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## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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## COMMUNITY

Innergex Renewable Energy Inc. (“Innergex” or the “Corporation”) is an independent renewable power producer which develops, acquires, owns and operates hydroelectric facilities, wind farms and solar farms. As a global Corporation, Innergex conducts operations in Canada, the United States, France and Chile.

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Our partnership with the RCM of Rivière-du-Loup on the Viger-Denonville wind farm is an economic driver for the region.

Innergex has long recognized the important role its host communities play in every project. The Corporation's successful track record of developing and maintaining long-term relationships has become an industry model now practised widely in the renewable energy sector. Whether through shared economic benefits, employment opportunities, shared ownership, partnership agreements or community investment, we recognize our responsibility to help bring socio-economic opportunities to local and Indigenous communities.

On March 25, 2019, Innergex announced that an agreement has been reached to sell its wholly owned subsidiary Magma Energy Sweden A.B. which owns an equity interest of approximately 53.9% in HS Orka hf ("HS Orka"). The activities of HS Orka included two geothermal facilities, one hydro project in development and prospective projects in Iceland which are now treated as discontinued operations. As a result, they are not included in this document.

All data in this report are for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017.

## PARTNERSHIPS THAT WORK

We learned long ago that responsible and successful energy development is driven by the will of host communities. Innergex has built a reputation as a partner of choice for both local municipalities and Indigenous communities looking for a reliable, experienced and knowledgeable collaborator to develop, construct and operate a renewable energy project. We are certain that these collaborations are an indispensable part of the future growth of renewable energy generation.

Our partnership with the Regional County Municipality ("RCM") of Rivière-du-Loup on the Viger-Denonville wind project celebrated five-years of operation in 2018. During that time, the project has generated approximately \$9 million in direct revenues for the RCM that it reinvests locally to support community needs. This partnership will continue to supply the RCM with revenues until at least 2033.

## BUILDING TRUST

Guided by our core values of integrity, transparency, responsibility and collaboration, we strive to build long-term relationships as a trusted partner and neighbour in the communities where we operate. We believe that social acceptance is the cornerstone of successful project development and that strong projects are built on long-term cooperation with stakeholders and by working with Indigenous and local communities. In 2002, Innergex signed its first ever partnership with the Ojibways of the Pic River First Nation in Ontario, Canada to develop the Umbata Falls hydro project. Over the years, we have shown vision in creating a bold and successful development model based on partnerships, which for us means:

- Sharing information
- Sharing efforts and risks, and
- Sharing in the fair distribution of benefits

The positive impacts of a renewable energy project on a community can be vast and long-term. Some of the benefits include:

- Own source of revenues
- Investments in community development projects
- Skills training and job creation
- Directing sustainable land resource development
- Promoting healthy communities
- Affirmation of Indigenous rights and territory
- Contracting opportunities for Indigenous-owned businesses
- Building capacity for future development projects
- Addressing climate change

## ACTIVE IN COMMUNITIES

Innergex welcomes opportunities to work with local organizations and help support their initiatives. It is important for us to become an active member in the community in which we conduct business. Throughout our history, we have been pleased to lend support to educational institutions, community groups, social ventures, and Indigenous government organizations that align with our values. Initiatives considered for partnership focus on areas where we feel we can make the most impact in promoting healthy communities.

Innergex encourages and favours requests with a focus on the following priorities:

- Environment and sustainable development;
- Autonomy and economic development of local and Indigenous communities;
- Socio-community projects;
- Amateur sports, physical activity, and health;
- Education and entrepreneurship.

## IN 2018, INNERGEX PROVIDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OVER 120 ORGANIZATIONS.

Some of those organizations include:

Alouette River Management Society  
Association forestière de la Gaspésie  
BC Achievement Foundation  
Centre d'artistes Vaste et Vague  
Chambre de commerce de Rivière-du-Loup  
Corporation de développement du Mont-St-Joseph  
Corps de cadets 2785  
Écoles primaires de la MRC Rivière-du-Loup  
Evans Lake Forest Education Society  
Kanaka Bar Indian Band  
Marathon Figure Skating Club  
Nikkei Place Foundation  
Powell River Salmon Society  
Ramona Agricultural Society  
Squamish Youth Triathlon

Through our Mesgi'g Ugnu's'n wind project, a partnership with the three Mi'gmaq communities in Quebec, Innergex makes an annual indexed contribution of \$675,000 to the Avignon Regional County Municipality, as well as provides \$75,000 annually to an indexed social development fund that directly supports local needs. Additionally, we were pleased to be able to support nine youths in their athletic development through the Innergex Sports Excellence Program with a donation of \$4,500 in 2018.

In 2018, Innergex was proud to announce its support for the future rebuilding of the Théâtre De La Vieille-Forge De Petite-Vallée in Gaspésie, Quebec after a devastating fire. Our \$50,000 commitment will go towards the installation of a solar roof top on the new building that will meet approximately 30% of the future electricity needs of the beloved community theatre.

At our head office in Longueuil, Quebec, we implemented an employee stair challenge in 2017 to promote healthy lifestyles and raise money to donate to a local charity. Employees were challenged to climb the 10 flights of stairs and for every climb the Corporation donated \$2 to a pool. In 2018, our employees climbed a total of 2,771 times which generated \$5,542 in funds that was donated to The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

We expect to expand this program to other offices in the future.



Official Opening of the Umbata Falls facility in Ontario



## INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE

As our projects are located mainly in regions far from major urban areas, the long-term economic impacts we bring often extend beyond the regulatory requirements and commitments we disclose. Investing in new or upgraded infrastructure initiatives helps build the long-lasting relationships that Innergex has long been recognized for. Whether upgrading or developing new roadways, bridges or parking lots that help access natural areas, Innergex has not only made investments that immediately benefit the local community on a day-to-day basis, but also support their economic growth. Our facilities also generate substantial tax revenues, through land use, construction and operational activities, and day-to-day business activities, for the jurisdictions in which they operate.

Blessing ceremony by the Sts'ailes First Nation prior to the construction of the Tretheway Creek hydro project on Harrison Lake in British Columbia, 2014

## LONG TERM IMPACT

Our long-term relationships with the communities that host our facilities are an important aspect of our development strategy. Priorities are given to legacy projects that have the ability to act as catalysts for future economic development initiatives. Some major investments over the years have had a significant impact for locals and visitors alike. A few of the legacy projects we are proud to have been or continue to be part of include:

- A suspension bridge that takes visitors to a close-up viewing platform that overlooks Cascade Falls in British Columbia, Canada.
- Maintenance of Parc des Chutes-de-la-Chaudière Nature Park in Quebec, Canada, one of the region's top attractions.
- The Friendship Trail in British Columbia, Canada, that connects the two communities of Mount Currie and the Village of Pemberton.

All of the projects Innergex has contributed to are diverse, environmentally responsible, broad in scope and began with the support of community leaders and residents alike.



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