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Mr. Alan Insley – A Member of the Canadian Geotechnical Society

Mr. Insley graduated from the University of British Columbia, and was subsequently awarded a Masters Degree from the University of London and a DIC from Imperial College. He also attended the Banff School of Advanced Management. He is currently a Principal in the firm of Thurber Consultants Ltd.

Mr. Insley has a long and distinguished career as a geotechnical engineer, beginning with the firm of MM Dillon in Toronto, and employment with Ontario Hydro. Subsequent to completing post-graduate studies in the U.K. then as a Visiting Engineer at Harvard, he joined Thurber Consultants Ltd. in Victoria. Mr. Insley was responsible for development and management of the companies operations, as a Principal and President of the firm. He now concentrates his energies on the technical side of the profession.

Some notable achievements in a board and varied career:

- *Development of laboratories and test programs for designing major structures including some of the largest earth/rock fall dams in Canada*
- *Foundations of marine walks, wharves and docks along the west coast*
- *Design and building of the first tunnel in oil sands*
- *Numerous bridges and structures on the treacherous clay shales of western Canada.*

Mr. Insley has also been very active in professional societies, particularly the CGS and the EIC. He has held a number of positions in the local chapter and provincial groups, and helped in the building of the two societies. He was a guest lecturer at UBC for a number of years, imparting pearls from his broad background to both undergraduate and graduate students.

A credit to the profession, he is now a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.

Madam President – Mr. Alan Insley