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DARLINGTON NUCLEAR ANNOUNCEMENT IS MAJOR MILESTONE

Safety and performance record make OPG excellent choice to lead new build

Toronto – The selection of Ontario Power Generation (OPG) to operate two new units on the Darlington site is good news for Durham Region, for the nuclear industry, for the company and for Ontario, President and CEO Jim Hankinson said following today's announcement by the Ontario government.

"I am very proud of the company and our employees," he said. "This is a testimony to OPG's solid record of safety, and ongoing commitment to operational performance in all aspects of our business."

OPG has safely operated nuclear facilities in Durham Region for more than 35 years. In 2007, Darlington Nuclear was recognized with an international performance award by the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO).

"The Darlington site is a solid choice for a new nuclear facility. We have strong community support, a track record of safe operations and long-standing ties to Durham Region," he said. "We also have a skilled workforce and many of the key business infrastructure components are already in place across Durham."

Hankinson added that while this is a key step in the process towards the construction of a new nuclear station at the Darlington site, there is still much work to be done before a new facility can be built. He noted the company will complete the ongoing Environmental Assessment and licensing process. The provincial government must also decide on a technology vendor for the project, and financing and contracts have to be successfully negotiated before shovels go into the ground.

Ontario Power Generation is an Ontario-based electricity generation company whose principal business is the generation and sale of electricity in Ontario. Our focus is on the efficient production and sale of electricity from our competitive generation assets, while operating in a safe, open and environmentally responsible manner.

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