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**Stéphane Bilodeau, Eng., Ph.D., elected President of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec**

**Montreal, March 17, 2014** – At its special meeting today, the Board of Directors of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec (OIQ) elected by acclamation Stéphane Bilodeau, Eng., Ph.D., to the office of President of the OIQ following the departure of Daniel Lebel, Eng., on March 6. Accordingly, Mr. Bilodeau will finish the current term, which ends on June 12, the date of the OIQ's next Annual General Meeting.

"This transition has no effect on the OIQ's commitment to take firm action to protect the public, find future solutions and manage transparently. On the contrary, the OIQ's Board of Directors is more determined than ever to continue to make changes that restore the public's confidence. The OIQ is taking action and changes are already well underway," said the new OIQ President.

Mr. Bilodeau has been an active member of the OIQ's Board of Directors since 2006 and has sat on the Executive Committee since 2012. Prior to his appointment to the presidency, he acted as Vice President of the OIQ and as Vice President of Public Affairs.

An advanced thermodynamics and energy efficiency specialist, Bilodeau is President of Groupe Énerstat Inc. and Chair of the Board of Directors of Novacab Inc. He has led several large-scale vehicle and building energy management and storage projects. He has authored various patents on energy storage, thermal systems and energy management. Since 1994, he has worked successively as a lecturer and as an associate professor at the Université de Sherbrooke.

**About the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec**

Founded in 1920, the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec has a membership of more than 60,000 engineering professionals in all fields, except forest engineering. The mission of the OIQ is to ensure the protection of the public by supervising the practice of the profession within the framework of its constituent laws and ensure that the profession serves the public interest. For more information, go to <http://www.oiq.qc.ca>.

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