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Ontario Investing \$4 Million to Protect Tariff-Impacted Workers and Businesses in Pickering

PICKERING —The Ontario government is investing \$4 million through the Ontario Together Trade Fund (OTTF) to help Nelson Industrial Inc. increase resilience, build capacity and re-shore critical supply chains to Ontario. Through this investment, Nelson Industrial Inc. is investing \$8,979,900 to purchase advanced equipment at their Pickering facility from April 2026 into February 2028. This will enable the company to increase efficiency, reshore production, and grow market share internationally, reducing tariff risk. The investment will create 12 new, good-paying jobs and protect 157 existing

positions across Durham Region. "Through the Ontario Together Trade Fund, our government is stepping up for the businesses in our community who've been directly affected by U.S. tariffs," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Member of Provincial Parliament for Pickering-Uxbridge. "Nelson Industrial Inc.'s investment will help them adapt, stay competitive and continue creating good jobs in these uncertain times, all while helping make Ontario's economy more competitive, resilient and self-reliant." First announced as part of the 2025 Ontario Budget, the

OTTF is part of the province's nearly \$30 billion tariff relief and support plan, dedicated to protecting the province's workers and businesses from economic uncertainty and building a more competitive, resilient and self-reliant economy. With a focus on small and medium-sized enterprises, the program will help businesses across a diverse range of sectors make the necessary investments to strengthen operations in Ontario, expand market reach and protect workers. "Nelson Industrial is leveraging funding support from the Ontario Together Trade Fund to implement a state-of-the-art

automated paint line at our Pickering facility," said Jeff Nelson, President, Nelson Industrial Inc. "This investment will significantly improve product quality, expand our manufacturing capacity and capabilities, and enhance Nelson's long-term competitiveness in both domestic and international markets while supporting advanced manufacturing jobs in Ontario." Since its launch, the OTTF has received overwhelming demand and in response to this, the government announced an additional \$100 million investment into the program last year, bringing the total funding to \$150 million over three years. The increased support will enable businesses affected by U.S. tariffs to return production to Ontario, identify new sales opportunities and expand interprovincial trade. "As U.S. tariffs continue to threaten Ontario's critical industries, our government remains focused on ensuring our businesses have the resources needed to adapt and expand," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "By investing in Nelson Industrial Inc. through the Ontario

Together Trade Fund, we are taking decisive action to enhance the competitiveness of our economy and increasing opportunities for Ontario businesses and workers, now and for generations to come." As Ontario continues to navigate the impact of U.S. tariffs and global economic uncertainty, the government remains focused on delivering critical funding, cutting red tape, unleashing the economy and supporting workers.

- The Ontario Together Trade Fund is a part of Ontario's broader strategy to support advanced manufacturing and trade-impacted communities, launched or enhanced as part of the 2025 Ontario Budget, including the Ontario Made Manufacturing

Investment Tax Credit, the Protect Ontario Financing Program and the Trade-Impacted Communities Program.

- Through the OTTF, the government is also providing complementary supports and services to help businesses navigate regulatory requirements, connect with skilled talent and access government programs that accelerate project success.
- Open to Ontario-based businesses investing a minimum of \$200,000, eligible projects include modification of existing products to enter new sectors, procurement of advanced equipment and facility modification to enhance domestic manufacturing and sales expansion.

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Whitby, Ontario – The Region of Durham will conduct its annual test of the nuclear public alerting system on June 2 and 3. The system is designed to warn people in the unlikely event of an emergency at the nuclear-generating stations in Clarington or Pickering. The test will take place during daytime hours, over two days: On June 2, an auto dialer will call listed landline phone numbers within 10 kilometres of the nuclear-generating stations in Durham Region. The calls will appear as coming from 905-666-6291. On June 3, outdoor sirens will sound for up to three minutes. The sirens are within three kilometres of the stations and will be heard by people outdoors and in that area. This is only a test, and no action is required if you receive a phone call on June 2 or hear the sirens on June 3. In a real emergency, upon hearing the sirens, you must go indoors and tune into trusted local media outlets or government channels for further instructions.

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