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**WALES NUCLEAR FORUM AND ORGANIZATION OF CANADIAN NUCLEAR INDUSTRIES SIGN
MOU OF COLLABORATION AFTER FOUR-DAY DIGITAL TRADE MISSION**

January 29, 2021: [Pickering, Canada and Bridgend, South Wales] - The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) and the Wales Nuclear Forum (WNF) are pleased to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Friday, January 29, 2021 at the conclusion of a very successful four-day Wales-Canada Digital Trade Mission.

The trade mission covered a range of nuclear topics including new nuclear construction, reactor refurbishment/life extension, decommissioning, SMR development, medical isotopes, university research collaboration with a session dedicated to opportunities in New Brunswick's advanced SMR program.

The MOU will provide a framework for further collaboration among Welsh and Canadian nuclear suppliers building on the open and constructive discussions during the digital trade mission.

The trade mission was produced in partnership with Welsh Government, Kinetic Cubed and OCNI with the support of Natural Resources Canada and the Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA). The mission brought together 16 Welsh companies, 26 OCNI member companies and 30 speakers highlighting the opportunities in both countries and outlining their respective capabilities and interests.

"This MOU confirms OCNI's continued intent to create opportunities for the Canadian nuclear supply chain to work with local counterparts on projects in offshore markets and to strengthen their capability through these partnerships" said OCNI President and CEO Dr. Ron Oberth.

WNF President, Georgia Gascoyne added *'We are delighted to sign an MoU with OCNI and build on the market intelligence gained during the virtual trade mission so that WNF members can engage and collaborate with the Canadian Nuclear Supply Chain.'*



WNF President Georgia Gascoyne and OCNI President and CEO Dr. Ron Oberth

Next steps in the Welsh-Canadian nuclear collaboration could see a team of Canadian nuclear suppliers visiting Wales, in person or digitally, in late 2021 or early 2022 to learn more about decommissioning opportunities at Trawsfynydd and to facilitate collaboration on medical isotopes, SMR deployment and other nuclear product innovations.

Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) is an association of more than 200 leading suppliers to the nuclear industry in Canada and in offshore markets. OCNI has a mandate to support and assist member companies in maintaining and enhancing capabilities needed to work in traditional nuclear markets as well as on emerging SMR projects and decommissioning projects in Canada and around the world.

Wales Nuclear Forum (WNF) is a non-profit association established in 2017 with 70 active members engaged in the nuclear supply chain providing equipment, manufactured components, construction, engineering, design and other services in domestic and export markets. The WNF has a mandate to support and assist its members in the nuclear industry, connecting them to Tier 1's and promote collaboration between members.

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