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Refreshed Direct Entry Requirements for RISM Members to Become RICS Chartered Surveyors

SINGAPORE/MALAYSIA – 17 AUGUST 2020 – Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) are pleased to announce a refreshing of direct entry requirements for RISM members who are Registered Quantity Surveyors of BQSM or Registered Valuers of BOVAEP to become RICS Chartered Surveyors.

This initiative reflects the continuing evolution of the relationship between the two organisations in recognition of contemporary market needs. The new direct entry requirements recognise the ambitions of both organisations to advance professionalism in the public interest in Malaysia, in the region and around the world. The agreement also signals further cooperation between RICS and RISM for the benefit of both organisations' members.

The refreshed direct entry requirements are as follows:

- Are professional members of RISM;
- Have a minimum of five years relevant professional experience;
- Are Registered Quantity Surveyors of BQSM or Registered Valuers of BOVAEP; and
- Maintained a clean record and are CPD compliant at BQSM or BOVAEP.

The refreshed direct entry requirements represent the ongoing efforts of both RICS and RISM to review existing direct entry requirements, ensuring they stay relevant and accurately reflects the value and quality of the RISM credential in the built environment against the entry standards of RICS.

"We are pleased to refresh this agreement with RISM which marks another milestone in our long-standing partnership and which reflects our ongoing joint commitment to the built environment in Malaysia," commented Chris Nicholl, RICS Managing Director, SE Asia, Australasia & Japan. Marcus Lim, RICS Head of Singapore, Southeast Asia added, "Through our various collaborations with local institutions such as RISM, BQSM and BOVAEP, we hope to bring about additional benefits to the profession to ensure surveyors stay relevant in the local and regional markets. We welcome eligible surveying professionals to join us and build a bigger and stronger community within the built environment in Malaysia."

RISM President, Dato' Sr Thiruselvam Arumugam said, "RISM is committed and is in support of working together with every international professional organisation to maintain the highest standards of professionalism among its members. RISM also appreciates that due recognition is given by RICS to Malaysia's regulatory surveying Boards. Therefore, RISM is pleased to ratify this refreshed direct entry route to RICS membership for our eligible members."

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About RICS

Everything we do is designed to effect positive change in the built and natural environments. Through our respected global standards, leading professional progression and our trusted data and insight, RICS promote and enforce the highest professional standards in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others provides a foundation for confident markets, pioneers better places to live and work and is a force for positive social impact.

Visit <u>www.rics.org</u> for more information.

About RISM

Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM) is the national professional body incorporating four surveying disciplines, namely, Building Surveying, Geomatics & Land Surveying, Property Surveying and Quantity Surveying. Its current membership stands at close to 11,000 surveyors from the corporate arena, the public sector and the academia.

His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Alhaj Ibni Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Alhaj conferred the royal status to the then Institution of Surveyors, Malaysia (ISM) on 28 March 2011. This royal conferment is the first ever bestowed to any professional body or NGO in Malaysia. Subsequently, the former name, The Institution of Surveyors of Surveyors, Malaysia was changed to Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (RISM). RISM is further elevated and needless to say proud to have His Royal Highness the Sultan of Selangor as its royal patron.

Visit <u>www.rism.org.my</u> for more information.

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