

**Petition**

**TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL**

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND ASSESSMENT ("the Company" or "IEMA" or "Your Petitioners") SHEWETH as follows:

1. IEMA was founded as a not-for-profit Company from a merger between the Institute of Environmental Assessment, the Environmental Auditors Registration Association and the Institute of Environmental Management and adopted its present name in September 1999.
2. IEMA is established to promote for the benefit of the public the goal of sustainable development through improved environmental practice and performance, principally by :-
  - 2.1 Setting and maintaining standards of professional activity, training, and education for those involved in the practice of environmental management, environmental assessment, environmental auditing, and related professional disciplines;
  - 2.2 Establishing a centre of expertise in environmental management, environmental assessment, environmental auditing, and related professional disciplines; and
  - 2.3 Promoting, undertaking, and publishing research concerning matters of interest in relation to the environment or otherwise relevant to the objects of the Company.
3. IEMA has assiduously pursued, and continues to pursue, its objects by all means including the promotion of continuously improving standards and, in its capacity as a founding member of the Society of the Environment, the development of the distinct profession of Chartered Environmentalist.

## PROPOSED IEMA PETITION

The IEMA is recognised as a leading body in the field, nationally and internationally, and is the competent body for the Eco Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS).

4. Full Membership of IEMA is open to individuals appropriately qualified to degree level or equivalent. At the date of this Petition, there are 14,542 members of IEMA, consisting of 10,471 fellow, full, practitioner, associate, and graduate members, and 4,041 affiliate, student and retired members.
5. Currently IEMA has financial turnover of £2.45 million per annum and is able to retain a surplus of income over expenditure for the purposes of increasing its financial reserves each year.
6. The future work of IEMA would be greatly enhanced by the grant of a Royal Charter of Incorporation creating the "Chartered Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment". In particular, it would strengthen the Company's relationship with the government and the other sectors of the economy, give public recognition to the profession in its own right, and help develop, maintain and promote standards of competence and progression within the profession, for the benefit of the public at large.
7. At a General Meeting of the Company held on [15<sup>TH</sup> May] 2018 the members voted to authorise their Board to submit this Petition on their behalf and, if the Petition is successful, to transfer the assets and liabilities of the Company to the new chartered body.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore most humbly pray that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased in the exercise of Your Royal Prerogative to grant a Charter in the terms of the draft herewith submitted or in such other terms as may to Your Majesty seem proper.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS will ever pray etc.

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