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Dr. R. Kerry Rowe - A Member of the Canadian Geotechnical Society and a Fellow of the EIC

Dr. Rowe received both a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Engineering followed by a PhD (1978) from Sydney University in Australia. Some years later (1993) he was awarded a Doctor of Engineering by the same university in recognition of his contributions to Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental engineering. This was after Dr. Rowe had established himself as one of the leading international engineers in his time. It is very appropriate therefore that the K.Y. Lo Medal be the award of recognition for Dr. Rowe this evening.

Dr. Rowe joined the University of Western Ontario after working in industry in Australia as a geotechnical investigations engineer and moved to Queen's University a couple of years ago as Vice-Principal of Research, extending his talents in faculty development across the whole of that institution. Dr. Rowe's technical and scholarly achievements have contributed greatly to the international community, which has led to his recognition as one of the most distinguished engineers of his generation. Effective collaboration with other universities and industry has been a hallmark of his world-class applied research.

Dr. Rowe also has worldwide experience in consulting engineering, particularly in the design and peer review of landfills, which now number more than 40 major projects on four continents. It is easy to recognize excellence in engineering when it is displayed in such abundance. It is not, however, so easy to summarize it. But, perhaps a few statistics will give some measure of this tireless engineer.

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| • Fellow of Learned Societies | 6 | • Chairman of Committees | 12 |
| • Peer - reviewed journals papers | 150 | • Books and Book Chapters | 13 |
| • Consulting Projects | 100 | • Conference Papers | 175 |

Ladies and Gentlemen – we are fortunate indeed to have such a distinguished engineer and educator in Canada, and we are most pleased to share his talents with the country of his birth, Australia, and the international community. Could there be a more deserving candidate for the K.Y. Lo Award? We think not.

Mr. President – for distinction in engineering at the international level - Dr. R. Kerry Rowe