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# Media Release

## **Richmond Hill Engineer Recognized by Engineering Regulator for Tireless and Enthusiastic Volunteer Service to the Profession**

Toronto – (April 29, 2013) – For his enthusiasm and dedication to the engineering profession, Noubar Takessian, P.Eng., FEC, of Richmond Hill, has been named a Member of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. He was inducted into the order at an April 26, 2013 gala in Toronto.

Takessian has served on PEO's Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter executive for over 15 years, earning respect from his colleagues for improving the chapter's operations and increasing its involvement in the community.

Takessian has held many roles within the chapter, including four consecutive years as chair. Under his leadership, the chapter has undergone tremendous growth and development. He established a structure for chapter business meetings that increased their efficiency and effectiveness. This included finalizing the chapter by-laws, reforming and redefining the chapter subcommittee system and ensuring the chapter held at least one function every month.

As chair, Takessian also established the chapter's Government Liaison Program (GLP) committee and helped to create the necessary culture for promoting PEO's role to elected officials at all levels of government and for increasing their presence at chapter events. Today, the Willowdale-Thornhill Chapter is one of the association's busiest in GLP activities.

A tireless and passionate advocate for the engineering profession, Takessian has consistently provided a strong voice for his chapter at PEO events. He is an avid supporter of his chapter's attempts to diversify its events and extend its reach in the community, which it has done by collaborating with neighbouring chapters to stage seminars and social events. Takessian has also mentored and trained international engineering graduates, helping them gain local work experience and assisting them with PEO's licence application process.

The Order of Honour pays tribute to individuals who have rendered conspicuous service to the engineering profession. The rank of Member is bestowed upon those who have served the profession by contributing substantially to its operation or improvement in its status.

### **About Professional Engineers Ontario**

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 80,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment. Professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names.

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