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# Media Release

## Ontario Engineering Regulator Available to Assist in Downsview Park Stage Collapse Investigation

Toronto – (June 19, 2012) – Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO), the licensing and regulating body for professional engineers and professional engineering in the province, is looking into the June 16 stage collapse at Downsview Park in Toronto and has offered to assist the Ontario Ministry of Labour in its investigation.

As part of PEO's mandate to govern its licence and certificate holders and regulate professional engineering practice to serve and protect the public interest, the regulator can help to determine whether professional engineering work was performed by PEO licence holders in compliance with the regulations under the *Professional Engineers Act*, a provincial statute.

"PEO would be pleased to assist the ministry's investigation, if requested, to find out if engineering work was carried out by appropriately licensed people and companies, and establish if there were any issues related to the engineering performed," said Linda Latham, P.Eng., Deputy Registrar, Regulatory Compliance.

Under the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO is responsible for the licensing and discipline of professional engineers and holders of temporary, limited and provisional engineering licences and authorizes companies to provide engineering services under Certificates of Authorization. PEO protects the public by ensuring all those who do or take responsibility for professional engineering have met the rigorous qualifications for licensing. It also sets standards of professional practice for professional engineering work.

### 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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