

Announcement

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Toronto, ON, [July 17, 2012] – Ontario's Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) appointed Daniel Hoornweg as its new Chief Safety and Risk Officer (CSRO) effective July 5, 2012, for an initial three-year term.

The CSRO is a unique position, independent of TSSA management, reporting directly to its Board of Directors. The CSRO is responsible for reviewing, analyzing and preparing public reports on the safety activities of the TSSA. The CSRO will also review and analyze any safety matters that he, the TSSA Board or the Minister of Consumer Services identifies as being in the public interest.

Hoornweg brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the CSRO role, much of it gained during his tenure as a lead urban specialist in the World Bank's central Urban Advisory Unit. He has over twenty years of experience working with governments on risk management, infrastructure services, finance, legislation and public policy design. Hoornweg is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, guest lecturer at various prestigious academic institutions and a licensed Professional Engineer.

"Public safety is a non-negotiable when it comes to healthy and sustainable communities, large or small. I look forward to working with TSSA to fulfill its vision of being a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety," said Hoornweg.

"We are delighted to have Mr. Hoornweg on board as he brings a breadth of experience and skills that will assist TSSA to continue to be a recognized leader in public safety," added TSSA Board Chair George Irwin.

The position of the CSRO was established through amendments to Ontario's *Technical Standards and Safety Act,* which took effect in 2010 and were aimed at making further improvements to technical safety in the province as well as increasing accountability and transparency. As required by the Act, the Minister of Consumer Services has consented to TSSA's appointment.

TSSA is a self-funded non-profit corporation responsible for the safety of elevators, fuels, boilers, pressure vessels, operating engineers, and upholstered and stuffed articles in Ontario.

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