

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated for reference the 31 day of MARCH, 2005

BETWEEN:

The Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals (ABCFP)

AND:

The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of British Columbia (APEGBC)

WHEREAS the ABCFP and the APEGBC each recognizes the other as an honoured and learned profession of equal merit whose close cooperation is essential in the forest sector for the benefit of the public and the environment and in order to ensure that the special knowledge, skills and training of members of each profession are properly available to the public.

AND WHEREAS the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996 c. 116 as amended provides that the practice of professional engineering “includes reporting on, designing or directing the construction of public utilities, industrial works, railways, bridges, ...”.

AND WHEREAS the *Foresters Act*, S.B.C. 2003 c. 19 provides that the practice of professional forestry includes “planning, locating and approving forest transportation systems including forest roads,”.

THEREFORE the Councils of ABCFP and APEGBC have agreed to the following terms:

### Principles Governing the Practice of Engineering and Forestry

1. (a) Except as provided herein, Professional Engineers shall confine their practice to the practice of professional engineering as defined in the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act* and Forest Professionals shall confine their practice to the practice of professional forestry as defined in the *Foresters Act*.
- (b) Professional Engineers and Forest Professionals are obliged to practice, in accordance with their respective Code of Ethics, within their areas of competence in the design and construction of forest road bridges and major culverts (crossings) and to the prevailing standard of care.

### Definitions

2. In this Memorandum of Agreement:

**Coordinating Registered Professional:** The Coordinating Registered Professional is a Registered Professional Forester or a Professional Engineer who is a member in good standing of the ABCFP or APEGBC. For simple crossings the Coordinating Registered Professional may be either a Registered Professional Forester or a Professional Engineer. For all other crossings the Coordinating Registered Professional must be a Professional Engineer. The Coordinating Registered Professional either completes the necessary tasks for coordination, planning/design, conducting field reviews and preparing as-built drawings for a crossing directly, or directs those activities with sufficient oversight and supervision such that they can take overall responsibility and