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## **Yakabuski Congratulates Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL)**

(**Toronto**) Energy Critic John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, was elated to learn that Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) has been awarded the retubing contract by Bruce Power as part of the refurbishment of the Bruce A Units 1 and 2 CANDU reactors. This comes as a result of Bruce Power's announcement on Monday that it had reached an agreement with the Ontario Power Authority to launch a \$4.25 billion dollar investment to restart these units.

Yakabuski commented that AECL's extensive expertise in nuclear technology has made it a leader in the delivery of services and products that support CANDU reactors at home and abroad. "I have no doubt that the next 41 months will be productive and beneficial for all involved in the restart," Yakabuski said. "AECL is one of the world's most renowned companies in the industry and I have every confidence that their involvement in this retrofit will ensure the complete success of this project," he continued. This project, expected to take the next 41 months, will bring online enough generating capacity to power one million homes and boost total capacity at Bruce's facility to 6,200 megawatts. AECL will play an integral role in this project and will be responsible for removing and replacing 480 pressure tubes and 480 calandria tubes in each of the two reactors.

"AECL deserves all the success it has achieved, with Monday's announcement of this contract and I'm sure, many more to follow in the future," Yakabuski said. Among its many notable achievements, Yakabuski highlighted that AECL developed the first CANDU prototype in 1962. He went on to say that at the Chalk River AECL facility in his riding, Canada's Nuclear Program was conceived with the first sustained fission reaction outside the United States on September 5, 1945. "The AECL team is an experienced and dedicated group of people whose work truly reflects the strong reputation they have earned. I would like to congratulate them for this wonderful achievement and for the good work that they do."

