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The Canadian Nuclear Association (CNA) Commends Hydro-Québec's Decision to Refurbish Gentilly-2 Nuclear Power Plant

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The CNA welcomes today's announcement to refurbish Gentilly-2, the 675 megawatt nuclear power plant which began operation in 1983 near Trois-Rivières on the south shore of the St. Lawrence.

"I am very pleased that Hydro-Québec is moving ahead with the refurbishment of Gentilly-2 which will allow the plant to continue operation until 2040" said Murray Elston, President and CEO of the Canadian Nuclear Association.

"The Gentilly-2 nuclear reactor has provided essential, low-cost base-load electricity supply for Québec and has served as a useful complement to Hydro-Québec's system based primarily upon hydraulic generation for over 25 years" said Mr. Elston.

"Refurbishing Gentilly-2 by Hydro-Québec is part of the resurgence in the renovation of existing nuclear reactors that we are currently seeing in Canada both in New Brunswick and in Ontario. This renaissance of the nuclear industry is resulting in increased economic activity through high paying jobs, a demand for skilled labour, investment in research and development and education" said Mr. Elston.

Throughout the past 30 years, nuclear power has been and remains the fastest growing source of large-scale electrical generation throughout industrialized nations and provides 16% of the world's electricity. Nuclear energy continues to provide clean, reliable and affordable electricity which is essential to Canada's energy mix and climate change goals".

"Worldwide, there are 34 nuclear reactors under construction and over 300 units being planned or proposed. Canada is well positioned to be a world leader in the development of nuclear technology and has a very bright future over many decades to come "said Mr. Elston.

The Canadian Nuclear Association is a non-profit organization established in 1960 to

represent the nuclear industry in Canada and promote the developments and growth of nuclear technologies for peaceful purposes. The CNA has over 90 members including power utilities, labour unions, manufacturers, uranium mining and fuel processing companies, engineering companies, universities and associations.

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