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Dear Mr. Merks:

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A newspaper article in the National Post on October 8, 2002, was recently brought to our attention, copy enclosed. It appears that the business activities of Matrix Consultants Ltd. ("Matrix") may include services that involve the practice of professional geoscience.

We undertook a BC Online search of your company, Matrix, and confirm that it was incorporated in British Columbia; we also searched the internet and found that Matrix offers metallurgical and mining consulting services in this Province.

Our membership database does not list you as a member of this Association and, further, does not show any of our members as being employed by your company. In order for a company in British Columbia to provide professional geoscience services, they must have on their active staff, professional geoscientists, registered and licensed by APEGBC, as registration is required in order to practice professional geoscience in British Columbia.

Responsibility for the regulation of the practices of professional engineering and professional geoscience in the Province of British Columbia has been granted to this Association by the government of British Columbia, under the provisions of the *Engineers and Geoscientists Act* (the *Act*), to protect the safety, health and welfare of the public. Enclosed, for your information and guidance, are copies of the *Act*, our Enforcement Procedure and the Association's policy on *Use of Job Titles*.

As you may be qualified for membership as a professional geoscientist, we have included a membership application package for your review and possible use; any questions you may have with respect to registration as a member should be directed to our Registration Department.

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We have also enclosed copies of information sheets on the Association's *Policy Regarding the Use of Restricted Words in Corporate Names*, together with a Declaration form, which relates to this Policy. Though your company name does not use a restricted word, it appears that Matrix may be providing geoscience services as defined in our *Act*. If your company does provide such services, we request the return of the Declaration form, completed to show the name(s) of the registered professional(s) responsible for such work.

We would appreciate receiving your written response, within two weeks, with respect to the following:

1. an acknowledgment and understanding of the provisions of the *Act* in relation to the practice of professional geoscience and the use of descriptive job titles;
2. the identity of the APEGBC member(s) who is (are) professionally responsible for any geoscience work undertaken by you and your company; and
3. the return of the completed Declaration form (purple sheet) relating to the *Policy regarding the use of Restricted Words in Corporate Names*.

If you require further clarification with respect to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the writer at 604

Sincerely,



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Deputy Director, Professional Ethics

Enclosures: Newspaper article
Engineers and Geoscientists Act
Enforcement Procedure
Policy on Use of Job Titles
Policy Regarding the Use of Restricted Words in Corporate Names
Application for Membership

cc S. Ross Rettie, P.Eng., Director, Professional Practice & Ethics

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