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Dear Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Council, staff, delegates, and special guests,

On behalf of Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia, I am pleased to bring greetings for your Annual General Meeting, as well as share a few highlights of current key issues in BC.

TRANSITION TO NEW LEGISLATION

It has been a year of change for Engineers and Geoscientists BC as we began implementing the *Professional Governance Act*. This legislation established a new, consolidated framework for professional regulators in the natural and built environment in BC, including Engineers and Geoscientists BC and the regulators for forestry, agrology, biology, and applied science technology.

As part of this implementation, we introduced two new regulatory programs: mandatory Continuing Education and the regulation of engineering and geoscience firms. These programs will improve public safety and confidence in the engineering and geoscience professions, ultimately resulting in stronger regulation and a safer British Columbia. We have been pleased to see both individual registrants and firms come into compliance with these new requirements and have registered more than 4,200 firms for a Permit to Practice to date.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This year, we also we developed a new strategic plan, which establishes a new vision for Engineers and Geoscientists BC: modern regulation for a resilient world. The plan was developed in collaboration with many key stakeholders and focuses on modernization of our processes, collaboration with partners, agile regulation, and social impact. It will make us stronger as a regulator, which, in turn, will strengthen our ability to protect the public.

We have valued our strong relationship with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba and cooperation on shared goals, such as the 30 x 30 initiative. As our professions evolve, Engineers and Geoscientists BC looks forward to continued collaboration with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba.

Sincerely,

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