

CSA Staff Notice 43-308 **Professional Associations** under NI 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects

Introduction

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This Notice confirms staff's view that certain professional organizations meet the tests set out in National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (NI 43-101) for professional associations and membership designations.

As noted in subsections 1.1 (5) and 1.1 (7) of Companion Policy 43-101CP (the Companion **Policy**), Canadian securities regulatory authorities will periodically update the list of foreign professional associations and membership designations in Appendix A of the Companion Policy. Staff may communicate its interpretation of the tests in NI 43-101 as they apply to other foreign professional associations by revisions to this Notice between periodic updates of the Companion Policy.

Addition to the List of Foreign Associations and Membership Designations

After considering submissions received, in staff's view the organization identified below meets the definition of a "professional association" in NI 43-101, and the membership designation below meets the criteria in paragraph (e) of the definition of "qualified person" in NI 43-101.

Foreign Association	Membership Designation	Date of Determination
The Institution of Engineers	Chartered Professional	May 29, 2012
Australia (Engineers Australia)	Engineer (CPEng)	

This association and membership designation should be considered an addition to the list of accepted foreign associations and membership designations in Appendix A of the Companion Policy.

Issuers filing technical reports where an author holds a designation identified in this Notice should note that the author must still meet all other elements of the definition of "qualified person" in section 1.1 of NI 43-101, including the requirements for relevant education and professional experience.

Questions

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