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Mr. John W. Gadsby – *A Member of the Canadian Geotechnical Society*

Mr. Gadsby studied at Raynes Park in London and obtained a Diploma in Engineering from London, Technical. Following a few years of engineering practice in design and construction with some of England's most well known design and construction firms Mr. Gadsby returned to university, in this case the University of Illinois, to advance his studies in geotechnical engineering. At this institution he received his masters degree. With that background, now some 10 years after graduation in England he moved to Vancouver. For the next two decades he was involved in the development of several geotechnical engineering companies, with increasing scope and responsibility. His career at these companies was as a Principal and Director. But Mr. Gadsby has always had a quiet, steely determination, which can sometimes be overlooked by casual observers, because of his outgoing, gregarious nature. So, roughly 20 years ago M. Gadsby became an independent consultant and started his own company. He has established himself as one of Canada's premiere consulting engineers. His principal area is in the geotechnical/environmental field, and particularly for mining projects. His work carries him around the world.

Mr. Gadsby is equally at home as a single review consultant, a member of a small review team on a Board of Consultants, or, helping, or leading a multi-disciplinary team with the capacity to bring together the elements of sound engineering, environmental awareness with sensitivity to the social environment – or more simply, the people whose country and/or home you may be affecting. Mr. Gadsby has handled all these roles on major and controversial projects in Canada, US, South America, Africa and Southeast Asia.

A few of Mr. Gadsby's other accomplishments!

- *He pioneered the concept of Designing for closure for mine waste deposits. This includes planning a mine operation throughout its life, to minimize environmental impact on closure;*
- *Helping develop Canada's approach to "Rehabilitation of Mine sites" first developed for Ontario;*
- *Developing training workshops for environmental/engineering of mining projects – for example his course at Royal Roads University in B.C. "Managing Environmental and Social Concerns for Mining"*
- *Founding of Bi-Tech Publishers which is Canada's best known company for publishing technically related materials such as conference proceedings, books and other articles;*
- *Founder and publisher of Geotechnical News serving North American geotechnical engineers, with global subscriptions. A very well know monthly periodical.*

Mr. Gadsby is another of the long line of outstanding people that have come to Canada, to our great benefit.

Mr. President – recipient of this year's Canadian Pacific Railway Engineering Medal – Mr. John W. Gadsby

