



Professional Engineers  
and Geoscientists of BC

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### Professional Registration of Engineers and Geoscientists Resumes

VANCOUVER—The effect of a BC Supreme Court Judge’s September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 decision declaring one of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists (APEGBC) registration by-laws invalid has been delayed until March 21, 2008, allowing the Association time to put a new by-law in place. The judge delayed the effect of his decision on December 14, 2007, as he felt significant harm would be done to applicants who would otherwise have satisfied the Association of their entitlement to become members. The by-law in question is (11(e)(2)) of the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*.

Some 189 applicants were affected by the September decision and will be granted their professional designation as Professional Engineer (P.Eng.) or Professional Geoscientist (P.Geo.) immediately. “We’re addressing this situation on a number of levels, and I’m very pleased that we can once again grant registrations, while we put a new by-law in place. The professional designations of P.Eng. and P.Geo. are synonymous with trust, accountability and professionalism,” says APEGBC President Janet Benjamin, P.Eng.

Under this decision, APEGBC’s ability to register applicants will expire on March 21, 2008 unless other legislation exists to permit continuing registration. The Association’s members are currently voting on a new by-law and the results of the vote will be available December 20, 2007. If approved by the members, this by-law will then be subject to a 45-day review by the Lieutenant Governor in Council before it can take effect.

Founded in 1920, APEGBC is the licensing and regulatory body for professional engineers and geoscientists. With over 24,000 members, APEGBC is one of the largest professional associations in BC. From mineral exploration to seismic safety, APEGBC is dedicated to protecting the public and the environment through setting and maintaining high standards of entry and professional practice. APEGBC regulates the professions of engineering and geoscience under the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act*.

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