**IHCS SOLEMN AFFIRMATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly affirm that I will abide by the following International Hydrographer Certification Scheme (IHCS) Code of Ethics shown below.

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Signature Date

Subscribed and affirmed before me at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Print Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature Date

Notary Seal

**IHCS Code of Ethics**

(1) I shall serve the public to the best of my knowledge and ability and with accuracy and efficiency.

(2) I shall be honest and trustworthy and shall, in particular,

(a) maintain confidentiality with respect to client or employer affairs during the term of their contract or employment and after their contract or employment has been terminated for at least 3 years; and

(b) certify only work that was performed by myself or under my supervision.

(3) I shall be vigilant upholder of the law relating to my profession and shall refrain from, in particular,

(a) entering into an arrangement that would allow the unethical practice of my profession; and

(b) knowingly or willingly becoming accessories to a failure to report any illegal practice of my profession to the ACLS Registrar.

(4) I shall avoid any appearance of professional impropriety and shall, in particular,

(a) declare to my clients or employers any conflict of interest that impairs the quality of my services; and

(b) ensure, to the best of their ability that my name is not used in association with persons or enterprises of dubious or doubtful ethics.

(5) I shall maintain my competence, integrity and respect for my profession in my relations with colleagues, clients, employers or employees and the public and shall, in particular,

(a) assume professional responsibility for all phases of survey work carried out under my supervision;

(b) cultivate into my employees and work associates the utmost integrity and a clear understanding of the professional obligations of surveyors to the public;

(c) continually advance my skills and knowledge through study and educational programs;

(d) refrain from public criticism of the conduct or practice of colleagues;

(e) report any perceived professional misconduct or incompetence of other Certified Hydrographers (CH) or Certified Hydrographic Technicians (CHTech) to the ACLS Registrar;

(f) keep adequate records of my work such that its quality can be judged by the IHCP;

(g) refrain from accepting assignments beyond my competence or beyond the resources available to me; and

(h) avoid misleading and self-laudatory language in my resume or other advertising.

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Candidate’s Initials