental Charter as altered in this manner.

Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that this Our Supplemental Charter shall ever be construed benevolently and in every case most favourably to the Institute and the promotion of the objects of this Our Supplemental Charter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February in the fifty-fifth year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL

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SCHEDULE  
BYELAWS**

**I. - CONSTITUTION**

1. The North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers shall consist of Honorary Fellows, Fellows and Members, who shall be Corporate Members, together with Associate Members, Students and Associates, who shall be Non-Corporate Members.

2. The Officers of the Institute, other than the Treasurer and the Secretary, shall be elected from the Corporate Members and shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.

3. The Council shall consist of the Officers, 12 Corporate and three Non Corporate Members. Past-Presidents up to eighteen in number shall be ex-officio members of the Council, so long as they continue to be members of the Institute, but they shall be in addition to, the above named fifteen Councillors, provided always that the maximum number of members of Council permitted by the Charter shall not be increased, and that the number of Past-Presidents may be decreased by the Council in so far as in necessary for this purpose.

4. The Council may co-opt additional members or other specialists who in the opinion of the council are necessary for advising the council on specific matters. They shall not be entitled to vote. The maximum number and terms of office of such persons shall be set out in regulations made from time to time by council.

**II. – OBJECTS**

5. - The objects of the Institute are: -

To advance and promote the science and technology of Mining Engineering, and engineering generally. More especially to secure the increased safety and the improved health and well being of those employed in such industries.

To undertake and/or take part in scientific research, investigations and experiments for the purpose of securing the objects as above.

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To obtain, collect, acquire and disseminate scientific knowledge and technical information appertaining to and promoting the efficiency, safe conduct and working of the industries in question.

To advance and assist the education of persons studying the science and technology of engineering as above.

To advance and promote the science and technology of addressing the environmental and socio-economic legacies of former mining activities.

To advance and promote the study and appreciation of the history of mining, through the conservation of information previously acquired by the Institute, and by encouraging collaborative research into all aspects of mining history.

### **III. - QUALIFICATIONS OF HONORARY FELLOWS, FELLOWS, MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, STUDENTS AND ASSOCIATES.**

6. "Honorary Fellows" shall comprise Persons who in the opinion of the council distinguished themselves by their attainments, or have so contributed to the advancement of mining or other branches of technology as to be approved and be elected by the Council.

7. "Fellows" shall comprise all persons of not less than 30 years of age who in the opinion of council shall:

(a) have been so educated and trained in mining engineering or an ancillary branch thereof or in a field associated therewith as in the opinion of the Council to be fully qualified; shall hold such certificate of competency or possess such qualifications as the Council may from time to time prescribe; and shall have had at least five years experience in a responsible position, or a corporate member of a relevant body recognised by the council such as shall satisfy the Council as to his professional ability; or

(b) be a person whose position and attainments in science or technology or other related field justify in the opinion of the Council, his election as a Fellow.

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8. "Members" shall comprise of persons of not less than 25 years who in the opinion of the Council are engaged in pursuits of a character which, lead to qualification as a Fellow or are otherwise approved by the Council, and shall have passed such examinations as the Council may from time to time prescribe.

9. "Associate Members" shall comprise of persons of not less than 23 years who in the opinion of the Council must at the time of his candidature be engaged in mining engineering or an ancillary branch thereof or in a science associated therewith and shall satisfy the Council that he is in the process of qualifying as a Corporate Member or otherwise approved by the council and shall have passed such examinations as the Council may from time to time prescribe.

10. "Students" shall comprise of persons who are in the process of qualifying for the profession of mining engineering or a field related to mining. Such person may continue as a Student until he attains the age of 25 years while they continue to study.

11. "Associates" shall comprise all persons who shall be a person who desires to promote and advance the science, history, research and practice of mining and holds a position, which, in the opinion of the Council renders him eligible for Associateship.

12. Each Corporate Member may use the title of the class to which he belongs, or the appropriate abbreviation thereof as shown hereunder, and shall not use any other title or abbreviation to describe his membership of the Institute: -

Honorary Fellow	Hon FNEIMME
Fellow	FNEIMME
Member	MNEIMME

**IV. ELECTION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

13. Any person qualified and proposed to become an Honorary Fellow shall be proposed according to regulations made from time to time by council.

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14. Any member desirous of being elected to a grade of membership or of transferring to a higher grade of membership shall be proposed and elected according to regulations made from time to time by council.

15. Any person whose subscription is in arrears in whole or in part for more than three months shall be treated accordingly to regulations made from time to time by council which may allow for the members exclusion from membership at which time the bad debt shall not be expunged.

16. Every member of the institute shall at all times so order his conduct as to uphold the dignity and reputation of the profession and so safeguard the public interest in matters of safety and health and otherwise. They shall exercise their professional skill and judgement to the best of their ability, discharge their professional responsibility with integrity.

17. Disciplinary procedures to be followed in case of complaint against a member shall be set out in regulations made from time to time by Council

### **V. – SUBSCRIPTIONS**

18. The annual subscriptions of each grade of membership shall be such sums as the Institute in Council may from time to time determine. Annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance and the first subscription shall be considered due on election. Subsequent subscriptions shall fall due as set out in regulations made from time to time by council.

19. When a member in any grade in the opinion of the Council deserves special consideration for reasons of ill health, advanced age or other sufficient cause the Council may then or at any time thereafter reduce his annual subscription to such lower sum as the Council may from time to time determine.

20. Engineering Firms, Manufacturers, Companies, Charities or other Corporate Bodies may subscribe annually to the funds of the Institute, and each subscriber a sum as the Institute in Council may from time to time determine. Each Corporate Body shall be entitled to benefits set out in regulations made from time to time by council

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21. It shall be competent for the Institute to carry out the functions of an Affiliated Organisation of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IMMM) or its successor bodies and to direct from time to time that members of the Institute who are also members of the said IMMM, shall pay their subscriptions direct to the said IMMM, providing a Grant for such members of the IMMM is received annually from the IMMM.

### **VI. Election of Council & Officers**

22. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be appointed by Council and notified to each AGM. They shall be appointed and serve a term of office in accordance with regulations made from time to time by council.

23. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by Council and notified to each AGM. They shall be appointed and serve a term of office in accordance with regulations made from time to time by council.

24. Councillors shall be elected from amongst the membership and serve such terms of office according to regulations made from time to time by council

25. In case of the decease, expulsion, or resignation of any Officer or Councillor the Council, if they deem it necessary that the vacancy shall be filled shall co-opt to the next AGM

26. The Treasurer and the Secretary shall be appointed by the Council and notified to each AGM. The same person may hold both these offices.

### **VII. - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND COUNCIL**

27. The President shall take the Chair at all Meetings of the Institute, and of the Council. He shall be ex-officio a Member of all Committees.

28. In the absence of the President at any General or Council meeting it shall be the duty of the Past-President in attendance at the meeting who has most recently held the office of President to preside. If no Past-President is available one of the Vice-Presidents and if no



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Vice-President is there, the members present may elect one of their number to take the Chair.

29. At Meetings of the Council, six shall be a quorum. The minutes of the Council's proceedings shall be at all times open to the inspection of the Members.

30. The Treasurer and the Secretary shall act under the direction and control of the Council. Their duties shall be defined in regulation made from time to time by council

31. The Council may appoint Committees for the purpose of transacting any particular business, or of investigating any specific subject connected with the objects of the Institute. Such Committees shall make their report to the Council, who may act thereon, and make use thereof, as they see fit. Mechanisms and procedures for such committees shall be set out in regulations made from time to time by council. These regulations shall also contain the membership criteria and terms of reference for standing committees.

### **VIII. MEETINGS AND PUBLICATIONS OF THE INSTITUTE**

32. Ordinary General Meetings shall be held according to a programme determined by the Council as set out in regulations made from time to time by council. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in each calendar year but no more than 15 months after the previous Annual General Meeting at which the report of the Council and an abstract of the accounts of the previous year shall be presented. The retiring President shall induct the new President, who shall present his Presidential Address.

33. A Special General Meeting shall be called whenever the Council may think fit, and also on requisition to the Council, signed by ten or more Corporate Members. The business of a Special Meeting shall be confined to that specified in the notice convening it.

34. Every question, not otherwise provided for, which shall come before any General or Special Meeting, shall be decided by the majority of the votes of the corporate Members present.

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35. Members shall be entitled to introduce guests to any General Meeting. The guest shall not take part in the proceedings except by permission of the Chairman of the Meeting, nor shall they be allowed to vote. Any special condition relating to the introduction or participation of guests shall be set out in regulations made from time to time by council.

36. The Institute is not, as a body, responsible for the statements and opinions advanced in the papers, which may be read, nor in the discussions, which may take place at the meetings of the Institute.

37. The secretary shall notify all members of Council of the date, time and agenda of all Council meetings according to regulations made from time to time by council.

### **IX. - PROPERTY OF THE INSTITUTE**

38. The funds of the Institute shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, and shall be disbursed or invested by him according to the instructions of the Council, but shall be applied solely to the promotion of the objects of the Institute, and no portion thereof shall be paid directly or indirectly by way of dividend, gift, bonus, or pecuniary profit to any member of any class of the Institute, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the awarding of prizes at the discretion of the Council or the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Institute, or of payment to any member of any class of the Institute in reimbursement of expenses properly incurred by him on behalf of the Institute.

39. The premises of the Institute shall be open at times decided and published by Council.

### **X. - ALTERATION OF BYELAWS**

40. No general alteration shall be made in the Byelaws of the Institute, except at the Annual Meeting, or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose. Every such alteration shall be announced at a previous Ordinary General Meeting, and inserted in its minutes, and shall be available to the members on request at least fourteen days previous to such Annual or Special Meeting, and such Meeting shall have power to adopt any modification of such proposed alteration of the Bye-laws.

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No such alteration shall, however, come into force until it has been allowed by Her Majesty in council.