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AUDITS IN CONSULTING ENGINEERING FIRMS: THE ORDRE DES INGÉNIEURS DU QUÉBEC SIGNS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BUREAU DE NORMALISATION DU QUÉBEC

Quebec City, October 18, 2013 – The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec (OIQ) is proud to announce that it has signed a cooperation agreement with the Bureau de normalisation du Québec (BNQ) to develop voluntary standards in such areas as ethical professional practice, contract awards and management, and business development. These voluntary standards will be used by the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec as a basis for performing audits of participating consulting engineering firms. Firms that meet the criteria set out in the voluntary standards will receive OIQ certification.

“The Bureau de normalisation du Québec is proud to contribute to the development of these first standards, which will serve as a reference for all consulting engineering firms in Québec,” stated Jean Rousseau, Eng., Director of the BNQ.

“To prevent the current confidence crisis from recurring, the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec has committed to developing new measures to increase the protection of the public, which include supervising companies that offer engineering services. Now that this agreement has been signed, we are one step closer to fulfilling that commitment. The OIQ is therefore developing a range of services that go beyond the limits of the professional system and will benefit its members and the companies that hire them,” explained Daniel Level, Eng. FIC, PMP, President of the OIQ.

Since ethics has been a hot topic in Québec, there is no doubt that this initiative will be welcomed by firms, the engineers who work at them, clients and the public.

The costs of the OIQ’s audit program, including those of the agreement, will be covered entirely by the firms participating in the program.

About the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

Founded in 1920, the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec has a membership of 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>.

About the Bureau de normalisation du Québec

The Bureau de normalisation du Québec is an administrative unit of the Centre de recherche industrielle du Québec. For more than 50 years, it has been the central agency entrusted with the standardization, certification and release of information on standards. Officially recognized by the Québec government, the Standards Council of Canada and the World Trade Organization, the BNQ is a leader in developing measures to support business, industry, and public and regulatory bodies.