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Hi Namanja,

Yes - absolutely. We've been in a few conversations with various folk from OSM about how to feed some of our data downstream into OSM, so I would be very happy to enable this. To formalize:

I provide permission to use the two datasets referenced below (GEO/ADM1 and GEO/ADM2), as well as any future datasets you may identify that are released by the geoBoundaries project under CC-BY 4.0, to improve the OSM. Specifically, I agree that the attribution by OpenStreetMap and its users through <https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Contributors> is sufficient to provide attribution in a "reasonable manner" in accordance with Section 3(a)(1) of the CC BY 4.0 license. Furthermore, I agree to waive section 2(a)(5)(B) of the CC-BY 4.0 license.

Thank you for your contributions to the boundary community,
Dan

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General

Hello,

I am Nemanja, a product manager at Microsoft working on the Open Maps project. I am reaching out to you regarding the geoBoundaries project.

On behalf of the OpenStreetMap (OSM) community, we would like to request access to following datasets in order to improve and help the open community have the most authoritative global map. We found your datasets to be a best fit for the map boundaries, and we believe it would have a great impact on the quality.

According to the OSM license, if a dataset does not have an ODbL license, the data owner must issue an approval letter (a waiver) to certify that the community is allowed to use such datasets. We could see that your datasets are licensed under either ODbL or CC:BY 4.0. To be more concrete, I'm contacting you regarding following two datasets:

- [geoBoundaries/releaseData/gbOpen/GEO/ADM1 at main · wmgeolab/geoBoundaries · GitHub](#), and
- [geoBoundaries/releaseData/gbOpen/GEO/ADM2 at main · wmgeolab/geoBoundaries · GitHub](#).

These datasets are licensed under CC:BY 4.0, therefore we ask for permission to use them in the process of improving the OpenStreetMap data.

If you allow us to use those datasets, you would agree that attribution by OpenStreetMap and its users through <https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Contributors> is sufficient to provide attribution in a "reasonable manner" in accordance with Section 3(a)(1) of the CC BY 4.0 license.

Also, you waives Section 2(a)(5)(B) of the CC BY 4.0 license as to OpenStreetMap and its users with the understanding that the Open Database License 1.0 requires open access or parallel distribution of OpenStreetMap data.

Please inform us if you allow community to use your data to improve the OSM based on mentioned datasets.

Thank you in advance for your help, and we look forward to your reply.

Best regards,
Nemanja