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Canada and Ireland Enhance International Mobility for Professional Engineers

Dublin, Ireland, February 27, 2009 – Engineers Canada signed a mutual recognition agreement with Engineers Ireland during a ceremony held today in Dublin, Ireland. The Agreement enhances the international mobility of professional engineers by permitting licensed engineers in one country to be licensed and work in the other country with relative ease.

The Agreement allows Canada’s professional engineering designation, the P.Eng., to be seen as equivalent to Ireland’s chartered engineer designation, the CEng. Likewise, the Agreement will allow Irish engineers to become licensed in Canadian jurisdictions, thus enhancing the immigration of Irish engineers into Canada. Internationally-educated engineering graduates who have earned the Canadian P.Eng. designation now have the same mobility benefits as Canadian-educated engineering graduates. Registration will also be facilitated through the terms of the Agreement.

“This agreement is of benefit to professional engineering in both countries,” said Chantal Guay, P.Eng., ing., M.Env., chief executive officer of Engineers Canada. “Its development showcases how well our professional associations can work together to strengthen international relations.”

“It was an honour for Engineers Canada to receive Engineers Ireland’s initial request to enter into an agreement,” said Dick Fletcher, FEC, P.Eng., president of Engineers Canada. “This demonstrated the international recognition enjoyed by Canada’s engineering profession. It is a privilege that, after rigorous analysis, it was deemed that our systems for registering engineers are equivalent. I congratulate Engineers Canada and Engineers Ireland on taking the lead on this important initiative.”

Also participating in the ceremony were John Power, CEng., director general of Engineers Ireland, and Jim Browne, CEng., president of Engineers Ireland. The Agreement has been developed due in part to financial support from the Government of Canada, through the Program for Export Market Development of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. It will take effect once it has been ratified by Engineers Canada’s constituent members: the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada.

Engineers Canada is the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering in Canada and license the country's more than 160,000 professional engineers.

Engineers Canada is the business name of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers.

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