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**Iberian Mining Engineers Board – IMEB**  
*COMITÉ IBÉRICO DE ENGENHEIROS DE MINAS*  
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**STATUTES**



## **STATUTES OF IBERIAN MINING ENGINEERS BOARD (IMEB) FOR MINERAL RESOURCES AND MINERAL RESERVES**

### **1. TITLE I. DEFINITIONS**

The Iberian Mining Engineers Board for Mineral Resources and Reserves (hereinafter, IMEB) is an organization dependent on the Consejo Superior de Colegios de Ingenieros de Minas de España and the Ordem dos Engenheiros de Portugal, constituted by an Agreement signed in Lisbon on 23 January 2017.

All Mining Engineers registered in the Colégio de Engenharia Geológica e de Minas of Portugal or in one of the Colegios Oficiales de Ingenieros de Minas of Spain, who have been registered as Members of the IMEB, are part of the IMEB.

The IMEB is a non-profit organization.

The IMEB is a self-regulated organization that has an ethical code and disciplinary systems.

The head offices of the IMEB are those of the Consejo Superior de Colegios de Ingenieros de Minas de España and the Ordem dos Engenheiros de Portugal, respectively:

- C. Ríos Rosas, nº 19. 28003 Madrid. Spain.
- Av. António Augusto de Aguiar, nº 3-D. 1069-030 Lisbon. Portugal.

In the 2019-2021 period, the head office of the IMEB will be that of the Consejo Superior de Colegios de Ingenieros de Minas of Spain. In the following three years, it will be that of the Ordem dos Engenheiros de Portugal, alternating in this way successively.

The IMEB is constituted indefinitely.

The official languages of the IMEB are Portuguese and Spanish, regardless of the use of the English language in communications that require it.

### **2. TITLE II. OBJECT**

The aims of IMEB are:

- Certify and register as Member the Portuguese and Spanish Mining Engineers who satisfy the professional qualification requirements in the terms established in the document "Registration and Disciplinary Procedures of the Members of the IMEB".
- Contribute to the knowledge of Standards and guidelines for the elaboration of Technical Reports that these professionals carry out for the financing of Extractive Industry projects through the capital markets.



- Position the IMEB as a relevant contributor in matters that are of interest to the organization, namely: information on Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves and the evaluation of Extractive Industry assets.
- Promote the best characterization and definition of Extractive Industry assets.
- To achieve a critical mass of professionals dedicated to promoting geological exploration, developing mineral resources, converting resources into reserves, evaluating mining concessions, managing and financing Extractive Industry assets, assessing the value of Extractive Industries assets and Extractive Industries investments.
- Maintain the best relations with the National Organizations and equivalent Professional Organizations, and especially with those represented in the Pan-European Reserves and Resources Reporting Committee (PERC).
- Promote Continuous Training and Professional Development among registered members, with maintenance by registered members of a record of their professional development activities and achievements which may include formal and informal training, attendance and presentations at relevant conferences, publication of articles and scientific papers, and other such activities which contribute to their professional standing.

### 3. TÍTULO III. FOUNDING MEMBERS

The founding corporations of IMEB are the Consejo Superior de Colegios de Ingenieros de Minas of Spain and the Ordem dos Engenheiros of Portugal.

#### **Consejo Superior de Colegios de Ingenieros de Minas of Spain**

The Consejo Superior de Colegios de Ingenieros de Minas of Spain (Consejo Superior de Colegios de Ingenieros de Minas de España) was established by the Decree of the Ministry of Industry of December 9, 1955 (B.O.E. 01-01-56), which authorized the establishment of Official Associations of Mining Engineers and its Superior Council, as organizations of an official nature and with full legal personality.

According to Art. 1º. 3 of Law 2/74 on Professional Colleges, are essential objectives of the Superior Council of Colleges, among others, the exclusive representation of the profession of Mining Engineers and the defense of professional interests.

The profession of Mine Engineer is considered to be a regulated profession, in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of article 4 of the Royal Decree 1837/2008 of 8 November, incorporating into Spanish law the Directive 2005/36 / EC of the European Parliament and the Council Directive 2006/100 / EC of 20 November 2006 on Recognition of Professional Qualifications, to the extent that it is necessary to have access to, or to exercise it, to possess certain qualifications, legally established.

In order to carry out the profession of Mining Engineer with competences in different fields, such as Geology, Mining, Ore Dressing and Metallurgy, it is necessary to hold the Spanish title of Mine Engineer or a foreign diploma, expressly and individually homologated with this title recognized in a regulated form by the Government or by a Competent Authority and belong to one of the six Official Mining Engineers Colleges of Spain.



## Ordem dos Engenheiros of Portugal

The Ordem dos Engenheiros (OE) of Portugal was created in 1936 by Decree-Law 27,288, which reflects the social recognition of engineering as an essential activity for progress and development. It was recognized as a legal entity of public utility in 1978.

In 1948 OE was awarded the rank of Commander of the Military Order of Santiago da Espada, and in 1986 OE was awarded the title of Honorary Member of the Order of the Infante Dom Henrique.

The Mining Engineering specialty has been part of the Order of Engineers since its inception in 1936. In 1992, OE was organized in colleges and since then, the College of Mining Engineering existed. This designation was changed to Colégio de Engenharia Geológica e de Minas from 2002, due to the updating of the academic title of this specialty.

According to article 1 of Annex I of Law 123/2015 on the first amendment to the Statutes of the Ordem dos Engenheiros, this is the Public Professional Association representing the professionals dedicated to engineering.

According to Article 3 of the same Annex, it is the mission of the Ordem dos Engenheiros to exercise control over the access to the professional activity of an engineer and its exercise, to contribute to the defense, promotion and progress of engineering, to stimulate the efforts of its members in the scientific, professional and social fields and to defend the ethics, deontology, appreciation and professional qualifications of engineers.

The diploma obtention, its use and the exercise of the profession of engineer depends on the registration as an effective member of the Ordem dos Engenheiros, as a liberal profession or others, regardless of whether it is in the public, private, cooperative or social sector in which the activity is exercised. It is the exclusive responsibility of the Ordem dos Engenheiros to assign the professional title of Engineer in Portugal.

In order to be able to practice in Portugal as an engineer, the nationals of other Member States of the European Community may be registered with the Ordem dos Engenheiros when they possess the academic and professional qualifications legally required for the exercise of that profession in their State of origin.

## 4. TITLE IV. STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

The governing bodies of the IMEB will be a Governing Council and a Technical Committee

### Governing Council

The Governing Council will be composed of the President and an elected representative of the Colégio de Engenharia Geológica e de Minas of Portugal, by the Dean-President and an elected representative of the Consejo Superior de Colegios de Ingenieros de Minas of Spain and the four Members of the Technical Committee

The responsibilities of the Council are as follow:

- Determine the policy of the IMEB and give its approval for the activities carried out.
- The approval of budgets and annual accounts-



- The establishment of membership fees.
- Approve the Statutes and the corresponding Regulations.
- Authorize the preparation of documents on topics related to the profession.
- Create working groups to prepare reports on matters relevant to the IMEB.
- Create panels of experts that are available to answer the questions that the Council sends them.

Ordinary meetings of the Council will be held on such occasions as are necessary for the correct conduct of the IMEB, in any of its head offices.

### **Technical Committee**

The Technical Committee shall be composed of four members, two from each of the organizations, who shall be directly elected by the respective organization from recognized professionals and may use other members as necessary.

The members of the Technical Committee will be Member of the IMEB.

For the development of the activities of the Technical Committee, both Organizations shall provide the appropriate administrative means within their own headquarters.

## **5. TITLE V. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

The Technical Committee, has a President and a Vice-President, who will be alternately occupied by members of both organizations every three years, so that when one of them occupies the position of President, the other will be the Vice-President. The other two members of the Committee will be the Secretary and the Head of External Relations, respectively.

In the event of death, resignation, disability, incompatibility or repeated and unjustified absence of a member of the Committee, the latter shall cease to hold office, and the Institution that has appointed the member of the Committee will designate a replacement for the remainder of the term that he/she is due to serve.

The members of the Board will be elected by each of the national bodies that make up the IMEB among the members that have reached the category of Member of IMEB.

The members of the Board are elected for a term of three years and may run for re-election for a total of up to three consecutive two-year terms in any position.

The Committee will act as the executive body of the IMEB, in order to carry out matters pertaining to the normal activity of the IMEB, and to make policy proposals.

The exercise of the members functions of the Committee will be ad-honorem, and they will not be able to receive remunerations or compensations of any nature for it.

The responsibilities of the Technical Committee are as follow:

- Evaluate the requests to Member, according to the established procedure.
- Be the IMEB representatives on the PERC.
- Maintain the register of the Member.



- Deal with any conflicts or incidents that may arise from these assignments, as established in Title VI of these Statutes.

The Technical Committee will be assisted by an Administrative Secretary, who will be an employee of the corresponding Organization.

#### **Procedures**

The Committee shall meet in an ordinary manner, once per year, at the times established for that purpose by the presidency itself, or in an extraordinary manner, at any time at the simple request of two or more of its members or its President.

The Committee will meet with the attendance of at least three of its members, and its agreements will be adopted by an absolute majority of those attending the respective session. In the event of a tie, the President of the meeting shall have the deciding vote.

The deliberations and agreements of the Committee will be recorded in a special book of minutes, which will be signed by all the members that had attended the session, and this book should be maintained by the Administrative Secretary. It will be understood that the minutes have been approved and, therefore, the agreements that it contains, from the moment that it is signed by the attendees to the corresponding meeting.

The minutes and their attachments will be kept in a register at the central office. Each IMEB Member can consult these minutes of the meetings in the office. The extracts or copies of these acts to be delivered to third parties or to be presented in court must be signed by the President.

Additionally, the Technical Committee will hold regular meetings for the certifications with subsequent homologation by the competent bodies of each of the organizations,

The Technical Committee will maintain a continuous contact to have a uniform criterion in the application of the procedures and in the resolution of the incidents that may occur over time. In this way, the opinion of the parties involved in situations of relevant interest will be taken into account. It will also seek to harmonize representations vis-à-vis third parties on an international basis and to share training courses derived from their competencies.

#### **Committee Meetings - Representation.**

The call notice for the meeting will contain the agenda, date, time and place of the meeting. It will be sent, at least four weeks before the meeting, by letter, fax, email or by any other means of (tele) communication.

The meetings will be held at the main office of the association or at the place indicated in the notice of convocation.

They will be chaired by the President of the Committee or, if the latter is not available, by the Vice-President or, failing that, by the oldest member present.

A preliminary call notice will not be necessary if all members are present or duly represented at the meeting. Any member may grant a mandate to another member to represent him at a specific meeting of the Committee and to vote at the meeting on his behalf.



The Committee will be validly meeting if the majority of its members are present or represented. The decisions of the Committee will be made by a simple majority of the votes of the members present or represented. In the event of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote. Decisions can be made by unanimous written consent.

### **Conditions of action of the Committee**

The members of the Technical Committee, as well as its Administrative Secretary and any other person who will become aware of its functions, must keep confidential information, documents and background coming to their knowledge, unless they are required by a public authority with legal powers for it or by the Courts of Justice.

Likewise, they shall be prohibited from directly or indirectly availing themselves, for their own benefit or that of third parties, of the information they have access to in the performance of their duties, for at least five years once they have ceased to hold office.

### **Financial matters**

Funds of the Technical Committee will come from the fees established to obtain the registration of membership and for the periodic renewal of this membership.

Each year, the Committee at its mandatory meeting, will review any account or economic agreement between the two institutions that make up IMEB, adopting economic compensation solutions or spending obligations if possible, since each member must contribute in a comparable manner to the extraordinary expenses of IMEB, ensuring that only those economic aspects that have a real significance reach the meeting.

IMEB's budget will be subject to the approval of the Governing Council

Travel expenses of Committee members will be borne by their respective Corporations, after respective pre approval, case by case.

## **6. TITLE VI. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

All Members of the IMEB are obliged to comply with the deontological code of the professional association to which they belong and, in addition, with the Rules of Conduct included in point 3.5 of the document "Registration and Disciplinary Procedures of the Members of the IMEB".

Complaints made in respect of the professional work of a Member of the IMEB will be handled according to the disciplinary procedures of the Professional Association to which the Member belongs, due to the fact that the Consejo Superior de Colegios de Ingenieros de Minas of Spain and the Ordem dos Engenheiros of Portugal are the organizations with legal capacity to act.

Disciplinary procedures are included in Chapter VI of Royal Decree 1278/2003, of October 10, which approves the General Statutes of the Colegios de Ingenieros de Minas and the Consejo Superior, for Spanish Members, and in the Disciplinary Regulation of the Ordem dos Engenheiros, approved by the Assembleia de Representantes on November 25, 1995 and prepared in accordance with Chapter VIII and Article 77 of TITLE I, and TITLE II of the Statute approved by Decree-Law 119/92, of June 30, for the Portuguese Members.



In the event that a complaint is received about a Public Report or any other action carried out by a IMEB Member, the Technical Committee will transfer it to the Governing Council, which will transfer it to the corresponding Professional Association, responsible for instructing the disciplinary procedure.

In the cases related to Public Reports, this process will have the supervision of the Governing Council, which will have the advice of the legal services of the respective Professional Bodies.

## 7. TITLE VII. CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A Member of IMEB must maintain his/her competences through a continuous professional development (CPD) commitment that will be evaluated every year.

CPD should be a mixture of learning activities relevant to current or future practice and may include the following categories:

- Learning based in the place of work
- Professional activities
- Formal learning
- Other activities that expand knowledge.

All Members are required to complete a minimum of 35 hours of CPD each year. To renew his/her certification, the Member must have paid the annual fees and submit the following documentation:

- Application for renewal of certification
- Updated Curriculum Vitae detailing CPD activities and new work related to the area of competence performed.

In order to monitor this continuous evaluation of professional development, the Technical Committee will implement a system for logging and auditing CPD in this year.

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