



CODE OF ETHICS FOR MEMBERS

1. General Principles

- 1.1 Each Member of the GIGSA (as listed in Clause 3.01 of the Constitution) including each employee of a Benefactor or Corporate Member, for whose actions the Principals of that Benefactor or Corporate Member shall be accountable, subscribes to this code of ethics and agrees that the aims of the Society include:
- 1.2 To collect, evaluate and disseminate knowledge on all matters relevant to geosynthetics, related products and associated technologies;
- 1.3 To provide, through its meetings and published proceedings, a means of communication and understanding between designers, manufacturers and users of geosynthetics and specifically encourage co-operation between the manufacturing and civil engineering communities;
- 1.4 To promote advancement of the state of the art of geosynthetics and their applications;
- 1.5 To promote the harmonization of test methods, equipment and criteria for geosynthetics materials and the use thereof.
- 1.6 All Members of the GIGSA have the obligation and responsibility to follow the aims of the Society and to be guided by a high standard of ethics, personal integrity, and professional conduct.

2. Relation of Members to the Public

- 2.1 Each Member of the GIGSA shall avoid and discourage misleading statements and/or participation in unsound practices.
- 2.2 A Member of the GIGSA shall not knowingly participate in the publication of any report or document for any unsound or illegitimate undertaking.
- 2.3 A Member of the GIGSA shall not give professional opinion or make a ~~recommendation without being as thoroughly informed as might reasonably be~~

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expected considering the purpose for which the opinion or recommendation is desired. The degree of completeness of information upon which the opinion or recommendation is based shall be made clear.

- 2.4 In representing the GIGSA or in the presentation of professional papers at GIGSA and associated conferences, a Member shall avoid explicit commercialism of his/her company or products.
- 2.5 A Member of the GIGSA shall not knowingly issue a false statement or false information.

3. Relation of Members to Employer and Client

- 3.1 A Member of the GIGSA shall protect, to the fullest extent possible, the interest of his/her employer or client insofar as such interest is consistent with the law and his/her professional obligations and ethics. A Member of GIGSA shall engage, or advise his/her employer or client to engage, and co-operate with other producers, experts and specialists whenever the employer's or client's interests would be best served by such service.
- 3.2 A Member of the GIGSA who finds that their obligations to their employer or client conflicts with their GIGSA professional obligation or ethics shall try to have such conflicting conditions corrected.
- 3.3 A Member of the GIGSA retained by one client shall not accept, without the client's consent, an engagement by another if the interests of the two are conflicting.
- 3.4 A Member of the GIGSA shall not divulge information given in confidence and shall not use, directly or indirectly, any employer or client's information in any way that would violate the confidence of the employer or client.

4. Relationship of Members to Each Other

- 4.1 A Member of the GIGSA shall not falsely or maliciously attempt to injure the reputation of another member.
- 4.2 A Member of the GIGSA shall freely give credit for work done by others to whom the credit is due, shall knowingly refrain from plagiarism in oral and written communications, and shall not knowingly accept credit rightfully due to others.

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- 4.3 A Member of the GIGSA shall expect fair compensation for his/her work and shall not compete unfairly with others.
- 4.4 A Member of the GIGSA shall endeavour to co-operate with others in the profession and encourage the ethical dissemination of technical knowledge.

5. Duties to the Society

- 5.1 A Member of the GIGSA shall uphold this Code of Ethics by precept and example and encourage, by counsel and advice, other Members to do the same.
- 5.2 A member who violates the Code of Ethics shall be subject to the disciplinary measures as set out in the GIGSA Constitution.

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