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Engineers Canada Recognizes Benefits of Flexibility on Stimulus Deadline

Ottawa, ON, December 3, 2010 —Canada’s engineering profession welcomes the federal government’s decision to extend the deadline for the completion of infrastructure projects funded under the Economic Action Plan to October, 31, 2011. By providing flexibility on the deadline, the federal government has recognized the importance of these projects and the challenges inherent in addressing Canada’s infrastructure deficit.

“The Government of Canada’s decision to recognize the needs of Canada’s communities, and extend the deadline for the completion of infrastructure projects funded under the Economic Action Plan, should be applauded,” said Engineers Canada Chief Executive Officer Chantal Guay, ing., P.Eng., M.Env., “These projects will help communities improve the quality of life of their residents, while helping to drive economic growth.”

While the unprecedented infrastructure investments under the Economic Action Plan and the previous investments announced over the past few years have been welcome, there continues to be a need for the federal government to engage its partners and stakeholders to develop a sustainable, long-term and planned approach to infrastructure renewal in Canada.

Ms. Guay further added that while the extension is good for the economy, the federal government needs to carefully consider how best to ensure that sustainable and strategic investments are made in order to maintain and improve Canada’s aging infrastructure. She called for collaboration between governments and stakeholders to protect the quality of life and economic prosperity of all Canadians.

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Engineers Canada is the business name of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers and 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 234,000 members of the engineering profession.

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