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**BIG BECKY BREAKTHROUGH MARKS MAJOR MILESTONE IN
TUNNEL PROJECT***Historic event for province's largest clean energy project*

TORONTO – “The breakthrough of Big Becky to daylight is an historic event for Ontario,” Tom Mitchell, President and CEO of Ontario Power Generation (OPG) said today.

The tunnel boring machine's 10.2 km journey beneath the City of Niagara Falls is a major milestone in the project, which will be complete in 2013.

“Today we witnessed the completion of one of the largest underground excavations in history. It was accomplished by Big Becky, the largest hard rock boring machine in the world. Everyone in this province can take pride in this project. It's important we recognise the employees from OPG, Strabag, Hatch Mott MacDonald, sub contractors and the hundreds of men and women who went deep underground everyday to make this project a reality.”

Mitchell added that while the project had challenges, this difficult phase was completed safely. “This tunnel was excavated with no fatalities and no serious injuries. That is a tremendous accomplishment and everyone on the project should be proud of this.”

OPG has a long history in Niagara Falls and Mitchell said OPG is donating the cutter head from the tunnel boring machine, to the community, as an artefact for future generations. “We will be working with the community to find the best location to display all or part of the cutter head, as a lasting tribute to the project,” he said.

OPG's Niagara Tunnel is one of Ontario's largest and most economical clean energy projects. When the entire project is complete, in 2013, it will provide enough additional water to the Sir Adam Beck stations to generate clean energy for about 160,000 homes.

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