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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SURVEYORS' INSTITUTE OF
SRI LANKA

WHEREAS an institute called and known as The Surveyors' Institute of Sri Lanka has heretofore been established for the purpose of effectually carrying out and transacting all matters connected with the said institute according to the rules agreed to by its members :

Preamble

And whereas the said Institute has heretofore successfully carried out its objects and has applied to be incorporated, and it will be for the public advantage to grant the application :

BE it therefore enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Surveyors' Institute of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. 22 of 1982.

Short title.

2. From and after the date of commencement of this Act, such and so many persons as now are corporate members of the Surveyors' Institute of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as "the Institute") or shall hereafter be admitted corporate members of the Corporation hereby constituted, (so long as they continue to be corporate members) shall be and become a body corporate with perpetual succession under the style and name of "The Surveyors' Institute of Sri Lanka" (hereinafter referred to as "the Corporation") and by that name may sue and be sued in all courts, with full power and authority to have and to use a common seal and to change and alter the same at its will and pleasure.

Incorporation of the Surveyors' Institute of Sri Lanka.

3. Membership of the Corporation shall be restricted to—

Eligibility for membership.

- (a) any person holding a licence granted by the Surveyor-General to practise as a land surveyor or as a leveller or as a surveyor and leveller ; and
- (b) any person who is for the time being in the service of the Survey Department and holding a post mentioned in paragraph 9 of Schedule A to the Surveyors Ordinance.

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4. The general objects for which the Corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be—

General
objects
of the
Corporation.

- (a) to promote and advance the science and practice of land surveying in all its branches in Sri Lanka ;
- (b) to promote and encourage professional conduct among members, to regulate professional activities and to assist in maintaining high standards in the general conduct of its members ;
- (c) to maintain correct and uniform practice and discipline among members and to take disciplinary action, when necessary ;
- (d) to provide opportunities for the acquisition and diffusion of knowledge in respect of land surveying and allied subjects; and for that purpose to establish and maintain libraries and provide other facilities ;
- (e) to establish, regulate and maintain pension and benefit schemes and other financial arrangements for its members and their dependants;
- (f) to provide means for the amicable settlement of professional differences by arbitration or otherwise and to nominate arbitrators ;
- (g) to protect and promote the interests of the members and that of the public in relation to the profession of land surveying ;
- (h) to conduct examinations qualifying for membership of the Corporation ;
- (i) to conduct examinations to assess the eligibility of candidates for admission to the various grades of membership ;
- (j) to consider, represent and express the opinion of the members of the Corporation, and to collect and circulate information relating to legislative and other measures affecting surveyors and land surveying, and to suggest amendments to any law relating to surveyors and land surveying;

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- (k) to foster co-ordination with similar professional institutes and associations in Sri Lanka and other countries in furthering the objects of the Corporation ;
- (l) generally to protect and promote the interests, welfare, rights and privileges of the land surveying profession in Sri Lanka ; and
- (m) to do all such other acts and things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them.

5. The Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute all such acts, matters, and things whatsoever, as are necessary or desirable for the promotion or furtherance of the objects of the Corporation or any one of them including the power to open, operate and close bank accounts, to borrow or raise moneys with or without security, to seek and obtain grants and other assistance from the State or any other bodies or organisations, to invest its funds, and to engage, employ and dismiss personnel required for the carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

General powers of the Corporation.

6. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall, subject to the rules in force for the time being of the Corporation, be administered by a Council consisting of the office-bearers and such other persons as may be provided for in such rules and elected or nominated in accordance therewith.

Management of the affairs of the Corporation.

(2) The first Council of the Corporation shall be the Council of the Institute holding office at the time of the coming into operation of this Act.

7. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation, from time to time, at any general meeting and by the majority of two-thirds of the members present and qualified to vote, to make rules, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, for the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects. Such rules when made may, at a like meeting and in like manner, be altered, added to, amended or rescinded.

Rules of the Corporation.

(2) The rules of the Institute in force at the time of the coming into operation of this Act shall be deemed to be rules of the Corporation made under this section and may be altered, added to, amended, rescinded or replaced by rules made under this Act.

(3) The members of the Corporation shall at all times be subject to the rules of the Corporation.

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8. Subject to the provisions of this Act and the rules for the time being in force, the Corporation shall be able and capable in law—

Power of Corporation to hold and deal with property.

(a) of acquiring by purchase, exchange, gift, devise or bequest or in any other manner, and of holding and enjoying in perpetuity or for any lesser term subject to any express trust or otherwise any property movable or immovable of any nature or kind whatsoever ;

(b) of erecting any building on any land vested in or acquired or held by the Corporation ; and

(c) of selling, granting, conveying, assigning or otherwise disposing of any of its properties.

9. The Corporation shall be able and capable in law to charge—

Power to charge fees and subscriptions.

(a) such fees, as the Corporation may deem reasonable for admission to any examination conducted by the Corporation ;

(b) fees for the election of persons to any class of membership of the Corporation ; and

(c) such subscription and fees from members of the Corporation as the Corporation may deem reasonable in respect of the services provided by the Corporation.

10. The Corporation shall have the power to appoint Disciplinary Committees and to take such other steps as may be found necessary from time to time for the control of professional standards and for the maintenance of discipline among its members.

Disciplinary Committees.

11. All debts and liabilities of the Institute existing at the time of coming into operation of this Act shall be paid by the Corporation hereby constituted, and all debts due to and subscriptions, contributions and fees payable to the Institute shall be paid to the Corporation for the purposes of this Act.

Debts due by and payable to the Institute.

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12. The seal of the Corporation shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of such number of persons as may be provided for in the rules in force for the time being who shall sign their names to the instrument in token of their presence, and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness.

How the seal of the Corporation is to be affixed.

13. No provision of this Act shall be deemed to supersede the Surveyors Ordinance.

This Act not to supersede the Surveyors Ordinance.

14. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or of any body politic or corporate, or of any other persons, except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by, from or under them.

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