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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE QUALITY AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF ETHIOPIA (QSAE)  
AND  
THE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS JOINT SECRETARIAT (PAJS)  
ON  
STANDARDIZATION AND QUALITY PROMOTION**

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**1 BACKGROUND**

The QSAE is the national standards body responsible for leading the standardization and quality effort in Ethiopia. Establishing national standards is the basic function of the standardization infrastructure around which other functions (quality assurance, certification, testing etc.) revolve; and it was one of the earliest to develop that resulted in the issuance of the first group of Ethiopian standards back in 1973.

Ethiopian standards published to date are very few in number and most are in need of updating/revision. This situation is the outcome of a very slow and costly standards development process, whereby only QSAE staff draft standard proposals and work as technical secretaries on standardization committees, which has not become as effective as expected by QSAE's stakeholders.

In the light of this and related considerations, the QSAE has recently re-established/restructured with its main focus on quality promotion, and efficient and effective standardization.

It has, therefore, become increasingly clear that as the need for Ethiopian standards on quality, safety and other aspects grow, QSAE must provide a mechanism for active participation and support of existing professional associations and societies in the country in standardization and quality promotion on a national level.

It is expected that this consorted and coordinated effort between QSAE and PAJS will serve as a model for integration of the standardization and quality effort to reach the aspired common goals.

**2 AUTHORITY**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on behalf of QSAE under the authority of the Quality and Standards Authority of Ethiopia Establishment Proclamation No. 102/1998 and on behalf of PAJS under the authority of its mandate as confirmed by the member professional associations and societies attached as Annex A to this MoU.

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3 **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this MoU is to establish principles and framework between the QSAE and the PAJS for active participation of professional associations and societies in Ethiopia in the areas of Ethiopian standards development and quality promotion. This is achieved through joint public commitments to respect certain principles that govern their cooperation and to work towards specific common goals by consensus in the stated areas.

4 **PRINCIPLE**

Both the QSAE and PAJS:

*recognize*

- a) that the liberalization of markets and their globalization have created a new economic situation in which application of standards and focus on quality to enhance global competitiveness is a must for the country;
- b) the role of standardization as a powerful technical and organizational tool which can be used by the agricultural, industrial and business communities to achieve rapid economic development at minimal costs;
- c) that QSAE is the national focal point for development of Ethiopian standards and quality promotion nationwide;
- d) the need to avoid duplication of efforts and the risk of divergent and competitive approaches to standardization;
- e) the need for cooperation to strengthen the Ethiopian standards development system to internationally recognized level and support standardization and quality promotion.
- f) that the national standardization and quality promotion effort is a non-profit endeavor which aims at economic development and technological progress and environmental control in all sectors;
- g) success of a standard development project is measured by how fast the standards are produced (efficiency) and how well the published standards are accepted and implemented by users (effectiveness);

*taking into account*

- a) commonly agreed standardization priority areas to be agreed between QSAE and PAJS, which are in keeping with national economic (including health and safety) interests;
- b) relevant principles and procedures for the development of Ethiopian standards in use by QSAE as the basis for standards formulation;
- c) that implementation of Ethiopian standards will soon be for most part voluntary while retaining some compulsory standards for safety, health and economic reasons; and their acceptance and use by industry and others are crucial;

*convinced*

- a) of the need to reach arrangements on issues relating to Ethiopian standards development and quality promotion on a national level;

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- b) that such arrangements would necessarily include the involvement of professional associations and societies in Ethiopia;
- c) of the strategic advantage of currently focusing on national level standardization rather than standardization on an association/society level;

*express* their pledge to work cooperatively on issues of common interest as specified in this MoU.

## 5 AGREEMENT

In order to implement the stated principles, QSAE and PAJS agree to cooperate on the following issues.

- a) Commitments from the signatory parties to develop arrangements for PAJS members to undertake standards projects, which include preparing standard proposals by adoption and/or adaption of existing normative documents, or by research and development, and their presentation to standards technical committees for acceptance as Ethiopian standards. PAJS shall identify and inform QSAE the priority areas in which it desires its members to participate in standardization.
- b) Commitments from QSAE to provide relevant standards information and secretarial support required for preparation of standard proposals.
- c) Commitments from PAJS to actively participate in Ethiopian standards preparation by assuming the secretariat of technical committees and subcommittees when allocated to it by QSAE in consideration of the priority areas to be identified by PAJS.
- d) Commitments from PAJS to select competent members on the basis of relevant professional experience and qualification for preparation of standard proposals and to follow up fulfillment of project objectives in accordance with approved programs of work.
- e) Commitments from PAJS to disseminate information on standards projects and approved standards through workshops, newsletters etc. among association and society members and industry at large with the aim of promoting their wider acceptance and application.
- f) Commitments from PAJS to actively involve in QSAE's national quality promotion program by way of:
  - Promoting the application of quality management systems in industry;
  - Participating in quality award programs;
  - Publishing case studies, research papers, journals, newsletters etc;
  - Organizing workshops.
- g) Commitments from QSAE to effect honoraria for members of the association and society who undertake standards projects, and to bear other costs associated with research and development for Ethiopian standards formulation, such as laboratory tests, data analysis in accordance with the relevant standards project document and programs.
- h) Commitments from QSAE and PAJS to respect each other's copyright policy.

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**6 POINTS OF CONTACT**

6.1 For the Quality and Standards Authority of Ethiopia:

Mesai Girma  
General Manger, QSAE

6.2 For the Professional Associations Joint Secretariat:

Tesfaye Dama (Dr.)  
Chairman, PAJS

**7 REVIEW, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION**

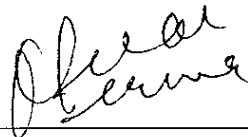
7.1 The signatory parties will biannually review the results and consequences of their cooperation under this MoU to make sure that it is fulfilling its purpose and is working well. When appropriate, the signatory parties will consider the need for improvements in their cooperation and make suitable proposals for modifying and updating the arrangements, and the scope of this MoU.  
Before any amendment will be effective, both parties must agree in writing to the modification.

7.2 This MoU may be terminated at any time during the period of performance, upon three months written notice by either of the signatory parties.

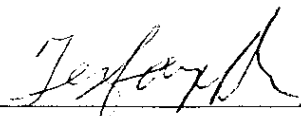
**8 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE**

The MoU shall become effective upon signature of both parties, and shall remain in force until modified or terminated, as provided in this MoU.

Done at Addis Ababa, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1999.



Mesai Girma  
General Manger, QSAE

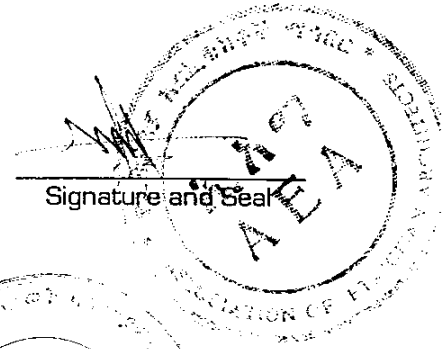


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**Annex A - PAJS Member Professional Associations (Societies)**

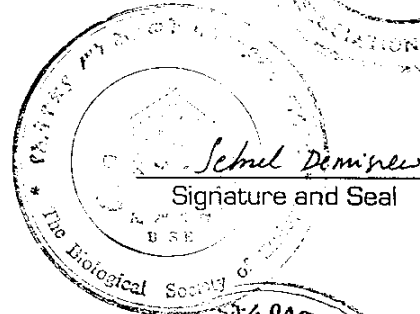
1 For the Association of Ethiopian Architects

Tariku Belay (Dr.), President  
Name and Title



2 For the Biological Society of Ethiopia

Sebsebie Demissie (Prof.), President  
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3 For the Chemical Society of Ethiopia

Tarekegn G/Yesus (Dr.), President  
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4 For the Crop Protection Society of Ethiopia

Habtu Assefa (Dr.), President  
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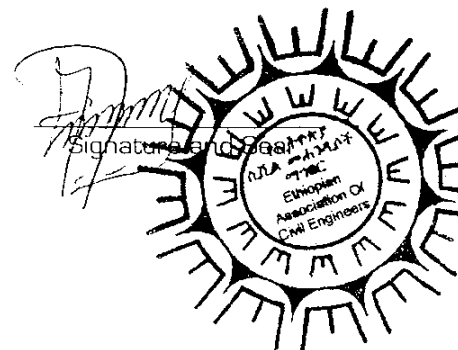
5 For the Ethiopian Agricultural Engineers Association

Frewe Kelemu, President  
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6 For the Ethiopian Association of Civil Engineers

Gashaw Yayeh Yirad (Dr.), President  
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7 For the Ethiopian Geo Science and Mineral Engineering Association

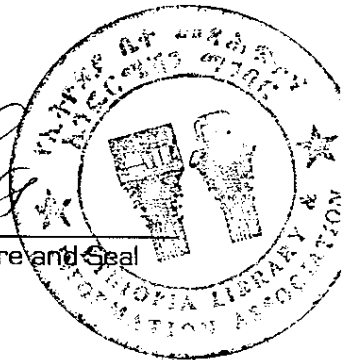
Tsegaye Abebe (Dr.), Secretary  
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8 For the Ethiopian Library and Information Association

Tamirat Mota, President  
Name and Title

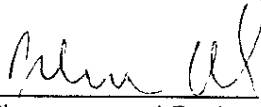
  
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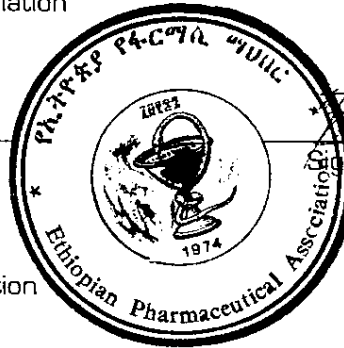
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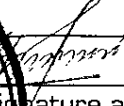


  
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10 For the Ethiopian Pharmaceutical Association

Yohannes Jorge, President  
Name and Title



  
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11 For the Ethiopian Public Health Association


Yemane Berhan (Dr.), President  
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12 For the Ethiopian Physical Society

Mulugeta Bekele (Dr.), President  
Name and Title



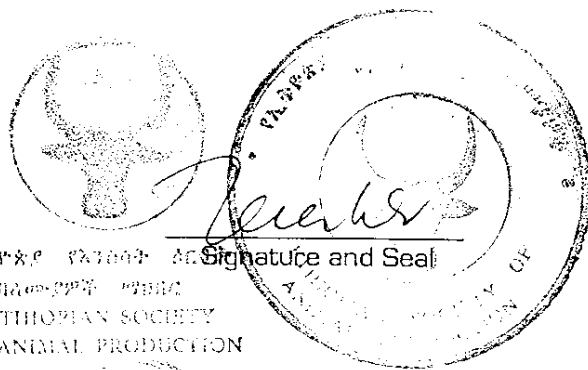
  
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13 For the Ethiopian Society of Animal Production

Zenash Selishi (Dr.), President

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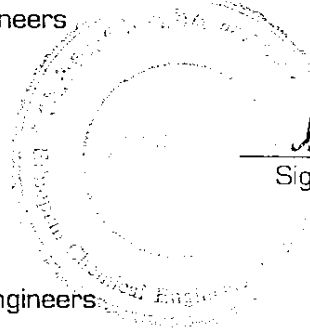
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14 For the Ethiopian Society of Chemical Engineers

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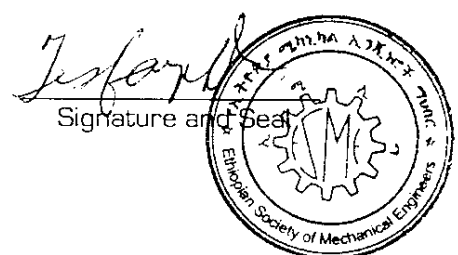


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Tesfaye Dama (Dr.), President

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16 For the Ethiopian Society of Soil Science

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17 For the Ethiopian Veterinary Association

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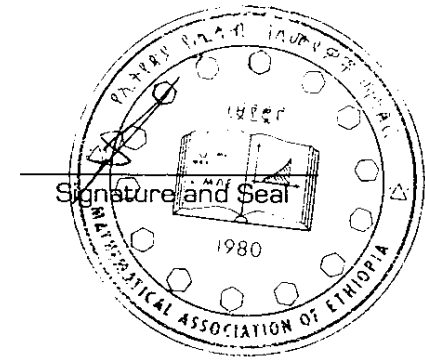
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18 For the Mathematical Association of Ethiopia

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Demissu Gemeda (Dr.), President

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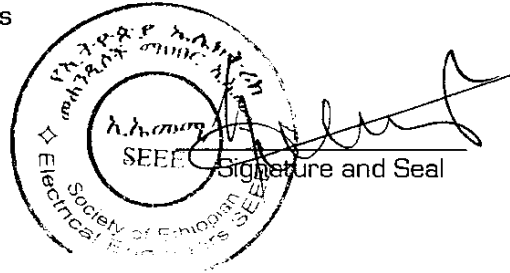
19 For the Radiological Society of Ethiopia

Getachew Assefa (Dr.), President  
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20 For the Society of Ethiopian Electrical Engineers

Tesfaye Bayou (Dr.), President  
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21 For the Town Planners Association of Ethiopia

Tewodros Tigabu, President  
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## 1 SCOPE

This first Addendum to CRD/SD/002 supplements the list of PAJS member professional associations/societies that are party to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between QSAE and PAJS as indicated in 4 herein.

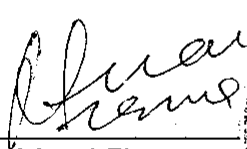
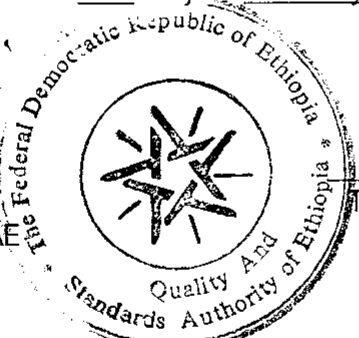
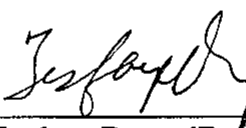

## 2 REFERENCE

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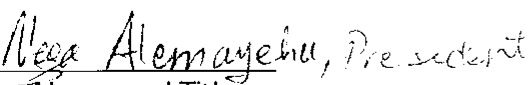
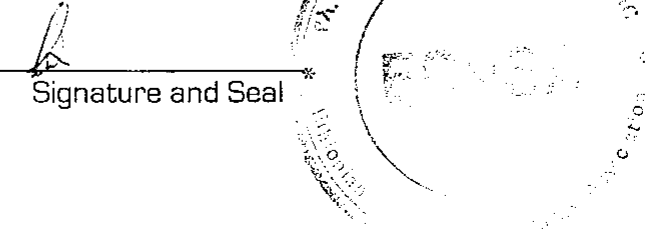
The Addendum shall become effective upon signature of both parties, and shall remain in force until modified or terminated, as provided in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Done at Addis Ababa, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2000.

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## 4 PAJS MEMBER PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

For the Ethiopian Computer Standards Association

 _____ Neqa Alemayehu, President Name and Title	
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