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Law of the Saudi Council of Engineers

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NOTE:

The translation of Saudi laws takes the following into consideration:

- Words used in the singular form include the plural and vice versa.
- Words used in the masculine form include the feminine.
- Words used in the present tense include the present as well as the future.
- The word “person” or “persons” and their related pronouns (he, his, him, they, their, them) refer to a natural and legal person.



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Article 1

The Saudi Council of Engineers, referred to hereinafter as "the Council", is a professional scientific organization, which enjoys a legal personality and financial independence operating under the supervision of the agency, which shall be determined pursuant to a decision by the Prime Minister based on a recommendation submitted by the Council of Economic and Development Affairs. Its headquarters shall be in the city of Riyadh, and it may establish branches in the Kingdom.

Article 2

The Council aims at advancing and developing the profession of engineering and raising its standards as well as developing the capacities of its workers. It shall in particular:

1. Establish principles and criteria for practicing and developing the profession, including licensing requirements.
2. Set rules and create examinations necessary to obtain professional qualifications.
3. Conduct and publish studies, research, and statistics related to the fields and branches of engineering; and issue professional and scientific journals.
4. Organize courses and hold and participate in conferences, symposia, and exhibitions related to the profession.
5. Make suggestions as it deems appropriate for decisions and instructions related to the profession.
6. Provide relevant technical advice in accordance with the rules set by the Council's Board of Directors.

Article 3

Membership of the Council shall be as follows:

1. Full membership:

Full membership is issued to Saudi citizens who hold university degrees in any of the fields of engineering or equivalents thereof, and practice the profession.

2. Associate membership:

Associate membership is issued to the following:

- a. Non-Saudi engineers who hold university degrees in any of the fields of engineering or equivalents thereof, and practice the profession in the Kingdom.
- b. Technicians, students, and persons interested in engineering sciences who apply for membership.
- c. Professional engineering firms and companies licensed to practice in the Kingdom.

3. Honorary membership:

Honorary membership is awarded by the Council's Board of Directors to any



person in recognition of his contributions to the Council. Honorary members shall be exempt from membership fees.

Article 4

The Council shall have a general assembly comprising full members who have paid their annual membership fees. Ordinary meetings of the General Assembly shall be held annually, and extraordinary meetings shall be held in accordance with the Implementing Regulations.

The call for a General Assembly meeting shall be sent at least 20 days prior to the meeting. It shall determine the meeting's time and venue. The meeting shall be valid regardless of the number of attendees. General Assembly decisions shall be passed by the majority vote of attending members. In case of a tie, the chairman shall have the casting vote.

Article 5

The General Assembly shall have the following powers:

1. Issuing the Council's bylaws.
2. Approving the implementing regulations of the Council's Law.
3. Determining membership fees.
4. Approving the Council's final accounts as well as appointing an auditor and determining his remunerations. As an exception, the Board of Directors shall appoint the auditor for the first term and determine his remunerations.
5. Approving the action plan submitted by the Board of Directors, and the annual report of the Council's activities.
6. Electing General Assembly representatives in the Board of Directors.

Article 6

1. The Board of Directors shall comprise 10 members as follows:
 - a) Full members elected by the General Assembly and they shall comprise half of the Board's members.
 - b) Representatives from government agencies and/or experts specializing in the Council's fields. Said representatives shall comprise half of the Board's members.
2. The government agencies and experts referred to in paragraph (1)(b) of this Article, shall be determined pursuant to a decision by the Prime Minister based on a nomination from the agency overseeing the Council.
3. The head of the agency overseeing the Council shall select, from among the members, a chairman and vice-chairman for the Board of Directors. Their appointment shall be pursuant to a decision by the Prime Minister.
4. The term of membership shall be three years, renewable once.
5. The Board of Directors shall convene at least once every three months, or pursuant to a written request by the Chairman or at least four Board members.



6. Board meetings shall be valid if attended by the majority of members, provided the chairman of the meeting or his designee is in attendance. Board decisions shall be passed by the majority vote of attending members. In case of a tie, the chairman shall have the casting vote.
7. The Secretary-General shall attend meetings in a non-voting capacity.

Article 7

The Board of Directors shall exercise the powers necessary to manage the Council's affairs and achieve its objectives as stipulated in Article 2 of the Law. It shall in particular:

1. Call for General Assembly meetings.
2. Propose the Council's bylaws.
3. Propose the implementing regulations of the Council's Law
4. Propose membership fees.
5. Prepare the Council's final accounts.
6. Prepare the annual report of the Council's activities and propose its action plan.
7. Approve the Council's annual budget.
8. Form technical and scientific committees and engineering chapters, and determine work procedures therefor.
9. Appoint the Council's secretary-general and deputy secretary-general and determine their duties, responsibilities, and rights.
10. Accept grants and donations.
11. Approve the policy for investing the Council's funds.

Article 8

The Council's financial resources shall consist of the following:

1. Membership fees.
2. Grants and donations.
3. Revenues generated from services rendered by the Council.
4. Returns on investing the Council's funds.

Article 9

This Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall enter into force 60 days following the date of its publication; it shall repeal any provisions conflicting therewith.