Professor Jeffrey Packer, of the University of Toronto, is an international authority and leading scholar in the field of tubular steel structures. He has published extensively on this topic, including books directed at practicing engineers spanning five languages. He currently serves on technical committees for the American Institute of Steel Construction, American Welding Society, Canadian Standards Association, International Institute of Welding, Steel Tube Institute, and the International Committee for the Development and Study of Tubular Construction.

His novel research on cast steel connections led to the co-founding of the spin-off company Cast Connex Corporation®. Dr. Packer served as President from 2007 to 2011, during which time the founders were awarded the CSCE Excellence in Innovation in Civil Engineering prize. Other awards include the AISC Special Achievement Award, the Ontario Professional Engineers Medal for Research and Development, the CSCE Gzowski Medal and the ASCE Shortridge Hardesty Award.

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Ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. President, please welcome Dr. Jeffrey Packer as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.