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The Disciplinary Council strikes Claudio Balliana from the roll for a period of 18 months

Montreal, March 24, 2014 – The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec rendered its decision on guilt and sanction in the case of Claudio Balliana, who will be struck from the roll for a period of 18 months. Mr. Balliana was found guilty of participating in dishonest or questionable activities, which on several occasions involved accepting amounts of money or undue advantages from the contractors that did business with his employer and failing to maintain his professional independence by avoiding conflicts of interest.

The alleged offences brought against Claudio Balliana were committed between 1992 and 2010, when he was a member in good standing of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec and held offices with the City of Hampstead and the City of Montreal.

In its decision, the Disciplinary Council struck Mr. Balliana from the roll for three concurrent periods of 18 months, effective on March 24, 2014. In addition to these temporary periods of removal from the roll, Mr. Balliana was ordered to pay all of the court and publication costs. The sanctions were imposed by the Disciplinary Council to protect the public, dissuade the professional from repeating the offences and make an example of him for other members of the profession.

The full decision of Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec is available on its Web site at www.oiq.qc.ca.

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