



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **B.C. and Alberta Professional Engineering Regulators Compliant with TILMA and AIT**

**Vancouver** – the two regulatory bodies responsible for licensing professional engineers (P.Eng.) in B.C. and Alberta today announced that 99.5 per cent of the 2,600 P.Eng.s who apply to transfer between provinces and territories across Canada are licensed by the receiving province. Applicants usually receive their licence within five working days.

“Given these numbers, we are confident in stating that APEGBC and APEGGA are in essence compliant with the requirements of the B.C. and Alberta Trade, Investment, Labour and Mobility Agreement as well as the national Agreement on Internal Trade,” says Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia President Janet Benjamin, P.Eng.

“Canadian professional engineers have long recognized the importance of having efficient, nation-wide labour mobility,” says The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta President Dr. Gordon Williams, P.Geol. “But we are equally aware of our obligation under provincial legislation to ensure that public safety and well-being must always be the paramount concern in our decision to license.”

In 1999, APEGBC, APEGGA and the 10 other members of their national organization, Engineers Canada, signed the Inter-Association Mobility Agreement. This agreement, renewed in 2004, allows P.Eng.s licensed in one Canadian jurisdiction in Canada to become licensed in all other Canadian jurisdictions with a minimum of effort, without compromising obligations to protect public safety.

“Although, for constitutional reasons, the final responsibility for issuing a licence to a P.Eng. must remain within the jurisdiction of APEGGA or APEGBC, I’m convinced that the effort of the engineering profession to facilitate national mobility is working,” says Williams.

“We understand that the federal, provincial and territorial governments plan to launch a set of discussions on the Agreement on Internal Trade with stakeholder groups later this summer. APEGBC and APEGGA look forward to being involved in these important consultations,” says Benjamin.

APEGBC and APEGGA regulate and govern the practices of professional engineering and geoscience in B.C. and Alberta respectively. Together they have 78,000 members.

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