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Government Notifications

THE INSTITUTE OF GEOLOGY, SRI LANKA (INCORPORATION) ACT, No. 3 OF 2014

RULES made by the Institute of Geology by virtue of the powers vested in it by section 7 of the institute of Geology, Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No.3 of 2014 .

HITIHAMI MUDIYANSELAGE RANJITH PREMASIRI,
General Secretary,
Institute of Geology, Sri Lanka.

Colombo,
1st of March, 2016.

Rules

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| 1. These Rules shall be cited as the Institute of Geology, Sri Lanka, No. 01 of 2014. | Title |
| 2.The Council shall decide the place, where the Registered Office of the Institute shall be maintained.The registered office of the Institute shall normally be situated in the District of Colombo but the Council shall reserve the power to shift the registered office to any other district in Sri Lanka, by a decision of the Council. | Registered Office |
| 3.The membership of the Institute shall consist of Corporate Members, Non-Corporate Members and Foreign Members. | Membership |
| 4. (1) Corporate Members of the Institute shall be those Members who hold the title of “Fellow” and “Members”. | Corporate Members |
| (2) Applicants seeking validation as Corporate Members shall hold- | |
| (a) a B.Sc. special degree in Geology ; or | |
| (b) a B.Sc. general degree with geoscience as a subject, Master’s (M) level (MSc or MPhil) or Doctorate (D) level in the field of geosciences awarded by a recognized | |



university or institution of higher education approved by University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka or in any cognitive subjects according to Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF) as set out in the Schedule A to these Rules.

(3) The Council will not accept applications for validation as a Corporate Member from a professional who do not hold a recognised degree or equivalent qualifications.

(4) In the event of a dispute relating to the cognate subjects, the determination of the Council shall be final.

(5) As a guide to applicants, and based on past experience of evaluating applications for validation, the Institute has set out in the Schedule to these rules, guidance concerning the relationships between first degree and post-graduation experience that has typically enabled applicants to successfully demonstrate the required competencies. This should be considered as general guidance as to the minimum relevant experience needed for eligibility to apply.

(6) A list of those candidates whom the Council has decided as eligible for admission as Corporate Member (Fellow or Member) under Section 4.2 of Rules and Regulations shall be published and circulated to all Corporate Members. After the lapse of two (2) weeks from the date of such publication, during which time the Secretary will be prepared to receive for report to the Council, communications respecting the qualifications or character of any candidate, the Council if satisfied that he is a fit and proper person to become a Fellow or a Member shall declare the candidate admitted.

(7) Every Corporate Member after admission shall if so desires, shall at the first general meeting at which the Member attends, be introduced by the President or Chairman at such meeting.

Fellows

5. Every person seeking admission as a Fellow shall :-

- (i) be more than 45 years of age;
- (ii) be a member or a person who has fulfilled the conditions and qualifications as set out in the Schedule A to these Rules, as are necessary to be admitted to the grade of "Member; and
- (iii) have either-
 - (a) a minimum of six (06) years experience in the field of Geology or a cognate subject as specified in the Schedule A to these Rules, and have rendered sufficient contribution, to the Institute for its upliftment, in a manner recognized and acceptable to the Council; or
 - (b) knowledge of Geology and has acquired such eminence in the profession, as in the opinion of the Council qualifies such person to be admitted as a Fellow.

Members

6. Every person seeking admission to the grade of Member shall :-

- (i) be more than 30 years of age; and
 - (ii) have attained such standards, requirements and has a relevant degree and education with sufficient professional training and practical experience as set out in the Schedule to these Rules;
- and

- (iii) be a person, who for the time being is a Member for three years in the grade of Associate Member of the Institute of Geology, Sri Lanka, who by virtue of such membership is entitled to be admitted to the grade of Member, by formal application and a selection procedure.

7. (1) Honorary Fellows, Associate Members, Licentiates, Students and Institutional Members shall be non-corporate members and the eligibility and other requirement for admission to these grades shall be as described in these Rules. Non-Corporate Members

(2) Non-Corporate members shall not be entitled to attend or vote at General Meetings of the Institute or to requisition or sign in requisitioning any General Meeting but shall be entitled to serve as a member of any special committee

8. (1) The Council shall have the power to admit distinguished and eminent persons as Honorary Member, provided that the persons so admitted shall not exceed three Honorary Fellows at any one time. Honorary members

(2) No person shall have the right to apply for admission to the grade of Honorary member. The Council shall consider only nominations made for the grade of Honorary member by corporate members of the Institute. The Council shall by a vote of at least two thirds of the full membership of the Council, elect persons to the grade of Honorary member.

9. Every person seeking admission to the grade of Associate Member shall :- Associate Members

- (i) have three (3) years after B.Sc. Special Degree in Geology accredited by Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF) or five (5) years after B.Sc. General Degree in geosciences accredited by Levels 3, 4 and 5 of Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF) in which one third (33%) of level 3 and 4 and 50% of level 5 of the course content is made up of geoscience or a cognate subjects and
- (ii) have sufficient training in the field of geoscience. as is determined by the Council from time to time.

10. Every person seeking admission to the grade of Licentiate Member shall- Licentiate member

- (i) have a B.Sc. Special Degree in Geology accredited by Levels 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF) or two (2) years after BSc. General Degree in geosciences accredited by Levels 3, 4 and 5 of Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF) in which one third (33%) of level 3 and 4 and 50% of level 5 of the course content is made up of geoscience subjects and
- (ii) have passed such examinations of the Institute or such other examinations as may be prescribed or approved by the Council for the purpose, on the recommendation of the Educational Committee.

11. Every person seeking admission to the grade of Student Member should be following a course of study in Geology or cognate subjects approved by the Council for the purpose, on the recommendation of the Educational Committee. Student Members

12. (1) Foreign Ordinary Members shall be Foreign Members and the qualifications and standards and competence of Foreign Members shall be as described in these Rules. Foreign Members

(2) Foreign Institutional Members in terms of Section 13, shall be Foreign Members

Institutional
Members

13. (1) The Council may, by resolution of the Council, admit any Firm, Company, Association, Body or Institution endorsing the general objects of the Institute and supporting the work of the Institute, as an Institutional Member of the Institute. They in turn shall be required to provide a Certificate of Authorization (COA) pledging to carry out relevant geoscience duties to the general public.

(2) The Council has the right to revoke the COA if the respective, Firm, Company, Association, Body or Institution, inadvertently, purposefully, or erroneously contribute to the profession of geoscience.

(3) The Council may at any time, for cause shown, declare that any Firm, Company, Association, Body or Institution admitted as an Institutional Member under the preceding paragraph, shall no longer be an Institutional Member and there upon such Firm, Company, Association, Body or Institution shall forthwith cease to be an Institutional Member.

Chartered
Geologist

14.(1) Members who are in the grades of Corporate Member (Member and Fellow) can apply for the status of Chartered Geologist and the procedure and the requirement as prescribed in the Schedule B of the application procedure. Chartered Geologist shall be entitled to take and use the style after their names, as CGeol. The Member has to submit a Professional Review Report along with the application at the time of application (Schedule C).

(2) To become eligible to apply as Chartered Geologist, the applicant should have completed at least 3 years membership as a Corporate Member.

(3) The evaluation for a Chartered Geologist is done as provided in Schedule B.

(4) Chartered Geologists will be provided with a professional seal of the Institute which he/she shall use to endorse documents, reports, statements and any other written communications. The member should place his original signature within the stamp of the seal indicating his knowledge on the documents, reports, statements and any other communication. The member is authorized to sign only such items which has been his own or thoroughly reviewed by or directly supervised by the member.

(5) A Chartered Geologist violating the sections above is deemed to go through the Admission and Ethical Practices Committee and if found guilty will face either to pay a fine or revoke the membership and the seal for a period decided by the Committee for a maximum of two years. See Schedule D of Code of ethics of the Institute.

Use of letters to
denote grades

15. (1) Members of the Institute in the following grades shall be entitled to take and use the style after their names, as mentioned below:

Chartered Geologist	-	CGeol.
Honorary Fellows	-	FIGSL (Hony.)
Fellows	-	FIGSL
Members	-	MIGSL
Associate Member	-	AMIGSL
Licentiate Member	-	LIGSL
Student member	-	no style

(2) No person or body of persons shall take or use the initials or styles “CGeol.”, “FIGSL”, “FIGSL (Hony)”, “MIGSL”, “AMIGSL” or “LIGSL”, or use the same as the name or part of the name in any personal communication, book, journal or other publication. Every Corporate Member whose name appears on the Register of Chartered Geologist is entitled to describe himself as a Chartered Geologist

and in using that description after his name shall place it before the designation of the class to which he belongs stated in accordance with the following abbreviated forms, namely CGeol., FIGSL (Sri Lanka), or CGeol., MIGSL (Sri Lanka).

16. (1) No public statements or any other sensitive statements related to geoscience shall be disclosed unless with endorsement of the Admission and Ethical Practices Committee. Thereafter, the statements could be rated either as preliminary, semi detailed and detailed assessment or confirmed results before disclosing it to the general public.

Rules governing the grades

(2) Any member who is in arrears of membership fees for a period of three years from the date on which such payment was due, shall ipso facto cease to be a Member of the Institute but such member shall be entitled to be re admitted to the same grade of his membership upon payment of the current years membership together with all arrears.

(3) Every admission or transfer to the Class of Member shall be in a form as the Council may prescribe. This proposal shall be supported by at least 2 Corporate Members, certifying that they recommend the admission of the candidate from personal knowledge of him and that his application is worthy of consideration. Such proposal shall be delivered to the Secretary who shall submit it to the Council for determination whether the candidate is suitable for admission to the Professional Review Examination in accordance with the Rules and Regulations in force.

17. (1) The Council shall have the power to expel from Membership, suspend Membership for a period, reprimand or admonish a Member who has been found guilty of misconduct or of unethical practice after due inquiry conducted by the Admission and Ethical Practices Committee and provided that at least two third of the full Membership of the Council has voted in favour of such disciplinary action(Schedule D).

Expulsion and suspension, from membership

(2) A Member or a Corporate Member under a legal liability may practice his profession with the consent of the Admission and Ethical Practices Committee. If the Member receives a prison sentence from any court of law, membership will be automatically revoked. However, it may be reinstated after a period of two years from the completion of his sentence. Any member whose membership is terminated or suspended or who has been expelled from membership shall return forthwith to the Council any certificate of membership issued to him and shall further not be entitled to use any qualifications or any styles of the Institute, unless the Council otherwise decides.

18. Every Corporate Member, every Associate Member and every Licentiate Member who has been admitted to respective membership shall receive an appropriate certificate in English, or if otherwise preferred, in Tamil or Sinhala. This certificate will remain the property of the Institute and in the event of the holder ceasing to be a Member, shall on request be returned to the Institute.

Certificates

19. (1) Membership fees shall be as follows :-

Membership Fees

- (i) Members in the grade of Chartered Geologists shall pay a sum of SLR.10,000.00 as their annual subscription.
- (ii) Members in the grade of Fellow shall pay a sum of SLR.7,500.00 as their annual subscription.
- (iii) Members in the grade of Member shall pay a sum of SLR.7,500.00 as their annual subscription.
- (iv) Members in the grade of Associate Member shall pay a sum of SLR.3,000.00 as their annual subscription.

(v) Members in the grade of Licentiates/student member shall pay a sum of SLR.2,000.00 as their annual subscription.

(vi) Honorary Fellows are not obliged to pay any subscription fee.

(vii) Foreign Ordinary Members and Foreign Industrial Members shall pay US\$ 100.00 and US\$ 2,000.00 respectively as their annual subscription.

(viii) Institutional Members shall pay a sum of SLR 20,000.00 as their annual subscription.

(2) In addition to the membership fee prescribed in sub paragraph (1) of this rule, new applicants for admission to the Institute shall pay the following Processing Fees:

Fellow	-	SLR 2,000.00
Member	-	SLR 2,000.00
Associate Member	-	SLR 1,000.00
Licentiate Member	-	SLR 1,000.00
Student Member	-	SLR 500.00

(3) Annual subscription fees for Corporate and Non-corporate Members of the Institute shall be paid on or before 30th April of preceding year.

(4) The above rates do not include any taxes or rates imposed by the Government.

(5) In the event an application for admission is not accepted for processing by the Council, the processing fee attached to the application shall be refunded to the applicant.

(6) No processing fee shall be payable by any member, other than a student member.

(7) Members, who are obliged to pay subscription fees under these rules, shall have to renew their membership for each new calendar year by paying the subscription fee before the 30th day of April of each such calendar year.

(8) Members of the Institute who forfeit their membership by; a decision of the Council, resignation or for any other reason shall not be entitled to claim a refund of any subscription, application, or transfer fee they have paid to the Institute, during their period of membership.

Membership
Register

20. The General Secretary of the Institute shall maintain a register of members giving their names, grade of membership, permanent addresses, date on which membership was granted, date on which a person ceased to be a member and any other relevant information as the General Secretary may consider necessary.

Composition of
the Council

21. (1) The Institute shall have a Council consisting of:

(i) the President (1), the Vice President (1), the General Secretary (1) the treasurer (1), the Editor (1), the Chairman of the Admission and Ethical Practices Committee (1) and the Chairman of the Educational Committee (1), all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting;

(ii) three (3) additional members all of whom shall also be elected at the Annual General Meeting; and

(iii) Past President (1) of the previous Council shall serve as Council member

(2) The President, the Vice President the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor, the Chairman of the Admission and Ethical Practices Committee and the Chairman of the Educational Committee, all of whom shall have 3 years of experience in serving Councilor any National body/ Society recognized by IGSL to be elected to the Council.

(3) The Council of the Institute holding office for the time being shall continue to function as the Council of the Institute until a new Council is constituted in accordance with these rules.

(4) All members of the Council shall serve in an honorary capacity.

(5) Council shall meet at least once in every two months and the quorum for any such meet shall be five (5) members. Notice of such Council meeting indicating the Agenda shall be provided by the Secretary in writing to every Council member at least 14 days before the date of the meeting.

(6) Council Meetings shall be convened by the General Secretary.

(7) Where any member of the Council does not attend three consecutive meetings of the Council without informing in writing the reason for such absence and such member does not attend the next meeting of the Council, even after the General Secretary has specially written to such member requesting him to attend such meeting, he shall be deemed to have vacated his membership in the Council.

(8) Any person who the President considers should serve the Council in an ad hoc manner in view of his eminence in the geosciences and related fields, may be invited by the President to participate in meetings of the Council. Such person shall have the restricted rights to participate in the activities of the Council and shall not have the right to vote.

(9) With the consent of the President such ad hoc member could participate in meetings through the electronic media from any part of the world as and when the necessity arises.

(10) All members except President and Secretary of the Council shall serve for one year in the first instance. As decided by the majority of the general body, others may be eligible for re-election for the same position for a further period of two years only. The President shall not be eligible for re-election after serving for three years.

(11) Candidates for election to the council must be proposed and seconded by voting members at the Annual General Meeting.

(12) Any Member may tender his/her resignation from the Council by writing to the President, and such resignation shall not be operative until it is accepted by the Council at one of its meeting. The President may tender his resignation to the Secretary. (Vice President of the Council shall be responsible for continuation in the following year of work initiated for the current year

(13) The Council shall be empowered to co-opt members to fill vacancies in the Committee or to act for elected officials who are temporarily not available.

(14) The Council shall submit an Annual Report of the Institute and a duly audited financial statement to the Annual General Meeting

22. (1) The administration and management of the affairs of the Institute shall be vested in the Council. Powers of the Council

(2) The Council shall have the authority to exercise all its powers to carry out the following duties and responsibilities-

- (i) the appointment, allocation of duties, suspension and dismissal of employees of the Institute;
- (ii) specify such duties of various Committees of the Institute as are mentioned in these rules, delegation of powers to such Committees as are necessary and the withdrawal of such powers;
- (iii) decide on the recommendations made to the Council by such Committees, in the exercise of the powers delegated to such Committees by the Council;
- (iv) invite persons not being members of the Council to serve in such Committees;
- (v) the filling of vacancies that may arise in the Council or in any Committee appointed under these rules;
- (vi) appointment of qualified auditors to examine accounts of the Institute and present their duly audited and certified Annual Statement of Accounts at the Annual General Meeting and to other Government Institutions;
- (vii) organizing and giving of instructions to office-bearers in regard to implementation of programs, in accordance with the objects of the Institute;
- (viii) interpretation and clarification of the Institute's rules and regulations and deciding on matters provided for in the rules and regulations;
- (ix) when amendments, revisions or deletions of the rules and regulations are necessary, the determination on such matters and presenting them for approval at a General Meeting.
- (x) decide on the dates, times and venues for the holding of Annual General Meetings, special General Meetings and General Meetings;
- (xi) establishment, control and maintenance of the registered office of the Institute;
- (xii) organization of lectures, talks, seminars and conferences both at international and national level;
- (xiii) printing and publishing of books, magazines and other literature on geology and allied subjects; and
- (xiv) generally do all other things which in the opinion of the Council are necessary or conducive or incidental to, the attainment of the objects of the Institute;

The President

23.(1) The President shall:

- (i) preside at all meetings of the Council, the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings of the Institute;
- (ii) place before the General Meetings the decisions of the Council;
- (iii) supervise and direct the office-bearers in the proper functioning of the Institute; and

- (iv) act on behalf of the Council in matters of urgency and communicate the actions taken to the Council at its next meeting;

(2) In the absence of the President, the Vice President and in the absence of both the President and the Vice President, a member elected from the Council, shall preside and conduct the meetings of the Council and of the General body.

24. (1) The General Secretary shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute and shall have powers, responsibilities and duties conferred on, or assigned to him, by the Council.

The General
Secretary

(2) His special duties and responsibilities shall be:-

- (i) to summon meetings of the Council and the Annual General Meeting of the Institute;
- (ii) to summon meetings of various Committees of the Institute, at the direction of the President;
- (iii) to summon Special General Meetings of the Institute on the direction of the President or at the written request of not less than six (6) members of the Council ; and
- (iv) to sign documents on behalf of the Council.

(3) In the absence of the General Secretary, the Council member appointed by the majority vote shall perform and discharge the responsibilities and duties vested in the General Secretary.

25. (1) The Treasurer shall, subject to the direction of the Council, be responsible for the collection, the safe custody and disbursement of all monies of the Institute.

The Treasurer

(2) Shall maintain proper accounts of all monies received and spent, keep inventories and documents of all equipment received and disposed and shall make available to the Council such account books; receipts and documents, when called for.

(3) Shall invest the monies of the Institute as directed by the Council.

(4) Shall ensure that the annual accounts of the Institute are duly audited and certified by the auditors and submit such accounts at the Annual General Meeting for adoption. Such accounts shall also be made available for inspection to the membership at least one week before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

The Editor

26. The Editor shall:-

- (a) be responsible for the publication of the official Journal of the Institute and such other publications as may be decided by the Council;
- (b) compile Newsletters and other publications at such intervals of time as may be decided by the Council.

27. (1) There shall be Admissions and Ethical Practices Committee and an Educational Committee and such other Committees as may be deemed necessary by the Council.

The Admissions and
Ethical Practices
Committee

(2) The Council shall at its first meeting after election, appoint an Admission and Ethical Practices Committee and an Educational Committee.

(3) The Admissions and Ethical Practices Committee shall consist of seven (07) Corporate Members of whom two members shall be members of the outgoing Committee, appointed at its first meeting after election.

(4) The Admission and Ethical Practices Committee appointed by the Council at its first meeting after election shall comprise of : -

- (i) the Chairman elected at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with rule 6(i)
- (ii) Secretary of the Institute who shall function as an ex-officio member;
- (iii) The Chairman of the Educational Committee, who shall also function as an ex-officio member; and
- (iv) Four (4) other corporate members of whom at least two (2) members shall be members of the outgoing committee.

(5) The Admissions and Ethical Practices Committee shall exercise and discharge the following powers and functions:-

- (i) consider all applications for membership of the Institute, other than for Institutional Membership, interview such applicants and make recommendations in writing to the Council on such application.
- (ii) make recommendations from time to time to the Council on the substance or form of ethical practices which are deemed to be right and proper for the members of the Institute for the due practice of the profession of geology.
- (iii) Inquire into and make recommendations to the Council on all matters unethical and/or disciplinary in nature, referred to it by the Council.

(6) The Admissions and Ethical Practices Committee shall meet within . one month of its appointment and thereafter once in every three (3) months. The quorum for any such meeting shall be four (4).

(7) Any member of the Admissions and Ethical Practices Committee, not being an ex-officio member absents himself from three consecutive meeting of the committee without informing in writing his inability to attend such meetings, shall be deemed to have vacated his membership in the Committee.

Educational
Committee

28. (1) The Educational and Professional Committee shall consist of seven (07) Corporate Members, appointed at its first meeting after election.

(2) The Educational Committee appointed by the Council at its first meeting after election shall comprise

- (i) the Chairman elected at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with rule 6
- (ii) General Secretary of the Institute who shall function as an ex-officio member;
- (iii) The Chairman of the Admission and Ethical Practices Committee, who shall also function as an ex-officio member; and

- (iv) Four (4) other corporate members of whom at least two (2) members shall be members of the outgoing committee.

(3) The Educational Committee shall exercise and discharge, the following powers and functions-

- (i) promote the education of geology at all levels;
- (ii) conduct or provide for the conduct of examinations for the award of diplomas, certificates and other distinctions in such branches of geology as the Institute may from time to time deem necessary and prescribe, approve or provide for courses of study in respect of such examinations;
- (iii) recommend names to the Council to fill any vacancies that may arise from time to time, in the Educational Committee, having regard to the provisions of sub paragraph (i) of this rule.
- (iv) co-opt with the approval of the Council additional members (corporate or non-corporate) for the purpose of effectively carrying out its powers and functions: provided that such co-opted members shall not have the right to vote at meetings of the Committee and they may also be excluded from the deliberations or part of the deliberations of a meeting if such exclusion is deemed fit in the opinion of the Committee.
- (v) Recommend to the Council on-all matters concerning the courses of study and examinations conducted, sponsored or approved by the Institute, including the appointment, suspension, dismissal of lecturers, examiners, students, reprimanding candidates and other personnel associated with such courses of study and examinations.
- (vi) recommend to the Council students eligible for the award of educational qualifications, academic distinctions and other awards;
- (vii) submit an annual report to the Council of its activities during the preceding year by such date as may be determined by the Council;
- (viii) frame and revise when necessary, regulations governing the courses of study and the examinations of the Institute; and
- (ix) subject to the approval of the Council decide on the utilization of the funds of the Institute for the purposes of the Educational Committee.

(4) The Educational Committee shall meet within one month of its appointment and thereafter once in every three months. The quorum for any such meeting shall be four (4)

(5) Any member of the Educational Committee, not being an ex-officio member absenting himself from three consecutive meeting of the committee without informing in writing his inability to attend such meetings, shall be deemed to have vacated his membership in the Committee.

29. (1) All General Meetings shall only be open to corporate members and the quorum for any such meeting shall be one third plus one (1) of members.

General Meetings

(2) The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the 30th day of April each year, on a date to be determined by the Council.

(3) At least fourteen (14) days' notice shall be given to the members for the Annual General Meeting.

(4) Where due to unavoidable circumstances the Annual General Meeting could not be held on the day fixed thereof, the Council shall have the power to postpone such meeting to a date not later than one month from the date for which such meeting was fixed.

(5) The office-bearers of the Council, the members of the Council and the auditor shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(6) At the Annual General Meeting the General Secretary shall present the Annual Report and the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the preceding year and the Treasurer shall present the statement of accounts of the preceding year duly audited by the auditors.

Special General Meetings

30. A Special General Meeting may be summoned by the General Secretary on the direction of the President or at the written request of a minimum of twenty five (25) Corporate Members stating clearly the purpose for which the meeting is called for. No business other than that specified in the notice summoning such meeting, shall be transacted at such meeting. Such notice shall be sent to every Corporate Member giving at least seven (7) days' notice thereof.

Resolutions

31. Any resolution that the members wish to present to a General Meeting shall be forwarded to the Council through the General Secretary at least fourteen (14) days before such meeting and the Council shall have the right to decide upon such resolutions that may be selected for presentation to the General Meeting from amongst those that were forwarded to the Council.

Control of Funds

32. (1) Moneys received by the Institute by way of subscription fees, donations from local or foreign Institutions or persons, grants from the Government of Sri Lanka, loans obtained from any source whether local or foreign for the purposes of the realization of the objects of the Institute and income received from the movable and immovable properties of the Institute, shall be considered as the funds of the Institute.

(2) The responsibility for receiving such moneys, their custody and disbursement shall vest in the Treasurer, under the direction of the Council.

(3) All monies received by the Institute shall be deposited in any approved bank or banks or in such savings accounts, fixed deposits, Insurance Company or other Financial Institution, as may be approved by the Council, in favour of the "Institute of Geology, Sri Lanka" and cheques or other instrument for the withdrawal of such monies shall be signed by the Treasurer and either General Secretary or President.

(4) The Institute may with the approval of the appropriate authority deposit any money received in foreign currency, drafts, mail transfer, telegraphic transfer or otherwise in any Non-Resident Foreign Currency Account or in any bank abroad. Provided that where the Treasurer reports of the necessity to transfer any sums of money from any such Bank, Insurance Company, Finance Company or other Financial Institution to any other branch of such Bank, Insurance Company, Finance Company or other Financial Institution the council shall have the power to authorize such transfer, to nominate persons to sign cheques or other instruments and to issue orders relating to the deposits of such moneys.

(5) At the Annual General Meetings the Treasurer shall, with the approval of the Council present the Annual Statement of Accounts duly audited and certified by the auditors and the Annual General Meeting shall appoint a Committee comprising of three persons to analyze and study the Auditor's Report and the said Annual Statement of Accounts. The said Committee shall have the power to obtain, through the Treasurer, all relevant information relating to the reports and the Annual Statement

of Accounts and shall submit its recommendation thereon to the Council for necessary action, within one month from the date of the said Annual General Meeting.

33. (1) The accounts of the Institute shall be audited by Auditor general or a qualified auditor appointed by Auditor General. Auditors

34. In the event of any action being filed in Court against the Institute, the President and the General Secretary shall be entitled to exercise, perform and discharge all necessary powers, duties and functions and to appear on behalf of the Institute, they shall have the power to delegate such powers, with the connivance of the Council, to another member of the Council. Procedure in the event of the Council being sued.

35. (1) The rules of the Institute shall not be revised, rescinded or amended except at General Meeting convened for the purpose and on the vote of not less than two-third of the Corporate Members present and voting. Amendment of Rules

(2) Written notice of the proposed revisions, amendments and deletions must be forwarded no later than two weeks prior to such General Meeting, to the Council through the General Secretary.

(3) The amendments, revisions and deletions to these rules as approved by the Council, shall be proposed at the Special General Meeting by the General Secretary or in his absence by the person presiding at such meeting.

36. Unless the context otherwise requires, in these rules - Interpretation

“Institute” means the Institute of Geology called and known as the “Institute of Geology, Sri Lanka”, and incorporated by the Institute of Geology, Sri Lanka, (Incorporation) Act, No. 3 of 2014;

“Council” means the Council of the Institute entrusted with the management and administration of the affairs of the institute, by Subsection (1) of Section 5 ;

“Geologist” means an individual who is engaged in the practice of ‘Geoscience or Cognitive subjects’;

“geoscience or a cognitive subject” means all subjects generally accepted as relating to Geology such as Physical Geology, Crystallography, Mineralogy, Petrology, Hydrogeology, Photogeology, Structural & Field Geology, Geophysics, Geochemistry, Engineering Geology, Environmental Geology, Isotope Geology, Petroleum Geology, Marine Geology, Gemmology, Economic Geology, Mineral Exploration, Palaeontology and Geologic Hazards.

“General Meeting means either the Annual General meeting or Special General meeting