At the Court at Buckingham Palace
THE 9th DAY OF JULY 2025
PRESENT,
THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL
His Majesty has allowed amendments to the Charter of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers as set out in the Schedule to this Order.
Richard Tilbrook, CVO

Royal Charter
of
The North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers
amended by Order in Council, 9th July 2025

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.

OBJECTS
2. The Objects for which the Institute is hereby constituted are:
The advancement of education, training, research, and the promotion of high standards of professional practice and prevention of accidents, in mining, in engineering, in science, and in technology.

POWERS
3. And the Institute shall have the following powers exercisable in furtherance of its said Objects but not otherwise, namely:
(i) To arrange or assist others in arranging for meetings, educational courses, lectures, social occasions and other events for the interest of the members.
(ii) To establish, manage, promote, organise, finance and encourage the study, writing, production and distribution of books, periodicals, monographs and pamphlets and the publication, in print or electronic form, of educational courses and lectures.
(iii) To establish, manage, promote, organise, finance, equip and maintain libraries.
(iv) To promote, commission, undertake and publish research in areas useful to the Institute's Objects.
(v) To promote the formation of organisations, whether charitable or not, for the purpose of any of the Objects of the Institute and to assist such organisations as necessary in the fulfilment of their Objects.
(vi) To make provision for lectureships, bursaries, prizes and grants.
(vii) To give money for the furtherance of the Objects of the Institute.
(viii) To create, and undertake the management of, any trusts or endowments and any scholarships and exhibitions for the furtherance of the Objects of the Institute.
(ix) To support Our Government, both nationally and locally, and to co-operate with any institutions or persons having Objects, charitable or otherwise, similar to those of the Institute.

(x) To make suitable arrangements for undertaking the work of the Institute and for organising meetings of the Institute including the employment of such staff, who shall not be members of the Council of the Institute, as are necessary for the proper pursuit of the Objects and to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of salaries, pensions and any other benefits to them.
(xi) To raise funds and to invite or receive contributions from any person whatsoever by way of subscription, donation, and otherwise than through permanent trading unless undertaken through a subsidiary incorporated company.
(xii) To invest the monies of the Institute not immediately required in or upon such investments or other property or other assets as the Council may think fit.
(xiii) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire real or personal property and rights or privileges therein, and to construct, maintain and alter buildings or erections.
(xiv) To sell, let, mortgage, dispose of or turn to account all or any of the assets of the Institute.
(xv) To borrow or raise money on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit.
(xvi) To create such Byelaws subject to the approval of the Privy Council as the Council may consider necessary for the good administration of the Institute.
(xvii) To maintain, in addition to a Register of Learned Society members, a Professional Register of Fellows and Members who are also members of one or more engineering, science, or technology institutions.
(xviii) To co-operate with relevant organisations in such ways as the Institute's Council may determine from time to time.
(xix) To do all such other lawful and charitable things as are incidental to the attainment or furtherance of the said objects.

APPLICATION OF INCOME AND PROPERTY
4.
(i) The Institute may also accept the transfer of the assets, rights and liabilities of any organisation (including any contractual rights and liabilities, property and monies held on behalf of, or in trust for, such organisations by any person or body corporate or unincorporate) and on such terms as the Institute and the organisation may agree.
(ii) The income and property of the Institute shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its Objects as set forth in this Our Charter.
(iii) No portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to members of the Institute and no member of its Council shall normally be appointed to any Office of the Institute paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or in kind from the Institute.
(iv) Nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Institute: -
(a) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, Officer or employee of the Institute for any agreed services rendered to the Institute;
(b) to any member of its Council of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and to any byelaws made under it the management and control of the Institution 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 byelaws.

6.-Subject to the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter byelaws shall prescribe or regulate as the case may be:—
(a) the number of members of the Council and their terms of office,
(b) the number and titles of the office-bearers and their terms of office,
(c) arrangements for the convening of General Meetings,
(d) the admission, removal or expulsion of members;
(e) 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;

CHARTER AMENDMENT
7.
(i) The members, by a Special Resolution passed at any general meeting by not less than two-thirds of the members who are present and voting in person or electronically, may revoke, amend or add to the provisions of this Our Charter.
(ii) No such revocation, amendment or addition shall, until approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as revoked, amended or added to. This Article shall apply to this Our Charter as revoked, amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

BYELAW AMENDMENT

8.

(i) The members, by a Special Resolution passed at any general meeting by not less than two-thirds of the members who are present and voting in person or electronically, may revoke, amend or add to the Byelaws for the time being in force.

(ii) No such revocation, amendment or addition 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.

SURRENDER OF CHARTER

9.

(i) The members, by a Special Resolution passed at any general meeting by not less than two-thirds of the members who are present and voting, may determine to surrender this Our Charter, subject to the sanction of Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council and upon such terms as We or They may consider fit.

(ii) On surrender, the members may wind up or otherwise deal with the affairs of the Institute in such manner as shall be determined by such resolution or, in default of such direction, as Our Courts of law shall think expedient having due regard to the liabilities of the Institute for the time being.

(iii) If, on the winding up or dissolution of the Institute, there shall remain, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among the members or any of them but, subject to any special trusts affecting the same, shall be given and transferred to some association having Objects similar to the Objects of the Institute which shall prohibit the distribution of its income or property amongst its members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Institute by this Our Charter, such association to be determined by the member sat at or before the time of dissolution.