

Agreement

Between the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) and the Ministry of Employment and Investment (MEI)

on the Administration of the Assayers Certification program

Background

The Assayers Certification Program is authorized in the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Act (1979) for the purpose of encouraging assayers to take the necessary training to meet the high standards required for the mineral industry and to help protect the public from assaying seams. A certificate is awarded to applicants who pass rigorous examinations in both theoretical and practical aspects of assaying. The Program is administered by a Board of Examiners appointed by the Minister.

From **1996** BCIT have had an approved course in assaying and mineral analysis and since 1997 have made their facilities available for the annual assaying examinations. It is Government's desire to strengthen this Program and to run it as a Government-BCIT Partnership.

MEI Agrees to issue a grant of \$10,000 to BCIT in 1998 to support their involvement in the program, to keep paying Program administrative expenses and to cover the expenses incurred by the Board of Examiners. MEI further agrees to donate the following assaying equipment to BCIT for teaching and the examinations associated with the assaying Program.

1. GBC Atomic absorption spectrometer
2. Surplus gold assaying supplies (crucibles, cupels, litharge)

BCIT Agrees to:-

1. Return assaying equipment to Government if requested if this agreement is terminated.
2. Administer funds for the administration and examination in accordance with acceptable
3. BCIT financial and administrative policy and to provide a financial statement to the Ministry.

This agreement may be cancelled by either side on 30 days notice.

For British Columbia Institute of Technology _____ Date _

For the Ministry of Employment and Investment _____ Date _