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Dear Ms. Poole:

Re: Request for Comments – Proposed Amendments to NI 41-101

I am registered as a Professional Engineer with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientist of British Columbia. I regularly act as a Qualified Person (QP) with respect to NI 43-101 Technical Reports filed by issuers reporting in jurisdictions in Canada..

I am responding to the request for comments on the Proposed Amendments to the Prospectus Rules and specifically CSA's Proposed Amendments to further extend the requirement to file a non-issuer's submission to the jurisdiction and appointment of an agent for service form to all foreign experts who have consented to the disclosure in a prospectus of information.

Question

(a) Do you believe that it is appropriate to extend the requirement to file a non-issuer's submission to the jurisdiction and appointment of an agent for service form to foreign experts who have consented to the disclosure in a prospectus of information from report, opinion or statement made by them given that these persons are liable under our statutory liability regime for misrepresentations in the prospectus that are derived from that report, opinion or statement?

Answer

No, I do not believe this would achieve a beneficial result. The convenience to investors afforded by this proposed rule change is outbalanced by the negative repercussions this change will probably result in. It is likely that the proposed amendment will cause foreign QP's to be uncertain about the obligations and associated costs required to meet the submission to jurisdiction and appointment of an agent requirement. Many will probably just decline to participate in writing Technical Reports for companies listed in Canada. It is likely that foreign jurisdictions will view this new rule as a barrier to their resident professionals producing expert reports and impose regulatory counter measures on Canadian based experts such as myself. This would impede my and other Canadian QP's ability to prepare expert reports on projects in the foreign jurisdiction. Either of these likely results would harm Canada's position in the world as a technical and financial leader in the mining industry.

Question

(b) If foreign experts are required to file a non-issuers' submission to the jurisdiction and appointment of an agent for service form, do you anticipate that this obligation will impose any significant practical or financial burden on these experts or issuers?

Answer

Yes, I believe this obligation will cause a significant practical and financial burden to foreign experts. The requirement to appoint an agent may necessitate an agent in each jurisdiction the issuer reports in. The requirement to submit to the jurisdiction may result in the requirement of the foreign expert to register with the professional association in each jurisdiction even if the project is outside of Canada. The costs for compliance could be substantial.

Question

Would your response change if the form requirement for foreign experts only concerned either submission to the jurisdiction or an appointment of an agent for service?

No, my response would not change.

It is my opinion that the proposed amendment to extend the requirement to file a non-issuer's submission to the jurisdiction and appointment of an agent for service form to all foreign experts who have consented to the disclosure in a prospectus of information should not be implemented.

Regards,

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