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### CEO and Registrar Derek Doyle PEng Announces Retirement

VANCOUVER – The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) wishes to advise that CEO and Registrar, Derek Doyle PEng, has announced his decision to retire effective December 2012. Mr Doyle joined APEGBC in January 2007 after 40 years of broad experience in industry, consulting and government.

“It has been a great privilege for me to support the work of Council,” said Doyle. “I have been humbled not only by their volunteer efforts, which I have seen transform the professions, but also by the commitment of the hundreds of other volunteers who sustain this work and make it a success.”

Doyle says he is particularly pleased to have witnessed several transformative programs grow and advance during his tenure at APEGBC. One that is especially meaningful to him is the Professional Renewal Program, which was established to examine best association practices and identify areas for improvement. The 38 recommendations that came out of this work are well on their way to being implemented and are 72% complete on average after just two years of a five-year program. Mr Doyle sees this as a measure of the commitment of Council and APEGBC volunteers to resource and drive forward the initiative.

In the last few years, APEGBC has built a collaborative relationship with government at the technical, executive and political levels. This relationship, says Doyle, has brought innovative leadership to protecting the public through collaboration on the school seismic retrofit program, as well as guidelines for wood frame buildings, slope stability, and flood risk.

During Mr Doyle’s term, the association has developed a robust and living strategic plan supported by a Council workplan and performance measures, providing better transparency and accountability. A recent organizational realignment was designed to closely align with Council’s strategic plan, and reflects the three core components of the Association: regulatory, financial, and operational.

“Derek has been dedicated to achieving Council’s vision throughout his time with us,” said APEGBC President Jeff Holm PEng, FEC. “His wisdom and leadership have helped us to become a better organization. I know his insight will be truly missed at the Council table and beyond.”

APEGBC’s Council has appointed a search committee to begin the process of identifying Doyle’s successor. They are committed to following a fully confidential process. Further details about this opportunity will be made available shortly.

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