

## **The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) commends Ontario Power Generation (OPG) on the Resumption of Planning for Darlington New Nuclear**

**November 16, 2020, Pickering, Ontario.** – The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) commends Ontario Power Generation (OPG) for its decision to resume planning activities for a Small Modular Reactor (SMR) at its Darlington Site.

“The construction of SMRs at the Darlington Site will be good for the environment, the economy and for the many small and medium sized enterprises (SME’s) that comprise much of Ontario’s nuclear supply chain” said OCNI President and CEO Dr. Ron Oberth. “The supply chain jobs will be created in communities across Ontario from Cambridge and Burlington in the west to Peterborough and Cobourg in the east.” “Moreover, the recent on-budget and on-schedule completion of OPG’s Darlington Unit 2 Refurbishment Project gives us confidence that OPG’s Darlington SMR project will be similarly successful”

A recent Conference Board of Canada report estimated that the construction of a single SMR unit at Darlington would result in 700 new jobs per year during project development and a further 1600 jobs per year during the manufacturing and construction phase.

OCNI supported the Darlington SMR initiative by hosting five virtual “SMR Supplier Forums” over the last six months at which the grid-scale SMR developers outlined their respective designs, Canadian supply chain sourcing needs, and supplier quality programs. “By connecting the SMR developers with Canadian suppliers OCNI has helped to ensure the Darlington SMR project will have significant Ontario and Canadian supply content and will position OCNI members to participate in similar offshore SMR projects in the future” added Dr. Oberth.

**Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries** (OCNI) is an association of more than 230 Canadian suppliers to the 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 nuclear power plants in Canada as well as to CANDU and Light Water Reactor (LWR) plants in offshore markets.

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