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Letter to the Editor  
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Dear Editor – **CANDU Know How**

While it might be convenient for Amory Lovins to tar the entire nuclear industry with his comments about AREVA's troubled project in Finland and elsewhere, a closer examination of recent CANDU nuclear construction projects reveals a different story.

In contrast to AREVA's troubles, the track record for AECL and its private sector partners continues to be outstanding. In the past 10 years, we have designed, built and delivered on or ahead of schedule, and on budget six CANDU 6 reactors (the type proposed to be built next in Ontario) to international customers.

This unparalleled track record reflects the fact that AECL and its private sector partners have been building reactors almost continuously for the past 30 years, unlike almost any other nuclear vendor, giving Team CANDU the strongest core delivery capability of any nuclear vendor in the world. CANDU's Ontario-based supply chain is already active, building a new CANDU 6 in Romania and the current Ontario life-extension projects.

Team CANDU is ready to build new CANDUs in Ontario. The five companies executing this project will bear the risk for delivering on-time and on-budget CANDU plants that are proven to operate safely, efficiently and reliably. We are able to offer this because of our experience and expertise in previous successful projects.

Ontario needs the balanced mix of conservation, renewable energy and nuclear base load power proposed by the OPA. Together the OPA and Canadian industry will ensure Ontario has the reliable affordable electricity it needs for businesses and residents.

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