



Notice of Public Hearing

November 7, 2007

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The Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) will hold a one-day public hearing to consider the results of an Environmental Assessment Screening (EA Screening) regarding Zircatec Precision Industries Inc.'s (Zircatec) Slightly Enriched Uranium CANDU Fuel Production proposal for its facility located in Port Hope, Ontario.

One-Day Hearing: January 9, 2008

Place: Holiday Inn Oshawa, 1011 Bloor St. East, Oshawa, Ontario

Zircatec is currently licensed to produce nuclear fuel for CANDU and research reactors. Zircatec has indicated its intention to produce a new nuclear fuel bundle with 1% enriched uranium dioxide and blended uranium dioxide. This production would require the construction and operation of two fuel element production lines and a fuel bundle assembly line.

Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), an environmental assessment (EA) must be completed to determine if the proposed project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, taking into account the appropriate mitigation measures. If the Commission concludes that the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects, the Commission may proceed with its consideration of Zircatec's licence application.

The draft Screening Report was made available for public review for a period of 30 days, ending on October 19, 2007. The results of those consultations will form part of CNSC staff's submission for the hearing. CNSC staff's submission will be available as of November 13, 2007 by contacting the Secretariat.

The public is invited to comment on the results of the EA Screening either by oral presentation or written submission. Requests to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission by December 12, 2007 at the address below. The request must include the following information, as per the *CNSC Rules of Procedure*:

- a written submission of the comments to be presented to the Commission;
- a statement setting out whether the requester wishes to intervene by way of written submission only or by way of written submission and oral presentation; and
- name, address and telephone of the requester.

Agendas and information on the public hearing process are available at the CNSC Web site: www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca. The hearing documents, including the proposed EA Screening Report, are not available on-line and must be requested through the Secretariat at the address below:

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