

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

**The Canadian Water Quality Association**



**And**

**The Canadian Association for Rainwater Management**



### **I. Introduction**

The Canadian Water Quality Association (CWQA) and the Canadian Association for Rainwater Management (CANARM) are dedicated to global water resource sustainability issues through knowledge transfer and capacity building. These organizations recognize that rainwater and stormwater are underutilized resources, and their harvest and appropriate uses can alleviate water challenges related to scarcity and poor quality of potable and non-potable water, stormwater runoff management, and energy consumption. It is also recognized that missions and activities of the CWQA and CANARM are complementary, and that developing a partnership is expected to yield significant benefits to these organizations and the global society.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to establish guidelines for a partnership between the CWQA and CANARM that is built on each organization's strength. As an outcome, the CWQA and CANARM will strive to develop and implement an integrated “expert-based” and “service-based” framework of operation within target localities in Canada and other countries.

## **II. Roles and Contributions**

This MOU is expected to serve as a vehicle for both parties to work in alignment in order to identify, pursue and complete specific objectives agreed upon by both parties. The CWQA and CANARM will work together to develop project concepts and implementation plans.

### **The CWQA Role and Contributions**

The role of the CWQA will constitute using its affiliated experts for project development and implementation and to serve as a catalyst for undertaking various activities. The CWQA contributions will include:

1. Provide leadership in the arena of rainwater harvesting research, research reporting, water augmentation projects and joint CWQA-CANARM proposal submission to funding agencies.
2. Serve as a link to academia and the CANARM.
3. Assist with organizing workshops, seminars, projects and other outreach activities.

### **The CANARM Role and Contributions**

The role of CANARM will constitute facilitating connectivity to project implementation site, and to serve as a financial resource to develop and implement various activities. CANARM contributions will include:

1. Facilitate financial support for research, research report, projects and proposal preparation.
2. Provide professional expertise in rainwater harvesting systems.
3. Serve as a link to governmental organizations, NGOs and project implementation sites.
4. Identify grant funding agencies.

## **III. Terms and Legal Effect**

This MOU is a living document that shows broad principles for developing and implementing collaborative efforts between the CWQA and the CANARM. Both CWQA and the CANARM hereto acknowledge that this MOU constitutes a non-binding memorandum of understanding which reflects the intent of the parties to cooperate in good faith regarding the transactions contemplated herein and does not constitute a legal binding agreement.

This MOU shall take effect upon signing by both the CWQA and CANARM. This MOU shall be a two (2) year term from time of signing, at which time the MOU can be renewed by submitting written notice to the other party not less than 30 days prior to the expiration date. This agreement

may be terminated by either party by submitting written notice to the other party not less than 30 days prior to the intended date for suspending activities within the scope of this MOU. Such notice shall indicate the reasons for requesting such termination.

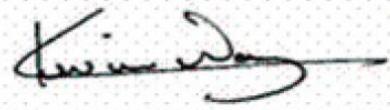
#### **IV. Signatories**

CWQA

Name: Kevin Wong

Title: Executive Director

Signature:



Date:

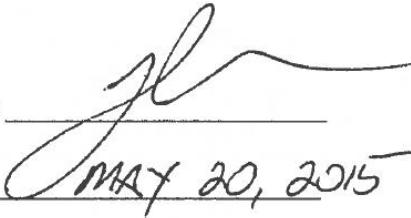
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CANARM

Name: Jeff Irvine

Title: President

Signature:

  
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