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\$24 million investment in century old station complete on time on budget More clean, reliable electricity for Northeastern Ontario

Timmins – Ontario Power Generation’s Matabitchuan Generating Station is back in service after the successful completion of a \$24 million dollar investment project. The project employed 141 workers from Northeastern Ontario and an additional 18 from outside the region. In total, the project invested \$11 million in Northeastern Ontario through the purchase of material and services.

“I’m thrilled that OPG completed this \$24 million project safely, on time and on budget,” said Frank Chiarotto OPG’s Senior Vice-President of Hydro-Thermal. “Investing in a 100 year old asset ensures that Ontario will continue to receive the benefits of this source of clean reliable hydroelectric power.”

The project consisted of replacing two original steel penstocks with one partially buried penstock. The penstock is a large pipe measuring 1.5 metres in diameter. It carries water down from Four Bass Lake, 380 metres away, allowing the Matabitchuan to produce clean, reliable hydroelectricity for the people of Ontario. Extensive work was also done to the concrete structure where water enters the penstock, including the installation of a new gate that controls water flow into the station.

OPG also took advantage of the construction outage to complete maintenance work inside the station, avoiding a second outage at a later date.

OPG’s contractor Barclay Construction began work in March 2012 and completed construction in December.

Located near North Cobalt, Ontario, the Matabitchuan Generating Station has been providing clean, reliable hydroelectricity to the people of Ontario since 1910. It is capable of generating 10 MW of electricity, or enough to power up to 10,000 homes.

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