

Agenda item 10.

Incorporation of OneGeology

August 2010

Incorporation means....

.....OneGeology

- has greater security, stability and sustainability
- will be a separate legal entity
- able to enter agreements in its own name

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Company Limited by Guarantee Charity

- A way to incorporate to achieve the objectives of OneGeology
- A Not-For Profit Charity company which is strictly bound by its “*objects*”, and can only devote resources to its *objects*
- The *objects* are the OneGeology objectives –
 - Make geological map data web accessible
 - Stimulate and accelerate the development and deployment of standards
 - Transfer of know-how and training in the *objects*

Company Limited by Guarantee Charity

- A CLG Charity company is regulated by the UK Government Charity Commission
- A CLG Charity can only do work for charitable purposes (including education and advancement of science)
- Its Articles will be a balance between minimising intrusion into GSOs, maximising protection of OneGeology and its members, and minimising risk
- Maximum liability of members will be £10
- Members can leave at any time

Proposed OneGeology CLG structure

Executive & Technical directors & Secretariat

Board

6 Directors (*Africa, Asia, Europe, N America, S America, Oceania*)

Observers at Board

Advisory Committees (Operational & Technical)

Members
Geological Survey Organisations

Members
Ex-officio organisations (*UNESCO, IUGS, CGMW*)

OneGeology "Foundation"

Separate Board and one shareholder (OneGeology CLG)

Associate Members

Geological Survey Organisations and non-Geological Survey Organisations



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