

# Media Release

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### **Canadian Council of Professional Engineers and Microsoft Corp. Agree on use of “Engineer” title**

Ottawa, Ont., May 11, 2001 – After discussions with Canada’s engineering profession, Microsoft Corp. will advise Canadian holders of its MCSE certification not to call themselves engineers or use the full title Microsoft Certified System Engineers.

Microsoft’s decision should prevent Canadian holders of the MCSE certification from inadvertently breaking provincial and territorial laws, which protect the public by restricting the use of the titles “engineer” and “engineering” and the practice of engineering in Canada to licensed professional engineers. It should also ensure that the engineering profession’s licensing bodies will not be required to take enforcement action against MCSE holders who mistakenly use the title engineer or otherwise hold themselves out as having been qualified to practice engineering.

“We are very pleased by Microsoft’s decision,” said Marie Lemay, P.Eng., CEO of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE). “Microsoft has demonstrated corporate leadership by acting in the best interest of the MCSE community. Holders of the MCSE certification are not licensed or regulated by the engineering profession. If they mistakenly use the titles “engineer” and “engineering” the provincial or territorial engineering associations/order would have to take enforcement action against them. Its decision is good for the information technology industry, good for MCSE holders, and good for the engineering profession.”

The engineering profession, represented by CCPE and several provincial engineering regulatory associations, met with Microsoft in Seattle late last year to explain the legal issues surrounding the use of the title “engineer” in Canada, and to ask the corporation to stop referring to holders of the MCSE credential as engineers. Canadian MCSEs have received certification as Microsoft Certified Systems Engineers, which could lead them to mistakenly misuse the title “engineer.”

“We are very pleased to have reached an agreement with the engineering profession and to support it,” said Anne Marie McSweeney, the acting Director of Microsoft

Certification and Skills Assessment. “It opens the door for closer cooperation among all organizations in the information technology industry and the engineering profession in Canada. As the Microsoft credentials continue to evolve, it is our goal to ensure they maintain the highest level of relevance to the industry and represent leaders in cutting-edge technology.”

Microsoft is currently researching alternatives for the MCSE credential worldwide, which could result in a new name for the credential later this year.

CCPE is the national organization of the provincial and territorial associations/ordre that govern the practice of engineering in Canada and license the country’s 157,000 professional engineers. Established in 1936, CCPE serves the associations/ordre, which are its constituent and sole members, through the delivery of national programs which ensure the highest standards of engineering education, professional qualifications and ethical conduct.

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