

August 30, 2012

Mr. Justice Paul R. Bélanger  
The Courthouse, 6th Floor Judges' Chambers  
161 Elgin Street  
Ottawa, ON K2P 2L1

Dear Justice Bélanger:

**Re: Offer of Assistance – Elliot Lake Inquiry**

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, Professional Engineers Ontario (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.

Regarding the collapse of the Algo Centre Mall, to date PEO has been working with the Ministry of Labour and Ontario Provincial Police to help them in their respective investigations. In addition, I have initiated two Registrar's Investigations, as I believe on reasonable and probable grounds that holders of licences granted by PEO have committed acts of professional misconduct or incompetence. My powers for these investigations are set out in section 33 of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

PEO notes in section 4(c) of your terms of reference that where the Commissioner considers it essential and at his discretion, he may engage in any activity appropriate to fulfilling his duties, including: consulting with or seeking submissions from key stakeholders and sector experts.

Specifically, PEO believes it may be able to assist with your review of:

- relevant legislation, regulations and bylaws and the policies, processes and procedures of provincial and municipal governments and others with respect to structural integrity and safety; and
- relevant legislation, regulations and bylaws and the policies, processes and procedures of provincial and municipal governments and others with respect to the emergency management and response to the collapse of the Algo Centre Mall.

Please contact me to advise how we can assist you with the Elliot Lake Inquiry.

Yours truly,



Kim Allen, P.Eng.  
CEO/Registrar

Copy: Hon. John Gerretsen, Attorney General