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Site C approval will create jobs and benefit the economy making a positive difference in the lives of all British Columbians

Burnaby, BC – BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association (BC Road Builders) supports the BC government's decision to approve Site C.

"This is a very important decision and it's the right decision for all British Columbians," said Jack Davidson, president of the BC Road Builders. "Site C will create jobs and provide economic benefits to many generations, and it is so important for British Columbia to capitalize on this unique opportunity."

Site C will be the third dam and hydroelectric generating station on the Peace River in northeast BC. It will generate clean and renewable power, produce low amounts of greenhouse gas emissions and have a relatively small reservoir footprint for the 5,100 gigawatt hours of energy it will produce – enough to power 450,000 homes a year.

BC Hydro estimates that the project will generate approximately 10,000 direct jobs and an additional 23,000 indirect jobs, and contribute \$3.2 billion to BC's GDP. In addition, Site C will generate firm power for more than a century.

"This project is an investment in the future of our great province. It'll provide workers with jobs, and protect the competitive advantage British Columbians and local businesses have with some of the lowest power rates in North America," said Davidson.

The BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association was formed in 1966 and advocates for the development of a balanced, safe transportation system and highways infrastructure that sustains and promotes provincial economic growth. The Association represents more than 250 firms involved in grading, asphalt and concrete manufacturing, paving, utility construction, road and bridge building/maintenance, blasting, as well as related goods and services suppliers.

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