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DELAWARE'S DR. J. NIGEL ELLIS RECEIVES AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS' HIGHEST HONOR

BALTIMORE, MD (June 15, 2010) – In recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to the safety profession, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) recently named member Dr. J. Nigel Ellis of Wilmington, DE, as Society Fellow. Nigel is the 109th Fellow recipient since the award began in 1961. Ellis received the award today during ASSE's annual Professional Development Conference (PDC) and Exposition – Safety 2010, in Baltimore, MD. The Society Fellow is the highest honor granted by ASSE, recognizing professional members who have displayed life-long excellence in safety and service. Nominated by their peers, region or chapter, candidates for the Society Fellow honor are selected based upon their work, involvement in ASSE and long-term contributions in advancing the safety profession.



Ellis is the President of Ellis Fall Safety Solutions, LLC, Division of DSC. His company provides fall protection assessment, engineering, installation and workplace training on effective use of fall safety products. With over 39 years of experience in safety engineering, Ellis has spoken at leading industry association and society meetings, including ASSE conferences. He has developed coursework and materials for safety training courses, such as Competent and Qualified Persons for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Training Institute. Ellis has performed fall hazard assessments at hundreds of facilities and construction sites worldwide and has been retained as a fall safety expert in approximately 1,000 fall-related cases in the U.S.

As an ASSE member for 34 years, Ellis has been an active Society member at the chapter and national levels. Ellis was president of the Lower Delaware Valley Chapter from 1995-1996 and strived to increase membership attendance at chapter meetings. He was selected as Newsletter Editor for ASSE's Engineering Practice Specialty in 2005 and spent three years recruiting talented contributors for the newsletter, including those who composed articles to address key issues and attract attention of prominent CEO's in the areas of safety planning and support. Ellis was awarded the 2006 ASSE Most Improved Newsletter Award for his efforts and also received the 2006 Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) in Engineering. He became the Assistant Administrator of the Engineering Practice Specialty in 2008.

When asked about Ellis's qualifications for the honor of ASSE Fellow, sponsor, Society Fellow and distinguished ASSE member Earnest Harper, CSP, DABFE, DABFET, CFC, stated, "Dr. Ellis is truly a pioneer of safety. As an ASSE member, my safety career began in 1970 when the U.S. was still in its infancy regarding industrial work and safety engineering. It was in the harsh light of those difficult initial years of safety testing and development that I came to know and appreciate the many contributions Dr. Ellis made and continues to make in the field." He also commented, "Today, as a consultant and expert witness, fall injury cases included, Dr. Ellis remains my 'go-to' expert in several areas. Although I have come to call Nigel a friend and colleague, his experience, knowledge, extensive published works and willingness to share with other ASSE safety professionals is exemplary and he is very deserving of this high honor."

Founded in 1911, the Des Plaines, IL-based ASSE is the oldest professional safety organization and is committed to protecting people, property and the environment. Its more than 32,000 occupational safety, health and environmental professional members lead, manage, supervise, research and consult on safety, health, transportation and environmental issues in all industries, government, labor, health care and education. For more information please go to www.asse.org.