

**Clarification from the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec regarding
a cyber incident that was reported to law enforcement agencies**

Montreal, June 18, 2020 – The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec (OIQ) has been informed of an IT security breach that may have affected some of its members' personal information.

The breach concerns 1,756 members and candidates to the engineering profession (CEPs) who renewed their registration on the OIQ's Roll by credit card between May 20 and May 25, 2020. This situation occurred due to a flaw in an external provider's transactional software that the OIQ uses.

All of the individuals concerned were notified earlier in the day. The OIQ is offering them support in the form of free credit monitoring services.

The information that may have been accessed by unauthorized third parties is linked to the credit cards that were used to complete the transactions. In a smaller number of cases, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers or home addresses may have also been breached.

Corrective measures taken

The OIQ is already cooperating with law enforcement agencies. It has also reported this incident to the Access to Information and Privacy Office.

Furthermore, measures have been taken to strengthen the security of transactions and lower the risk of such an incident recurring. An independent firm has been hired to identify additional measures that may be put in place.

Finally, the OIQ has created a direct communication channel so that it can quickly answer members' questions about this incident. Information is available on its Web site as well.

About the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec turned 100 years old in 2020. It has a membership of some 65,000 engineering professionals in all fields, except forest engineering. The OIQ's aim is to be a unifying organization and a reference for professionalism and excellence in engineering. Its mission is to protect the public by acting to ensure that engineers serve society with professionalism and integrity, in compliance with the laws, regulations and standards that govern the profession and in the public interest. For more information, go to oiq.qc.ca.

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