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January 2, 1937 – February 14, 2013

It is with great sadness that we announce that John passed away peacefully at Victoria, B.C. after a short illness.

As a young man John decided to pursue studies in electrical engineering. He attended Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN), the Technical University of Nova Scotia and the University of Calgary respectively. After obtaining his Ph.D. he taught at Concordia University before moving back to Newfoundland to take the position of Professor of Engineering at MUN.

John was a person born with exceptional intelligence and he devoted his life to learning and to passing his knowledge to his successors. His distinguished career spanned more than 40 years and he became a leading expert in ground wave radar systems. He published many papers in this field and took great pleasure in mentoring and guiding his students to achieve honors in their own right. John enjoyed the challenge and adventure of research. His eyes were ever open for individuals who would join him in this pursuit. In this past year he announced that he needed a new challenge and was beginning research on cosmology.

Over the span of his career, John held the titles of Professor, Honorary Research Professor and Professor Emeritus of Engineering at MUN, Adjunct Professor of Engineering at the University of Victoria, Technical Director of the Remote Sensing Group at the Centre for Cold Ocean Resources Engineering (C-CORE), founding Chairman of Northern Radar Inc. (NRI) and Vice-President, Technical of NRI. NRI was a company

formed out of C-CORE to commercialize the over the horizon ground wave radar system that resulted from John's original research in electromagnetics. Today NRI successfully markets the system nationally and internationally.

Up to the time of his passing, John was active in guiding his projects and finalizing the publication of research. He was held in high regard by his colleagues and exhibited the highest integrity in his work.

It has been said: "For of those to whom much is given, much is required". One could say that John truly fulfilled this expectation.

Further details about John's professional accomplishments may be found by referring to MUN's website: <http://www.engr.mun.ca/people/jwalsh.php>

We would like to thank Father Rolf Hasenack, Dr. Elisabeth Crisci, and the nurses, staff and volunteers of the Saanich Peninsula Hospital for their exceptional care and thoughtfulness towards John during his stay. In addition, we would like to thank Professor Eric Gill of MUN for interrupting his academic commitments to rush to Victoria to visit John and bring the kind words of support from John's colleagues in Newfoundland and from others far and wide.

Memorial reception for Dr. John Walsh will be held on Monday, April 8, 2013 at 2:00 pm in R. Gushue Hall, Prince Philip Drive, Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Memorial Tea will be held for Dr. John Walsh at the University Club, University of Victoria, on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 2:00 pm.

Condolences may be offered to the family below.

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