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The highest distinction of the OIQ

**ENGINEER MICHELINE BOUCHARD RECEIVES THE 2015 GRAND PRIX D'EXCELLENCE
FROM THE ORDRE DES INGÉNIEURS DU QUÉBEC**

Montreal, May 14, 2015 – Micheline Bouchard has won the 2015 Grand Prix d'excellence, the highest distinction given by the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec to its members. This prize has been awarded every year since 1991 in recognition of outstanding professional practice by a Québec engineer. The engineer who receives this prize serves as an example for the profession and is known and recognized for his or her visionary qualities, innovative achievements and social commitment.

A pioneer among engineers, Bouchard was the second woman elected to the office of President of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec and to the same office of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (now Engineers Canada), not to mention the first woman president of the Canadian Academy of Engineering. Through her many activities in the world of engineering and her example, she has never ceased to promote the participation of women in engineering and their advancement in Québec society.

Her leadership in the business world has been the source of extraordinary success at companies specializing in various high technology sectors, at the local, national and international level. Her contribution has been acknowledged as critical to the success of the many companies, projects and causes for which she has been solicited.

Bouchard has sat on the boards of directors of multiple companies and participated in many fundraising campaigns. She is currently a member of the board of directors of TELUS and PSP Investments.

She has received many awards and distinctions throughout her career; she was named a member of the Order of Canada in 1995, a Fellow of Engineers Canada in 2009 and a knight of the National Order of Québec in 2011. In addition, she has received five honorary doctorates.

Through its policy on rewarding professional excellence, the OIQ seeks to recognize the achievements of engineers whose careers offer an example of how the values of the profession can be fulfilled: competence, responsibility, ethics, and social commitment. The recipient of this prize is also chosen on the basis of his or her leadership, know-how and self-management skills.

About the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

Founded in 1920, the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec has a membership of approximately 60,000 engineering professionals in all fields, except forest engineering. The mission of the OIQ is to ensure the protection of the public by supervising the practice of the profession within the framework of its constituent laws and ensure that the profession serves the public interest. For more information, go to <http://www.oiq.qc.ca>.

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APPENDIX

RECIPIENTS OF THE GRAND PRIX D'EXCELLENCE The highest distinction awarded by the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

Year	Recipient	Title (when the file was submitted)
1991	Mr. Camille A. Dagenais, Eng.	Former President, SNC Group
1992	Mr. Roger Nicolet, Eng.	President, Nicolet Chartrand Knoll
1993	Mr. Roland Doré, Eng.	President, Canadian Space Agency
1994	Mr. Roger Blais, Eng.	Professor Emeritus, École Polytechnique
1995	Ms. Michèle Thibodeau DeGuire, Eng.	CEO, Centraide
1996	Mr. Guy Saint-Pierre, Eng.	President, SNC-Lavalin
1997	Mr. Claude Chamberland, Eng.	Executive Vice President, Alcan
1998	Mr. Jean-Guy Paquet, Eng.	CEO, National Optics Institute
1999	Mr. Frank A. Dottori, Eng.	President, Tembec
Tie	----- Ms. Danielle W. Zaïkoff, Eng.	----- Expert Engineer, Hydro-Québec
2000	Mr. Jean-Guy René, Eng.	CEO (Peru) Hydro-Québec International
2001	Mr. Fassi Kafyeke, Eng.	Department Manager Advanced Aerodynamics Department, Bombardier Aerospace
2002	Mr. Élie Saheb, Eng.	CEO, James Bay Energy Corporation
2003	Mr. René Dufour, Eng.	Chair of the Board, Niocan inc.
2004	Mr. Pierre Bouchard, Eng.	President, STAS-UNIGEC
2005	Mr. André Harvey, Eng.	Former President, Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE)
2006	Mr. Bernard Lamarre, Eng.	Consultant, SNC-Lavalin
2007	Mr. Martin Roy, Eng.	President, Martin Roy and Associates
2008	Mr. Pierre Desjardins, Eng.	President, Les produits N.C. Itée
2009	Mr. André Bazergui, Eng.	CEO of CRIAQ Professor Emeritus, École Polytechnique
2010	Mr. Wilfrid Morin, Eng.	President and CEO of Teknika HBA
2011	Mr. Robert Louis Papineau, Eng.	CEO of École Polytechnique de Montréal
2012	Mr. Serge Gendron, Eng.	President, AGF Steel
2013	Mr. Pierre-Claude Aïtcin, Eng.	Professor Emeritus Université de Sherbrooke
2014	Mr. A. Karel Velan, Eng.	Founder of Velan Engineering Ltd.
2015	Ms. Micheline Bouchard, Eng.	Corporate Director