



Sault College News Release

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Sault College unveils its newest technologies

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON October 30, 2015) Sault College, in partnership with Tenaris, has taken its place as a leader in the field of automation with the acquisition of industrial ABB robots. College supporters gathered today to celebrate the advanced field of robotics at Sault College with the official opening of the Sault College and Tenaris Robotics Lab on campus.

“Welcome to the future!” noted Dr. Ron Common, President at Sault College, as he greeted the crowd gathered. “The Robotics labs on campus will assist our community in providing a locally-grown talent pool that will promote a strong and innovative manufacturing base in our region. It will bring great advantages to the economic sector of the community and will help grow our region. We are grateful to the many supporters who have made this robotics installation possible.”

Others were on hand to join in the celebration of the College’s new wave of state-of-the-art technology, including various funders. With initial funding from the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and private industry partner Tenaris, Sault College renovated existing space and installed two robots for Phase I of the project. Additional funding announced earlier this year from FedNor and the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) assisted in the completion of Phase II, which included six additional training robots that will allow concurrent applied research and hands-on training activities in a practical environment in tandem with no scheduling conflicts.

Additional funding partners for the project included the Ontario Centres of Excellence and ABB Robotics. Rockwell Automation, Westburne and Ionic Engineering and Innovation also contributed to the lab.

“We are very pleased to be partnering with Sault College to help build success in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math in Sault Ste. Marie,” said Canadian Vice President and Managing Director Guillermo Moreno. “Education is a fundamental value at Tenaris. With our Technical Gene program, we work to strengthen technical education, translating classroom learning into industrial experience.”

With the acquisition of this advanced equipment, the funding will expand the College’s capabilities to be ideally positioned to further engage collaboratively with industry, educational and community partners in both applied research and talent development activities.

“Sault College will provide industry-led applied research projects relating to automation and advanced manufacturing in our region and beyond and will teach robotics as part of our programs, leading the development of a talent pool of highly qualified personnel that can stay in the North and support industries,” says Colin Kirkwood, Dean of Environment, Technology and Business at Sault College.

In an effort to provide crucial new resources for our industry partners and enhance the College’s capacity to produce the best trained graduates and skilled works for our region, Sault College will host a series of free Robotics workshops over the next few weeks. Funded by the Ontario Centres of Excellence and Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the first of three workshops takes place at Sault College is scheduled for November 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The content of the workshop explores common terms in the robotics industry, showcases the current state-of-the-art robotics lab, provides insight into global best practices for robotic application and provides an overview of how robotics helps to

improve industry. If you are interested in attending, please register with Dean Matthews, Robotics Manager at robotics@saultcollege.ca.

In addition to being incorporated into the current post-secondary programs, beginning in September 2016, Sault College will launch its new one-year, graduate certificate program in Robotics and is currently accepting applications. For more information or to register for this program, contact Student Recruitment at studentrecruitment@saultcollege.ca.

Sault College wishes to express its gratitude for the continued support of its numerous funders that will help keep the College on the leading edge of post-secondary learning in Canada.

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About Sault College

The vision of Sault College is to provide a transformative life experience through empowering those who study with us to think and learn in progressive, innovative ways, including those we have not yet imagined. Ranked #1 in the province for two years in a row with a score of 88.6% in overall student satisfaction by students themselves, Sault College grants Ontario College certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, graduate certificates, and degrees to its graduates. The College is one of the largest deliverer of apprenticeship training in all of Northern Ontario. Educating over 3,900 students each year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$158 million. Over \$2 million dollars in scholarships, bursaries and awards are distributed annually to students at the College. Located on the border to the United States and situated in the middle of three of the largest great lakes on the planet, Sault College is one of 24 publicly-funded colleges in the province of Ontario. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca to learn more.

In photo from left to right: Colin Kirkwood, Dean of Environment, Technology and Business at Sault College, MPP David Oraziotti, Dr. Ron Common, President, Sault College, Guillermo Moreno, Canadian Area Manager for Tenaris, Jane Carhi, FedNor, John Fielding, Ontario Centres of Excellence, Peter Berlingieri, Chair, Sault College Board of Governors and Mayor Christian Provenzano officially open the new Robotics lab on campus.

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