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MP CHERYL GALLANT ENCOURAGES PARTICIPATION IN AECL CONSULTATION

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Chalk River, Ontario-Cheryl Gallant MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, is encouraging all employees of Atomic Energy of Canada (AECL), present and past, to participate in the request for opinions by the Government of Canada on how it should proceed in the restructuring of AECL.

“I have taken this opportunity to send a letter to all current employees asking for their comments, suggestions and ideas for the future success of AECL,” stated Cheryl Gallant, MP.

The people who work at AECL are its greatest resource. Submitting a letter to Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver is their opportunity to let our government know what they feel are the potential opportunities for the future of the Chalk River Laboratories,” said Cheryl Gallant, MP.

The following is the text of the letter that was sent to all AECL employees:

Dear AECL Employee:

On February 9, 2012, the Government of Canada issued a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEOI) regarding the future of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited's (AECL) Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories. It is not a bid solicitation of sale. This is an opportunity for all employees to shape the future of AECL. I need your help.

I need you to send your comments, ideas, responses or any information you would like to share, to Minister of Natural Resources Joe Oliver before April 2, 2012.

I have set up a special web page at www.cherylgallant.com/aecl-employees for you to send in your ideas for the future. All submissions are confidential.

This is open to all employees of AECL. I know that each and every one of you, at some point in your career, saw an opportunity or a better way to do things to get the job done. This is your chance to be part of the re-structuring process. You can either sit back and let others determine your future, or you can play a part. Share your first-hand knowledge of potential opportunities. I need your experience! If you do nothing else except express your confidence in the future of science and technology in Canada's nuclear industry, you will have played an important part in this process. Thank-you for taking part and your interest in the future of the Laboratories.

“I am pleased the Government initiative to seek expressions of interest on how to best capitalize on capabilities and opportunities arose in part out of the proposal that was put forth by our own ‘CREATE’ Committee. Its concept, based on a successful international model, is to develop the AECL Chalk River Laboratories into a ‘National Laboratory’. As a national laboratory, Chalk River would be positioned to seek out and accept business opportunities based on core competencies. This could be done in concert with Canada’s Science and Technology strategy as well as our responsibilities and obligations to provide leadership in the nuclear industry,” concluded Cheryl Gallant, MP.

For more information about Chalk River Labs, or to sign the e-petition visit www.cherylgallant.com/chalk-river-labs

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