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ASW Steel Receives Nuclear Certification to Supply Steel for Refurbishment Projects

Welland, Ontario – The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) is proud to congratulate ASW Steel for receiving nuclear certification to supply steel to refurbishment projects in the province.

ASW Steel is a premier specialty steel-making facility that over its history, was at the center of many technological advancements. ASW was also prominent among suppliers of specialty steel to the first Candu nuclear programs. In 2014, ASW recognized the opportunity to participate in new refurbishment projects including Darlington and shifted its focus back to some of their more technical applications, earning certification to supply steel to refurbishment projects. This local event will celebrate this significant milestone demonstrating the local benefits of the investment in the nuclear industry in Welland and for Ontario.

(Scope of certification: Material Organization Manufacturing and Supplying Ferrous Qualified Source Material; Approval and Control of Suppliers. In accordance with CSA Standard N285.0, General Requirements for Pressure Retaining Systems and Components in CANDU Nuclear Power Plans.)

Quotes:

"Today we celebrate an accomplishment that speaks to the dedication and skill of our employees here at ASW Steel. The pride and precision with which they carry out their duties has made becoming part of the Bruce Nuclear Power Plant Refurbishment Project a reality. We are very proud to have earned the quality certifications necessary to support Ontario's nuclear energy program as a specialty steel supplier.

ASW's Welland-based facility has a long history of providing high-quality stainless-steel products to the power generation industry, so we are excited to re-join the nuclear supply chain as a primary products supplier for fuel channel components under the ASW banner. Rebuilding nuclear power generating stations is critical to Ontario's Long-Term Energy Plan and ASW is thrilled to be an integral part of it once again.

"Ontario Power" fortified by steel "Made in Ontario" has been a basic objective of the OPG and Bruce Management teams from the beginning. We at ASW thank them, members of the nuclear supply chain and the OCNI for their commitment and support."

–Tim Clutterbuck, P. Eng., President, ASW Steel

"OCNI is proud to welcome ASW Steel into the Ontario nuclear supply chain and congratulate the entire ASW Steel team on earning ISO 17025 certification from A2LA and CSA N285.0 certification from TSSA. The sourcing of speciality steel from ASW Steel for use in the Darlington Refurbishment project and the Bruce Power Major Component Replacement project demonstrates how Ontario's investment in extending the operation of its nuclear fleet is creating quality and sustainable jobs in communities across Ontario from here in Welland and to Cambridge, Peterborough, Arnprior and beyond."

–Dr. Ron Oberth, President and CEO of the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries

"OPG would like to congratulate ASW Steel on receiving their nuclear certification to supply steel to projects such as the Darlington Nuclear Refurbishment Project. The refurbishment of Darlington Nuclear is the largest, clean energy project in Canada and is expected to generate \$89.9 billion in economic benefits to Ontario as well as enable the plant to continue providing clean, reliable and low-cost power to the Province until 2055."

–Chris Fralick, Chief Operating Officer for OPG

"ASW Steel is part of Ontario's nuclear advantage which is a driving force for our province's economy. The Life-Extension Program at Bruce Power is supporting over 22,000 direct and indirect jobs in Ontario and is giving our advanced manufacturing sector a much needed boost which will allow our sector to innovate and produce low-cost and non GHG emitting electricity for decades to come."

–Len Clewett, Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer for Bruce Power

"I was pleased to visit ASW and support the diversification of the specialty steel industry as the company also looks to Canadian markets in expanding a business that's been a part of Welland for over a century, contributing to the local economy and providing good unionized jobs."

–Jeff Burch, MPP for Niagara Centre

"The ASW Welland facility has proven that a dedicated management and work force can achieve great things and position the company as a world leader in the production of speciality steels. The City of Welland is proud to be the home of ASW and we congratulate them on receiving nuclear certification."

–Frank Campion, Mayor of Welland



Group Photo (from left to right): Mayor Frank Campion, Tim Clutterbuck ASW Steel, MP Vance Badawey, MPP Jeff Burch, Ron Oberth OCNI, Taylor McKenna Bruce Power, Chris Fralick OPG

ASW Steel Inc. is a premier specialty steel-making facility located in Welland, Ontario, offering a unique combination of carbon, stainless, and other specialty steel making capabilities. Flexible steel refining methods include: argon oxygen decarburization, vacuum oxygen decarburization, vacuum degassing, and ladle metallurgical station.

Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) is an association of more than 200 Canadian suppliers to the nuclear industry that employ more than 14,000 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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