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### **The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) Announces Certification Level in the Progressive Aboriginal Relations Program**

**October 7, 2022 – Pickering, ON.** The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) has been awarded Bronze Designation through the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) program. Established in 2001, the PAR program includes an online management and reporting tool that supports participating companies' efforts towards progressive improvement in Aboriginal relations and a certification program that confirms corporate performance in Aboriginal relations at the bronze, silver, or gold level.

**Progressive  
Aboriginal  
RELATIONS**

**BRONZE  
LEVEL**

Canadian Council for  
Aboriginal Business 

The PAR Program provides a high level of assurance through the independent, third-party verification of company reports on measurable outcomes and initiatives in four performance areas: Leadership Actions, Employment, Business Development, and Community Relations (Engagement and Support).

“I am honoured and pleased that the OCNI team has been recognized for our efforts towards this designation,” stated OCNI President & CEO Bill Walker. “It is our commitment to continue to lead by example to strengthen relations with Indigenous partners and communities, and to promote, foster, and enhance opportunities that are mutually beneficial.”

OCNI will continue its efforts to support Indigenous communities and partners and will strive towards a silver designation in the future.

#### **About OCNI**

**Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI)** is an association of more than 240 leading suppliers of the nuclear industry in Canada and the international marketplace. OCNI member companies employ more than 15,000 highly skilled and specialized people in Canada who manufacture major equipment, medical and safe applications of nuclear technology and provide engineering support services with CANDU and SMR technology for nuclear power plants domestically and internationally.

#### **About CCAB**

**The Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB)** Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) positions Indigenous business at the focal point for strengthening Indigenous communities,

promoting progressive and prosperous relationships, and growing a new economy based on mutual respect and shared prosperity.

CCAB provides an array of business development offerings, including certification for Aboriginal-owned businesses (CAB) and companies with Progressive Aboriginal Relations™ (PAR). Tools and Financing for Aboriginal Business (TFAB) connects Indigenous entrepreneurs with tools, training and networks to strengthen and scale their businesses.

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