



Media Release

Engineering Licensing Body Obtains Order Against Barrie Area Man

Toronto – (April 6, 2011) – Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) has obtained an Order under the *Professional Engineers Act* in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice against Paul Douglas Terry (Terry) and his company Next Step Design Build Ltd. (Next Step). PEO alleged in an Application before the Court that Terry and Next Step practised professional engineering and had used an engineering seal without being licensed, and offered and provided professional engineering services to the public without holding a Certificate of Authorization (C of A).

Terry has never held a licence and neither he nor Next Step has ever held a C of A in Ontario.

PEO brought the application after receiving information from a professional engineer who discovered that Terry had applied a copy of the professional engineer's seal to an engineering drawing filed with the City of Barrie Building Department with respect to a major renovation to a residence in the Barrie area. An investigation by PEO concluded that Terry had in fact applied a copy of the professional engineer's seal to the work without the professional engineer's prior knowledge or consent.

After reviewing the affidavit evidence and hearing from Symon Zucker of the law firm of Danson & Zucker counsel for PEO that the Defendants had consented to an Order in the matter, the Honourable Mr. Justice Stinson ordered that Terry refrain from engaging in the practice of professional engineering and using an engineering seal unless or until he obtains a licence from PEO.

Both Terry and Next Step were ordered to refrain from offering or providing professional engineering services to the public, unless or until they obtain a C of A from PEO.

Next Step was also ordered to refrain from using or causing an engineering seal to be used in Ontario unless and until it obtains a Certificate of Authorization from PEO.

Under the *Professional Engineers Act*, a public protection statute, only individuals who are licensed as professional engineers by PEO or hold a temporary licence from PEO may represent themselves as professional engineers, engage in the practice of professional engineering and in the business of providing to the public in Ontario services that are within the practice of professional engineering or use the title "professional engineer" or the abbreviation "P.Eng."

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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