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Pickering man fined \$10,000 for illegal use of the title “professional engineer”

Toronto—(April 23, 2019)—On March 27, the Ontario Court of Justice at Toronto fined Cosimo “Cosmo” Polidoro \$10,000 after his guilty plea to one count of breaching the *Professional Engineers Act* by using the title “P.Eng.”

Between May 12, 2016 and June 15, 2017, Polidoro was working as a “construction superintendent” and used the title “P.Eng.” in 40 emails that addressed day-to-day operations on a construction project.

On March 7, 2019, Her Worship Justice of the Peace Lurdes M. Cruz convicted Polidoro of one count of breaching section 40(2)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act*, which strictly prohibits use of the title “P.Eng.” by any person who is not the holder of a licence or a temporary licence.

On March 27, 2019, Justice of the Peace Cruz heard sentencing submissions from the parties and imposed a fine of \$10,000.

Polidoro was previously convicted of three counts of breaching the *Professional Engineers Act* on March 14, 2016 and fined \$6,000.

Nick Hambleton, associate counsel, regulatory compliance, represented PEO in this matter. PEO would like to thank the owner of the construction project for their diligence and cooperation in its investigation.

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