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Fee freeze reduces burden on businesses and consumers while ensuring public safety.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Toronto, ON, January 15, 2015) – The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is pleased to announce that its current fee schedules, which were set May 1, 2013, will remain unchanged through to April 30, 2017 resulting in a four-year fee freeze across all its program areas except Boilers and Pressure Vessels.

“This four-year fee freeze affirms our commitment to reducing financial impacts on business, to ensuring our organization’s operational efficiency, and above all, ensuring public safety as it relates to our mandated industry sectors,” said TSSA President and CEO, Michael Beard.

As a broader public sector entity, TSSA is committed to supporting the Government of Ontario’s strategic objectives to reduce financial and administrative burdens on business and spur the economy, while continuing to ensure public safety in the sectors it is mandated to regulate.

TSSA charges fees for its public safety services on a cost-recovery basis and is committed to providing value for money across all its safety programs. These fees are set out with the intent to:

- Reasonably reflect sector and service activity, such as engineering and inspection, within each program.
- Ensure that, in addition to their direct and indirect costs, licensing, registration and certification fees recover safety infrastructure costs such as standards and codes work, investigations, prosecutions, regulatory enhancements, and re-investments in public safety.
- Be uniformly applied, regardless of geographic location.
- Include incentives/disincentives for high/low levels of compliance.

“Over the past year, TSSA has embarked on a concerted and successful strategy to control costs. This fee freeze will be achieved through ongoing operational efficiencies, which will ultimately benefit businesses, consumers and the broader public,” added Mr. Beard.

About TSSA

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is Ontario’s public safety regulator, mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce provincial safety regulations and enhance public safety. Throughout Ontario, TSSA regulates the safety of amusement devices, boilers and pressure vessels, elevating devices, fuels, operating engineers, ski lifts, and upholstered and stuffed articles. Its range of safety services include public education and consumer information, certification, licensing and registration, engineering design review, inspections, investigations, safety management consultation, and enforcement and prosecution activities. The organization’s vision is to be a valued advocate and recognized authority in public safety.

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