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BOARD OF CANADIAN REGISTERED SAFETY PROFESSIONALS (BCRSP) SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE INSTITUTION OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (IOSH)

On September 17, 2011 the Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (BCRSP) ratified a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) recognizing each organization's professional designation. The signing took place at the BCRSP 35th Anniversary Event in Whistler, British Columbia.

Under the terms of the agreement, a CRSP is accepted as meeting the requirements for the Chartered Member of IOSH (CMIOSH) designation, but will still need to pass IOSH's Open Assessment (examination). Similarly, a CMIOSH is accepted as meeting the requirements for the CRSP, but will need to pass the CRSP Examination. This streamlined process will allow CRSP certificate holders and CMIOSH members to obtain the credentials that are well recognized globally and may be required for employment in certain jurisdictions.

BCRSP Chair, Howard J. McGraw said: "This process started several years ago, so to get to this point feels like a major accomplishment. This agreement is an important step toward international recognition and transportability of both the CRSP and CMIOSH designations."

The BCRSP also maintains a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) (United States). A CRSP is considered to have met the education and experience requirements for the CSP designation and does not have to take the BCSP safety fundamentals examination, but must pass the BCSP Comprehensive Practice Examination. Similarly, CSPs are considered to have met the education and experience requirements and are exempt from the interview for the CRSP designation but must pass the BCRSP examination.

About IOSH

IOSH is the Chartered body for health and safety professionals in the United Kingdom. IOSH was founded in 1945 and has five international branches, including the UK and Ireland, Hong Kong, the Middle East and the Caribbean.

About the BCRSP

The Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (formerly the Association for Canadian Registered Safety Professionals) is a public interest, not-for-profit association with a membership dedicated to the principles of health and safety as a profession in Canada. The CRSP designation is a widely accepted form of recognition by industry and government in Canada. Many employers require the CRSP designation in order to qualify for a safety position. It also allows the BCRSP to ensure that the highest standards of excellence and professionalism are maintained at all times and by all CRSPs. In 2005, the BCRSP was granted accreditation to ISO/IEC 17024:2003 (Personnel Certification Body) by the Standards Council of Canada. In 2008, the BCRSP was granted accreditation to ISO 9001:2008 (Quality Management System) by BSI Management Systems.