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Engineering profession to collaborate with other professions for a safer, cleaner, healthier and more competitive Canada

MONTREAL (Tuesday, May 12, 2009) – The Canadian Engineering Leadership Forum (CELF) is hosting Canada's first ever multi-profession Summit designed to identify engineering services that will help lead to a healthier and more competitive Canada. The three-day conference will bring together representatives from a number of sectors including health, environment, safety and security, business, architecture and city planning and will conclude with a signing by all six CELF members of a Memorandum of Understanding, formalizing their collaboration. The engineering profession will use the results to guide its future direction particularly in the areas of engineering education and public policy as it impacts Canadian society.

Who: The Canadian Engineering Leadership Forum (which brings together representatives from Engineers Canada, the Engineering Institute of Canada, the Canadian Academy of Engineering, the Association of Canadian Engineering Companies, the National Council of Deans of Engineering and Applied Science and the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students)

What: First ever 'cross-professional' National Engineering Summit 2009: *Leading a Canadian Future – The New Engineer in Society*

Where: Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth Hotel, 900 René-Lévesque Blvd. W., Montréal, QC

When: Tuesday May 19 to Thursday May 21, 2009

A press conference will be held for release of the statement on Thursday May 21, 2009 at 11:45 a.m., followed by a public signing by CELF members of a Memorandum of Understanding, formalizing their collaboration.

Tuesday, May 19

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Key speakers include:

- **David Butler-Jones** (Chief Public Health Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada)
- **Thomas d'Aquino** (Chief Executive and President, Canadian Council of Chief Executives)
- **Allan Gregg** (Senior Research Professional and Social Commentator)
- **James Johnson Duderstadt** (President Emeritus and University Professor of Science and Engineering, University of Michigan)
- **Jean Lemire** (Biologist, Producer and Director)
- **Robert Walker** (Assistant Deputy Minister - Science and Technology, Department of National Defence)
- **Richard Worzel** (Chartered Financial Analyst)

Wednesday, May 20

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Listed below is a sample of the concurrent sessions. For the complete program, please visit www.engineeringssummit.ca

HEALTH – BIO/Tissue Engineering – Panacea or Pandora’s Box

David Kaplan, *Professor and Chair – Department of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Technology Center*

Michael Sefton, *Professor – Institute of Biomaterials & Biomedical Engineering, University of Toronto*

Margaret Somerville, *Founding Director, McGill Centre for Medicine, Ethics and Law Samuel Gale Professor of Law*

ENVIRONMENT – The Evolving Canadian Energy System

Clem Bowman, *Chairman, ProGrid Ventures Inc.*

David Sanborn Scott, *Adjunct Professor – Mechanical Engineering, University of Victoria*

SAFETY AND SECURITY – Information Technology and Transportation Security

Ian Wilms, *Chairman, Calgary Police Commission*

Peter Wallis, *President & CEO, The Van Horne Institute*

COMPETITIVENESS IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY – Trends and Technology: Innovation in Canada

Jean-Claude Gavrel, *Director, Networks of Centres of Excellence*

QUALITY OF LIFE – Quality of Life in Canada

Richard Gilbert, *Consultant on Urban Issues*

Leonard Lee, *Founder, Lee Valley Tools and Canica Design*

Eric Morse, *Associate Dean – Programs, Richard Ivey School of Business*

Thursday, May 21

8:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Concluding statements on all five streams will be made.

A press conference will be held at 11:45 a.m. at the Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth hotel's Marquette / Jolliet rooms for the public release of the declaration statement, which will commit the engineering profession to action in the five streams.

The press conference will be followed by a public signing by CELF members of a Memorandum of Understanding, formalizing their collaboration.

The full conference is open to the media. For media accreditation forms, contact Aurélie Walsh at Aurelie@blueprintpr.ca

Final program is available at www.engineeringssummit.ca

About Engineers Canada

Engineers Canada is the Secretariat for the Canadian Engineering Leadership Forum (CELFL) 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 160,000 professional engineers.

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