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Zaki Ghavitian, FIC, ing., Appointed Engineers Canada President

May 31, 2010 Ottawa (Ontario) – Engineers Canada is pleased to announce that Zaki Ghavitian, FIC, ing., has been elected to serve as its president for the 2010-2011 term.

In the coming year, Mr. Ghavitian will guide Engineers Canada through many initiatives, including implementing a renewed strategic plan and working with the engineering profession's leadership toward the objective of enhancing the profession and improving its responses to the needs of Canadians.

Mr. Ghavitian brings with him a wealth of leadership experience and engineering knowledge. He earned both bachelor and master's degrees in electrical engineering from École Polytechnique in Montréal, and is currently Hydro-Québec's Manager, Project Control, Installations - Société d'énergie de la Baie James Division. Mr. Ghavitian has worked in various positions at Hydro-Québec for almost 30 years, on everything from the planning of production and electricity transmission equipment to project management.

A licensed practitioner of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec since 1976, Mr. Ghavitian has been an extremely active member of its Board of Directors since 1995, having served as its president from 2006-2009, as well as vice-president of Finance and Member Services, and vice-president of Corporate Affairs. He is currently the ordre's executive vice-president of Public Affairs.

In 2008, Mr. Ghavitian was elected to the Administrative Committee of the Conseil interprofessionnel du Québec, which represents the 45 professional orders of Quebec. He is also an active member in his community of Montréal, serving on the boards of several not-for-profit organizations.

Mr. Ghavitian will be joined by the following members of the Executive Committee: President-Elect Brent Smith, FEC, P.Eng. (Engineers and Geoscientists New Brunswick); Past-President Dan Motyka, FEC, P.Eng. (Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta); Cord Hamilton, P.Eng. (Association of Professional Engineers of Yukon); and Chris Roney, FEC, P.Eng. (Professional Engineers Ontario).

Mr. Ghavitian and the Board members will be supported by Engineers Canada's Chief Executive Officer Chantal Guay, ing., P.Eng., M.Env., and staff in Ottawa.

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