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A Message to the CME Family from the new Chief Military Engineer

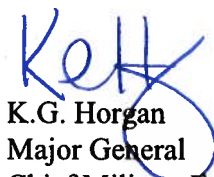
I am honoured and humbled to assume the role of Chief Military Engineer and COS(IE). In Sep 1987, I arrived in Chilliwack to begin Basic Officer training and was not even aware that Chilliwack was home to the CME. 33 years later I realize that the CME Branch is the most diverse, talented and impactful Branch within the CAF. We should all be proud of our history, our recent achievements and what the future holds for the women and men of the CME family. I want to thank MGen Sylvain Sirois for his service and leadership not just as CME but throughout his career and on behalf of all CME members I want to wish Sylvain great success and happiness in his post CAF adventure.

As the Chief Military Engineer I have a role to play in ensuring that our capabilities are well understood and that the senior leadership of the CAF comprehend the unique and important skill sets provided to all CAF elements by the CME team. Over the coming months I hope to be able to visit with many of you and understand better your roles and challenges and to share with you important initiatives underway across the CAF that will impact on CME capabilities.

My major focus as Chief Military Engineer will be to continue to promote solidarity within the Branch. That solidarity extends to our Reserve and Regular components but also civilian, retired and family members. I will work closely with the CMEA and I encourage all of you to join and support our association which provides outstanding benefits and support to CME members and especially to CME members in time of need. I will also work closely with the Colonel Commandant, the Branch CWO and the Branch leadership within the Army and Air Force to harmonize our efforts to maximize our outputs. We are always stronger with a collective voice!

The past number of months have been a challenging and unique time in our history. It has reduced our ability to gather and celebrate our collective heritage. I encourage all of you to consider new ways to bring us together and to share any successes in this area. I thank you all for your service and commitment and wish you continued success.

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