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Pacific Nuclear Council Installs New Officers

LAS VEGAS, Nov. 6, 2016 – The Pacific Nuclear Council (PNC), an organization composed of nuclear energy societies and associations around the Pacific Rim, today announced its officers for 2016 to 2018. Dr. Kune Y. Suh, Professor of Nuclear Engineering at Seoul National University and CEO of PHILOSOPHIA, Inc., was elected president of PNC. Mr. Kamal Verma, Vice President of the CANDU 6 Fleet Program of SNC Lavalin Nuclear, will serve as vice president/president-elect.

"As the global nuclear energy industry continues to expand, especially in nations surrounding the Pacific Rim, the Pacific Nuclear Council plays an increasingly important role," said Dr. Suh. "The conferences, working groups and task forces offer forums for industry professionals to gather and discuss best practices for sharing the world's wealth of knowledge on nuclear with newcomer nations. It also fosters unity in the global industry, so together we can offer the world a safe, secure, efficient form of energy that enables countries to meet global carbon emission targets."

Formal installment of Dr. Suh and Mr. Verma will take place during the organization's next meeting, to be held Nov. 6 in Las Vegas, Nevada, in conjunction with the Winter Meeting of the American Nuclear Society. Both will serve two-year terms. Mimi Holland Limbach of Potomac Communications Group steps down as president of the PNC, becoming the organization's immediate past president.

Dr. Suh is a professor of nuclear engineering at Seoul National University in Korea and the Co-Chair of the Working Group on Advanced Reactor Systems in the PNC. Dr. Suh's background prepares him well for this role – he is an avant-garde professor of nuclear engineering, an ultra-modern entrepreneur of informatics engineering, and a groundbreaking director of super simulation. For the past two years, Dr. Suh has served as vice president/president-elect of the PNC.

As vice president of the CANDU 6 fleet program for SNC Lavalin Nuclear, Mr. Verma brings more than 35 years of nuclear industry experience in design, construction, commissioning and operations technical support for CANDU Nuclear Power Plants in Canada, China and Romania to PNC. He works closely with Pacific nuclear power utilities in Canada, South Korea, China, Argentina and Taiwan, providing technical solutions that improve safety, reliability and productivity.

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The Pacific Nuclear Council is composed primarily of nuclear societies and associations from nations around the Pacific Rim. Its mission is to unite Pacific Rim professional societies and associations, to get together in common programs, to work together on common issues, and to provide a forum for the transfer of information between nations more advanced in nuclear science to those beginning the search for the benefits of nuclear science and technology. www.pacificnuclear.net