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Catherine Karakatsanis Appointed as Engineers Canada President

June 1, 2012, Niagara Falls, Ontario – Engineers Canada is pleased to announce the election of Catherine Karakatsanis, M.E.Sc., FEC, FCAE, P.Eng., as its president for 2012-2013. Ms. Karakatsanis will lead the Engineers Canada Board as it works with the engineering profession's constituent associations across Canada, representing the over 250,000 members of the engineering profession. Engineers Canada will continue collaborating with the profession's leadership to build a stronger engineering profession and to increase Canadian's awareness of the role of engineering and engineers in society.

Karakatsanis has had a diversified career with extensive engineering and management experience. She joined the consulting engineering and management firm Morrison Hershfield in 1989, and is currently the executive vice-president of the Building, Technology and Energy Global Business Unit and has been a director on the firm's Board since 2005.

Karakatsanis obtained her undergraduate and master's degree at the University of Western Ontario. She has actively volunteered in the engineering community for over two decades, serving as president and chair of Professional Engineers Ontario and president and chair of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers. She is currently on the Board of Engineers Without Borders, and strongly believes in the importance of engineering students and young engineers being involved in the profession. She brings her passion for ensuring the next generation of engineers are equipped to face the engineering challenges of the future through her involvement on the Board of the Canadian Engineering Memorial Foundation and as the chair of the University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Engineering Advisory Council.

Karakatsanis will be joined by the following members of the Executive Committee: President-Elect Jim Beckett, FEC, P.Eng. (APEGA); Past-President Brent Smith, FEC, P.Eng. (Engineers and Geoscientists New Brunswick); Zaki Ghavitian, FIC, ing. (OIQ); Digvir Jayas, FEC, P.Eng. (APEGM); Diane Freeman, FEC, P.Eng. (PEO); and Engineers Canada's Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer Marie Carter, FEC, P.Eng. They, along with the other Board directors and advisors, will be supported by the Engineers Canada staff in Ottawa.

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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 250,000 members of the engineering profession. Engineers Canada is the business name of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers.

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