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## **B.C. Government's Approval of Site C shows foresight**

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**VANCOUVER**, Dec. 16, 2014 – B.C.'s construction industry commends the Government of B.C.'s foresight with the decision to approve BC Hydro's Site C Clean Energy Project.

"Site C is the right project at the right time for the future of British Columbia and our economy," said Philip Hochstein, president, Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of B.C. "This is the kind of project that will be a legacy for generations. By moving forward with Site C, BC Hydro can ensure our province has enough clean, renewable energy to power our province for decades to come."

Hochstein also said that both environmental and governmental approval sends a strong signal that British Columbia is open for business and can and will approve major infrastructure projects.

"Site C helps give this province a competitive advantage in attracting investment that will strengthen our communities, enabling us to build more hospitals and highways, and fund more doctors and nurses," Hochstein said. "The B.C. government balanced responsible economic development with fiscal prudence to get to yes on this project."

He noted the economic benefits the project will generate, including thousands of jobs during construction.

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

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The Independent Contractors and Businesses Association of B.C. services and represents B.C.'s construction sector. Our 1,200 members build in the multi-family residential and Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) construction sectors and are involved in virtually all major capital projects in British Columbia.

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