



MINISTER OF TRADE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

4 March 2019

The Honourable Mr Simon Birmingham
Minister for Trade, Tourism, and Investment
Australia

Dear Minister

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter on this date, which reads as follows:

In connection with the signing on this date of the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA), I have the honour to confirm the following mutual understandings reached between the Government of Australia (Australia) and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia (Indonesia) during the course of the negotiation of IA-CEPA:

1. Australia and Indonesia share a vision for closer cooperation and economic integration between our two countries. Australia and Indonesia will work together to expand trade in services, and to increase the flow of professionals in the field of engineering between our two countries.
2. Australia and Indonesia recognise the APEC Engineer Register as a vehicle to promote and facilitate mobility of professional engineers between our two countries. Australia and Indonesia also recognise the International Engineering Alliance and its work in establishing internationally benchmarked standards for engineering education and competencies for engineering practice through Educational Accords, including the Washington Accord, and international agreements between engineering bodies.
3. Further to paragraph 2, within one month from the date of signing this letter, Australia will work with its relevant body to contact the Indonesian relevant body to discuss how Australia may assist Indonesia to reach Washington Accord provisional status.

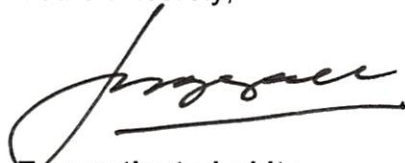
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4. Within 12 months from the date of Indonesia reaching Washington Accord provisional status, Australia and Indonesia will encourage their relevant bodies to enter into negotiations on mutual recognition of professional engineers including in the field of mining engineering with a view to establishing a framework to enable professional engineers to engage in independent practice and achieve mutually beneficial outcomes in the two countries.
5. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1-4, Indonesia and Australia also share an understanding that Australia will ensure professionals possessing non-Accord qualifications will also have the opportunity to be assessed through a Competency Demonstration Report (CDR) assessment. Australia will provide all relevant CDR pathway.

I have the further honour to propose that this letter, and your letter in reply confirming these mutual understandings, in the English and the Indonesian languages, both being equally valid, constitute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia which will come into effect on the date of entry into force of IA-CEPA.

I have the further honour to confirm that the above reflects the mutual understandings reached between the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of Australia during the course of negotiations of IA-CEPA, and that your letter and this letter in reply in the English and the Indonesian languages, both being equally valid, constitute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of Australia which will come into effect on the date of entry into force of IA-CEPA.

Yours sincerely,



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Minister of Trade

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