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## The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec is pleased about the adoption of the bill to amend the Professional Code with respect to disciplinary justice

**Montreal, June 7, 2013** – The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec is pleased that the National Assembly adopted Bill 17, *Act to amend the Professional Code with respect to disciplinary justice*, and believes that this is a key step toward modernizing Québec's professional system.

"The adopted measures will result in making disciplinary justice more efficient and rapid. They will help maintain, and even improve, the credibility of the professional system in the eyes of the public," said Daniel Lebel, Eng., PMP, President of the OIQ, in reaction to the news.

The Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec is aware of the public's legitimate expectations of the professional system, which is why it actively participated in the consultations on the bill led by the Committee on Institutions.

During the consultations in March, the OIQ also brought up the issue of supervising companies that offer professional services. Progress was made in this issue when the Consulting Engineering Firm Audit Program to be set up by the OIQ was announced on May 28.

Furthermore, the OIQ took the opportunity provided by the consultations to ask that the government update the *Engineers Act*, which has only been subject to minor amendments since the 1960s. The OIQ still hopes that a bill will be introduced for that purpose during the current parliamentary session.

### About the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec

Founded in 1920, the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec has a membership of 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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