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Professional Engineers Supported in their Efforts to Contribute to Canadian Society

Ottawa, ON, October 6, 2009 – Engineers Canada, with Manulife Financial and TD Insurance Meloche Monnex, is honoured to once again award seven Canadian engineers with scholarships in support of their great potential for improving efficiencies in health and safety.

“We are proud to support these individuals as they pursue their dreams of helping their communities, creating new technologies and improving the lives of Canadians,” said Chantal Guay, ing., P.Eng., M.Env., chief executive officer, Engineers Canada.

“Their commitment to contributing to our country demonstrates the ingenuity, resourcefulness and skills that the engineering profession must recognize, admire, and manifest.”

For years, Manulife Financial and TD Insurance Meloche Monnex have joined Engineers Canada in rewarding outstanding professional engineers who build on their engineering background by returning to school to pursue advanced academic studies.

“Manulife Financial is very proud of our 60 year partnership with Engineers Canada and we are honoured to participate in the scholarship program recognizing and supporting the continued studies of talented engineering professionals from across Canada,” said Gavin Robinson, SVP and General Manager, Affinity Markets, Manulife Financial.

“I am very pleased to have Manulife and TD Insurance Meloche Monnex as continued partners in the scholarship program,” said Guay. “I am also proud that the Léopold Nadeau Scholarship was created to commemorate his contribution to Canada’s engineering profession, and that it was first awarded to an outstanding engineering student last year.”

“We are proud to partner with Engineers Canada to encourage engineers to push the boundaries of the profession with their innovative ideas,” said Jean R. Lachance, Chairman, Affinity Market Group, TD Insurance Meloche Monnex. “Our company history is inextricably linked to the engineering profession and to Engineers Canada, our partner for 38 years. Today we continue to provide home and automobile insurance to 81,000 engineers and their families.”

The scholarship recipients demonstrate how the engineering profession can contribute towards a healthier, cleaner, safer, more competitive and sustainable Canada. They are working on diverse projects, including developing evacuation and sheltering systems; conducting workshops on local environmental and water resources applications in First Nations communities to provide a deeper understanding of water treatment challenges; developing new ways for older adults to stay healthy in their homes and communities; improving current international regulations governing the design of passenger ships and guidelines for evacuation analysis; advancing the delivery of surgical procedures; investigating methods for improving the efficiency of water recovery technologies; and studying engineered soil covers over waste piles to make recommendations on solutions for reducing salts in mine waste.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

Engineers Canada-Manulife Financial Scholarships – valued at \$10,000

- **Fraser Kent, P.Eng.**, PEO, pursuing a PhD in Environmental Engineering and specializing in Water Reclamation at the University of Guelph
- **William M. Johnstone, P.Eng.**, APEGBC, pursuing a PhD in Civil Engineering and specializing in Reliability and Risk Management at the University of British Columbia
- **Joel N. Hilderman, P.Eng.**, APEGGA, pursuing a Master of Science in Engineering and specializing in Geoenvironmental Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan

Engineers Canada-TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Scholarships – valued at \$7,500

- **Robert C. Brown, P.Eng.**, PEGNL, pursuing a PhD in Ship Evacuation Simulation at the University of Greenwich
- **Simon J. Rose, P.Eng.**, APEGBC, pursuing a Doctor of Medicine at the University of British Columbia
- **Victoria Young, P.Eng.**, PEO, pursuing a PhD in Rehabilitation Science, Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering at the University of Toronto

Engineers Canada-TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Léopold Nadeau Scholarship – valued at \$10,000

• **Jason McCullough, P.Eng.**, APEGBC, pursuing a Master of Applied Science in Environmental Engineering at the University of Guelph

The Engineers Canada-TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Léopold Nadeau scholarship was created in 2008 in honour of the late Léopold Nadeau, past executive director of Engineers Canada. It is awarded to engineers returning to university for further study or research in the area of public policy development.

For more information on the 2009 scholarship recipients and Engineers Canada, visit: www.engineerscanada.ca/e/pr_awards_2.cfm

Engineers Canada 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. Engineers Canada is the business name of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers.

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