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**Re: Technology Professionals Canada / Technology Accreditations Canada**

The TPC Leadership Council will meet on April 2-3, 2011 in Alberta to sign a Memorandum of Alliance (MOA) uniting the provincial technology associations in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario. The MOA provides a leadership and governance framework for TPC, with an emphasis on consensus-based decision making and equality for all signing members. The Leadership Council will also discuss the strategic direction of TPC, with a general emphasis on the harmonization of national standards for professional regulation and rights to practice; the development of a world-class model for accreditation of technology programs; recognition of technology professional associations by key stakeholders in education, industry, the engineering and technology communities, and government; and addressing public policy on matters in which technology professionals have a demonstrated interest and expertise.

In Canada, over 85% of all certified engineering and applied science technology professionals are represented by membership in the group of four provinces that withdrew from the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT) in 2010. The common interests of that 85% were not being served by CCTT adequately at the national level. TPC was created to represent those common interests on the national stage and identify where we can work together for better outcomes.

As part of its interest in a world-class accreditation model, TPC has directed the creation of Technology Accreditations Canada (TAC) and has funded the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) to perform a comprehensive third party review of current technology accreditation practices as measured against best practices from other jurisdictions and sectors. In addition, there are a number of pressing policy issues that need to be considered, including a future relationship with the accrediting body of professional engineers, Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board; ownership of the National Technology Benchmarks and consideration of blended standards; and finally, the size of the market in Canada to assist in determining future investments. Dr. Rick Miner, former President of Seneca College, has been retained to provide independent advice regarding these policy issues.

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In a renewed spirit of transparency stakeholders were invited to participate in a national teleconference on February 9, 2011 to review the process of the CSA study. Participants included two volunteer members of the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board; the chair of the National Council of Deans of Technology; officials from l'Ordre des Technologues Professionnels du Quebec; Dr. Rick Miner; along with other provincial and industry representatives. Mr. Robin Dunn, past chair of CCTT chaired the meeting.

Moving forward, CSA will conduct their study of the accreditation system and offer an opportunity for public comment. When the study is completed, TAC will make recommendations to TPC on how best to serve the interests of its membership based on the contents of the third party review.

To ensure that all interested stakeholders remain informed, TPC is committed to engaging in ongoing dialogue, including attending the National Council of Deans of Technology (NCDOT) meeting in spring 2011 to present how TPC will address any concerns expressed by NCDOT. This process is setting the stage for how TPC plans to do business; we are the majority of Technology Professionals in Canada and foresee a future where all are represented fairly and effectively in an inclusive, balanced federation.

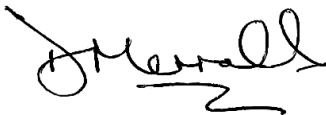
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