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The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) and the Canadian Delegation forge partnerships with UK Nuclear Suppliers in recent UK Trade Mission

July 27, 2022, Pickering, Ontario – The Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI), along with a delegation of eight Canadian-based nuclear suppliers visited Telford, England from July 20-22, 2022 where they attended The Nuclear Industry Association (NIA)'s DECOM2022 conference, The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) Supply Chain Event, and visited industry company sites to meet with UK suppliers.

The Nuclear Industry Association (NIA)'s DECOM2022 conference took place on July 20, 2022, at the International Centre in Telford, Shropshire, England, and was supported by the NDA. The DECOM2022 conference attracted delegates from across the sector and included presentations on developments of the sites in the UK and opportunities for the supply chain; views on the global decommissioning market; and where UK companies have the potential to win work and the best routes to secure these contracts. Notably, OCNI's Director, Business Development and SMR Supply Chain Development, Brian Fehrenbach, took part in an international panel about decommissioning expertise. Brian explained that Canada is approaching its decommissioning projects slowly and deliberately, allowing Canada to incorporate all the OPEX and experience being developed around the world today.



OCNI Director, Business Development and SMR Supply Chain Development, Brian Fehrenbach discusses decommissioning on international panel at the DECOM2022 conference.

The NDA Supply Chain Event took place on July 21, 2022, also at the International Centre, and is considered Europe's largest decommissioning-focused networking event. OCNI and the Canadian delegation, consisting of representatives from ARC Clean Energy, Westinghouse Electric Company (Canada), Hatch Ltd., WWS (Worldwide Security Ltd), Ontario Tech University, Terrestrial Energy, Niagara Energy Products (NEP), and Conuar, exhibited at the event that drew over 1700 delegates. More than 300 exhibiting companies were also present, eager to learn about NDA's mission to decommission the UK's earliest nuclear sites in a safe, secure, and sustainable way.

To wrap up the mission in the UK, OCNI and the Canadian delegation visited Cavendish Nuclear for a meet the supplier's event. Delegates from Conuar, Hatch, Niagara Energy Products, and Terrestrial Energy presented overviews of their organization's capabilities, current projects, and potential collaboration opportunities with the supplier. OCNI thanks Cavendish Nuclear as well as the representatives from UK based Framatome, James Fisher and Mott MacDonald who joined this event.



OCNI and Canadian delegation at the NDA Supply Chain Event, Telford, England

"Having DECOM2022 and today's NDA Supply Chain Event as back-to-back events really created an effective 'anchor' for the rest of our UK based trade mission and provided our member companies with so many options for networking and collaboration," stated Brian Fehrenbach, OCNI Director of Business Development and SMR Supply Chain Development.

OCNI member and Terrestrial Energy General Counsel and Head EMEA, Louis Plowden-Wardlaw recalled, "Terrestrial Energy found the trip and the connections made most worthwhile and looks forward to turning those connections into business."

OCNI will continue to collaborate with newly forged partnerships in the UK and look forward to organizing future trade missions and promoting Canadian nuclear excellence globally.

Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) is an association of more than 240 Canadian suppliers to the nuclear industry that employ 20,000 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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