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## CONSULTING ENGINEERS APPOINT NEW CEO

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“Today we are announcing the appointment of Mr. Ken Kozakewich, MBA, P.Eng, as the new CEO of the Consulting Engineers of Alberta (CEA),” says President Derek Ciezki, P.Eng.

“We are confident that Mr. Kozakewich will fill the footsteps of retiring CEO, Ken Pilip, P.Eng. Over the past 8 years Ken Pilip has chartered new ground for the CEA, particularly with his efforts to increase the public profile of the organization and to pursue the acceptance of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) as the preferred procurement method for selection of consulting engineering services,” Ciezki adds. “Mr. Pilip will continue as CEA Registrar.”

Ken Kozakewich comes to CEA following his recent retirement from Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions. Ken is a University of Saskatchewan graduate and has a 38 year engineering career in Alberta. In addition to the 27 years he spent with Wood (and legacy companies) he has worked for Alberta Transportation and the Canadian Portland Cement Association.

Ken has experience as both a professional engineer and an Executive Manager in Canadian, US and international situations, working for both public and private sector clients. His proven leadership capabilities will be a significant benefit to CEA building on his past involvement with CEA having served two terms on the Board of Directors and on several CEA committees over the past 20 years.

“During my term as CEO, I was honoured to work with nine exceptionally motivated and talented Presidents. Together we created dynamic relationships with government, other associations and particularly with the public. I have often referred to engineers as the “unseen hand.” Everything we do and everything we have in some way benefits from the input of an engineer. I hope the CEA continues to move the boundaries by completing the acceptance and implementation of QBS. Engineering services are not a commodity and selection of knowledge based professionals should be on qualifications not price. Price is important but not as important as ability to do the job,” concludes Pilip.

“It is time for me to pursue some other interests,” says Ken Pilip. “My wife Vickie and I intend to enjoy golfing, travel and spending time with our children and grandchildren. I will also be working closely with the Canadian Armed Forces as I was recently appointed Honorary Colonel of 41 Service Battalion.”

The Consulting Engineers of Alberta are an important part of our knowledge-based economy. In Alberta, 80 member-firms of the CEA employ over 8,000 professional engineers, technologists and support staff and contribute over \$2 billion annually directly to Alberta's economy and support more than \$20 billion in construction and development.

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