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November 27, 2012

To the Mayor and Members of the City of Toronto Council

**Regarding the Notice of Motion MM 28.6 and jobs within the city at GE & GE Hitachi Operations at 1050 Lansdowne**

The Canadian Nuclear Workers Council (CNWC) was founded in 1993 as an umbrella organization of workers who are represented by unions or worker associations in various sectors of the Canadian nuclear industry. A list of our member unions is attached as Appendix A.

Our membership considers the health and safety of workers to be paramount. When workers are safe in their workplace this ensures that the community is also safe. The CNWC is aware of the active health and safety culture promoted and established by GE and GE-Hitachi that is in place at this work site. The Lansdowne facility has operated safely manufacturing non-enriched uranium dioxide pellets since the early 1960s. These pellets are inert and pose no danger to the public.

The plant is regulated by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), who conducts quarterly audits and oversees strict operating regulations. The operation has been referred to as an industry best practice by the regulator, the CNSC, who recently renewed GE Hitachi's license for 10 years (2010). GE Hitachi's public notice process was fully compliant with the CNSC's guidelines.

The CNWC believes the facility provides good safe jobs, presents no health and safety risks for the public and supports the continuing operation of the Lansdowne plant.

Sincerely,

David Shier  
President  
Canadian Nuclear Workers Council

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The Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council is comprised of Locals of the following organizations: *Canadian Union of Public Employees \* Communications, Energy & Paper Workers Union \* International Association of Firefighters \* International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers \* International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers \* Office & Professional Employees International Union \* Power Workers Union \* Professional Institute of the Public Service \* Public Service Alliance of Canada \* United Steelworkers of America*

