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The Honourable Ban Ki-moon,
Secretary-General of the United Nations
1st Ave & E 44th St
New York, NY 10017
USA

Dear Honourable Secretary-General,

RE: MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOBAL COMPACT

It is with great pleasure that I submit this application for Watts, Griffis and McOuat Limited ("WGM") to join the Global Compact ("**Global Compact**"). Since WGM's founding in 1962, our firm has provided professional geological and engineering consulting services to clients throughout the international mining community. It has been a steadfast policy to maintain the highest ethical standards in all of WGM's business dealings.

Through this application, WGM signals that it supports the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to the advancement of basic human rights, labour rights, environmental protection and anti-corruption. WGM also express commitment to support and promote these principles in those areas where we can influence decision-making. WGM further intend to integrate Global Compact's core principles into our corporate strategy and day-to-day operations through a clear statement of commitment which will be made available to employees, clients and the general public. As an organization, WGM support public accountability and transparency and will report on our performance through the publication of an annual *Communication on Progress* report.

It is WGM's understanding that Global Compact reflects shared values and principles between the United Nations and businesses, but that the Global Compact is not a grading or enforcement mechanism nor does it involve any concepts of profit or technology transfers. Moreover, WGM's participation in Global Compact does not limit our freedom as permitted by law to oppose public or private sector activities, which are not in our best interests. WGM acknowledge the general intentions behind Global Compact may be implemented differently in different countries, in keeping with local laws and customs.

Sincerely yours,

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President