



Media Release

Pickering man fined \$6,000 for three counts of illegal use of the title “professional engineer”

Toronto – (March 18, 2016) – The Ontario Court of Justice at Toronto has fined a Pickering-area man \$6,000 for misrepresenting himself as a professional engineer.

On Monday, March 14, Cosimo Polidoro of Pickering, Ontario, was convicted of three counts of breaching section 40(2)(a) of the *Professional Engineers Act* for using the protected title “P.Eng.” in a resume and in two emails in response to an employment opportunity with a Toronto-area construction firm. The employer asked for confirmation of Polidoro’s licensure status on several occasions. The employer then checked with PEO, which informed the employer that Polidoro had never been licensed as a professional engineer in Ontario.

His Worship Justice Sisay Woldemichael levied a fine of \$2,000 on each of the three counts after finding Polidoro guilty of holding himself out as a professional engineer on three different occasions.

Nick Hambleton, associate counsel, regulatory compliance, represented PEO in this matter. PEO would like to thank the construction firm and its employees for their cooperation in its investigation.

How to verify licensure

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