

The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries Congratulates its 2020 Supplier Award Winners and Announces New and Returning Directors at its Annual General Meeting

November 26, 2020, Ajax Ontario. – The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) held its first virtual AGM & Awards Event on November 26 with broad participation from its 250 member companies.

The 2020 OCNI Supplier Excellence Awards were presented to four OCNI member companies by OCNI President and CEO Ron Oberth. *“I am proud to recognize OCNI member companies for their achievements exemplifying the strength and depth of Canada’s nuclear supply chain.”* said Ron in announcing the winners:

- **“Customer Service” Award: SNC-Lavalin** of Mississauga for exceeding Bruce Power expectations by revising the ANDE GAP fuel channel inspection methodology resulting in higher precision inspections and a reduction in critical path outage days.
- **“Innovation” Award: Deep Trekker** of Kitchener for developing the REVOLUTION underwater ROV for reliance, safe and cost-effective inspections of submerged infrastructure – deployed recently at both OPG and Bruce Power.
- **“Export” Award: Kinectrics** of Etobicoke for being an ongoing service provider to international markets through its six offshore offices and for a recent signing of a large multi-disciplinary engineering services contract with SNN of Romania.
- **“Export” Award: Gowling WLG** of Toronto for its work in supporting major international clients in South Korea, the UK, UAE, Turkey and Australia and advising Rosatom on negotiations with the Egyptian government for the \$30 B El Dabaa Nuclear Power Project.

OCNI Vice-Chair Michele Cheng-Newson presented the OCNI **“Balance Means Business” Award to Beth Buckmaster** of Hatch for her tireless and passionate advocacy for gender equality in the Canadian nuclear industry and for her leadership in demonstrating the value of gender diversity in enhancing business excellence. Beth was former Chair the OCNI’s “Equal by 30” Committee.

OCNI is also pleased to announce that **Ahab Abdel-Aziz** of Gowling WLG has been elected as Chair of the Board of Directors. OCNI members also approved the appointment of five new directors and two returning directors for three-year terms on the 13-person OCNI Board. The list of OCNI directors for 2020-21 includes:

- Ahab Abdel-Aziz of Gowling WLG - Chair
- Michele Cheng-Newson of Lakeside Process Controls - Vice-Chair
- Tanya Bodioga of Advanced Measurement & Analysis Group - Secretary
- Desiree Norwegian of Atunda - Treasurer and Chair of the Audit Committee
- Doug Brophy of United E&C - returning
- Domenica Macasevic of Seals Unlimited - returning
- Cameron Nevay of BWXT/Laker - returning
- Alex Sakuta of Promation Nuclear - returning
- Michael Chatlani of L3 Harris - newly appointed
- Justin Hannah of Cavendish Nuclear - newly appointed
- Andrew Lawrence of Deep Trekker - newly appointed
- Mario Pieries of Hatch Engineering - newly appointed
- Fabricia Pineiro of Westinghouse Canada - newly appointed

*“I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and the many contributions to both the Canadian supply chain and the Canadian nuclear industry by **Brian Agnew** of Mirion Technologies who served on the OCNI Board for four years as Treasurer and most recently as Board Chair” said OCNI CEO Ron Oberth. “The OCNI Board will miss Brian’s leadership as well as his passionate nuclear advocacy.”*

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Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) is an association of more than 250 suppliers to the Canadian and international nuclear industry that employ more than 15,000 highly skilled and specialized engineers, technologists, and trades people. OCNI companies design reactors, manufacture major equipment and components, and provide engineering services and support to CANDU, Small Modular Reactor (SMR), and Light Water Reactor (LWR) plants in Canada and offshore markets.

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