
CITY OF PICKERING WELCOMES SNC-LAVALIN NUCLEAR INC.

Pickering, ON, February 10, 2009 – Yesterday, SNC-Lavalin Nuclear Inc. was welcomed by the City of Pickering as it officially opened its new satellite office located at 1053 Brock Road.

SNC-Lavalin Nuclear Inc. (SLN) is a wholly owned subsidiary of SNC-Lavalin, which has over 21,000 employees worldwide. SLN is Canada's largest private sector nuclear group and has provided a complete range of services to the global industry since 1967. It established a new Pickering office to better serve its clients in Pickering and Durham Region.

"We are pleased to be opening a new office in the City of Pickering. It will provide a new home office base for our personnel who will be dedicated to working on projects with Ontario Power Generation (OPG)," said Patrick Lamarre, president of SNC-Lavalin Nuclear Inc. "The new office location will help us improve the efficiency of our operation so we can reduce project schedules and costs, and to be able to work more closely with the staff of OPG."

"Canada's reported job losses in January are both staggering and distressing. While this new office opening doesn't mitigate the situation, it is a welcome respite from the recent spate of doom and gloom news," said Mayor Dave Ryan. "Pickering has been recognized as one of Canada's top municipalities for business, and SNC-Lavalin Nuclear's presence in our city serves to bolster this reputation. I am cautiously optimistic that 2009 will match last year's success and see a continued run of new business openings and expansions in Pickering."

SNC-Lavalin Nuclear Inc. joins a wealth of other EN3 - Energy, Engineering and Environmental companies in Pickering. In addition to Ontario Power Generation, Pickering is home to AECL, Veridian, Wardrop Engineering, Aker Solutions, Black & McDonald, Eco-Tec, Areva, Intellimeter, Crossby Dewar and Durham Sustain Ability. Pickering's EN3 companies represent the strongest cluster of its kind in Ontario, and form the nucleus of the Durham Strategic Energy Alliance – a group dedicated to addressing Canada's rapidly evolving energy needs.

As the gateway to the east GTA, Pickering (population 94,000) is strategically located where Toronto, York and Durham Regions meet, and has been recognized by Profit magazine as one of the ten best cities in Canada for growth companies. The Province of Ontario has designated Pickering's downtown as an Urban Growth Centre and future Mobility Hub. The City of Pickering is considered a municipal leader in fiscal management, service delivery, sustainability and the environment. In 2008, it received the FCM-CH2M Hill Sustainable Community Planning Award. With its direct access to major highways, educated and skilled labour force, state-of-the-art infrastructure, prime employment lands and supportive municipal government, Pickering offers unrivalled competitive advantages for business.

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