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To: All Members of the Nepalese Engineering and Scientific Communities

SUBJECT: Updates and Invitation to join the American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr).

Dear Colleagues:

Happy New year 2008!

We are writing you today to give a brief update on the last 5 months' activities pertaining to the American Society of Nepalese Engineers (ASNEngr) and to invite you to become a formal member of the Society.

The American Society of Nepalese Engineers has been established to provide a platform for Nepalese and friends of Nepal who are engineers and professionals in the closely related scientific and technical areas to come together, exchange ideas, and support each other for theirs and society's common good. The objective of the Society is to promote professional advancement of individuals with Nepalese background/connection and friends of Nepal who have expertise and training in any branch of engineering or in related scientific and technical fields that lend support to engineering. The goal of the Society is also to help promote engineering and technological advancement in Nepal. More information on ASNEngr can be found in the Society's website at <http://www.ASNEngr.org>

(I) Updates:

Given below are some of the major activities that were achieved during the last 5 months:

1. **The First General Organizing Meeting and formal establishment of ASNEngr:** The General Organizing meeting of the Society was held at the 2007 NESeA-ANMA Joint Convention in Atlanta, GA on September 02, 2007. The meeting went very well by all measures. More than 60 people, from at least 14 States, attended the meeting. The establishment of the Society and the formation of the Steering Committee of the Society were approved at the meeting. The officers of the Steering Committee were elected. The Bylaws of the Society was approved with comments and pending final approval by the full Steering Committee of the Society. For a summary of the meeting, please visit the Society's website at http://www.asnengr.org/files/ASNEngr1stGen_Mtng_Sumry.Sept2007.pdf.
2. **Steering Committee:** We are pleased to report that we now have a full Steering Committee in place. The Committee members come from more than 30 States in the U.S. and 2 Provinces in Canada. The list of Steering Committee has been placed on the Society's website. Please see <http://www.asnengr.org/committee.html>. *The Steering Committee is formed to coordinate activities and execute duties of the Society until the formal election of its Board of Directors and Executive Officers by the summer of 2008. This is the top most committee of the Society in the interim to which all other committees/subcommittees will report to.*
3. **Society Registration, EIN, Tax Exempt status, and Bank account:** The Society has been now officially incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of South Carolina, U.S.A. An Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the U.S. Internal Revenue Services has been obtained and a bank account in the name of Society has been opened. At this time, work is in progress to apply for the federal tax exempt 501(c) (3) organization status.
4. **Bylaws:** The Bylaws of the Society has been updated based on comments received at the General Organizing meeting on September 02 as well as comment received via website from other members of the community and Steering Committee members. The Bylaws has been now approved by the full Steering Committee (effective January 01, 2008) and can be found on the Society's website at <http://www.asnengr.org/bylaws.html>.

5. Society's Brochure/Flyer: A flyer with key information on the Society has been prepared and is available to download from the Society's website for your information. A copy of the brochure can be downloaded from the Society's website at: http://www.asnengr.org/files/ASNEngrFlyer_01Nov07.pdf.

6. Society's Website: The Society's website <http://www.ASNEngr.org> has been updated with the summary notes of the September 02 General Organizing meeting, approved Bylaws, the list of the full Steering Committee membership, and the Society's brochure/flyers. We invite you to visit the Society's website as regularly as possible to check updates.

7. Subcommittees: Several Subcommittees are envisioned to carry out the Society's businesses in the future. They include - Nomination and Election Subcommittee, Program Subcommittee, Membership and Outreach Subcommittee, Bylaws Subcommittee, Website Subcommittee, Society Registration Subcommittee, and Liaison Subcommittee. Duties and responsibilities of each of these subcommittees can be found on the Society's website page at <http://www.ASNEngr.org/committee.html>. Please let us know if you are interested in serving on any of these subcommittees.

(II) Call for Membership:

With these updates, we invite you to join the Society as a formal member. The 2008 annual dues structure for various membership grades/classifications of the Society as approved by the Steering Committee is given below:

Student Member – Free

Member -- \$20

Senior Member --\$25

Fellow --\$30; and

Life Member -- \$500 (if Member grade), \$400 (if Senior Member), and \$300 (if Fellow).

A detail description on various membership grades and eligibility criteria, and membership application form and application submission instructions can be found on the Society's website at <http://www.asnengr.org/Membership.html>.

We look forward to your active participation and working with you as we move ahead with the Society's activities this coming year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of us sending an e-mail at Info@ASNEngr.org or at the e-mail address noted next to the Society's Officers below. Thank you again for your support.

With warmest regards,

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