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BalaFalls
small **hydro** project



*... building on
Bala's Legacy*

Artist Rendition by Forrec Ltd. (not to scale).

The Project Team



Swift River Energy Limited

Swift River Energy Limited (SREL) was founded in 2004 to develop new hydro facilities in Ontario. It is owned by a consortium of senior, experienced developers and financiers. SREL calls upon the expertise of its four founders who have built other power plants in Ontario, developed over 6 million square feet of office space in the Toronto commercial market, and held executive positions in a number of Ontario firms. SREL's Chief Operating Officer is a past Chairman of the Ontario Waterpower Association, and he was founder and President of the firm that built the Misema small hydro plant in Englehart, Ontario.

SREL is providing the necessary financing for this project. Its partners are cognizant of the sensitivity of the Bala area as a tourist, cottage and environmentally sensitive area. Three of its four founders are long-term area cottagers, and one has recently served as cottage association President downstream of the project. They bring a heightened awareness of the special and unique needs of this project. SREL is pleased to have selected Hatch Energy for engineering, environmental screening and project management, and have enlisted Bracebridge Generation, owners of a number of small hydro plants in the area, including the recent and successful High Falls expansion, as advisors and future operators for this plant.



Hatch Energy

Since 1924, Hatch Energy (formerly Acres International), has provided its clients with imaginative and practical engineering and management solutions in the hydroelectric field out of its Niagara Falls, Ontario office and other office locations. Hatch Energy has extensive experience in the design and construction of new waterpower facilities in addition to the redevelopment and expansion of existing ones. Recent accomplishments included design, environmental assessment and project management services for many small hydro project and wind farms throughout the Province and across Canada.

These engineering services have taken many forms, tailored to satisfy clients' needs, including services required for the execution and implementation of the North Bala small hydro project.

Hatch Energy previously completed the dam safety assessment of the Bala dams for MNR, and the Water Management Plan for the Muskoka River System.

Bracebridge Generation LTD.

Bracebridge Generation

Swift River Energy Limited has entered into an understanding with Bracebridge Generation Ltd. to operate the North Bala power project, including the powerhouse and dam structure.

Bracebridge Generation Ltd. has been in operation since 1894. Bracebridge Generation Ltd., a locally owned and operated firm, is a subsidiary company of Lakeland Holding Ltd. whose shareholders include the municipalities of Bracebridge, Burk's Falls, Huntsville, Magnetawan and Sundridge. Their current assets include four hydro generation facilities in the Bracebridge area.

Bracebridge Generation's services include the generation of environmentally friendly local electricity, while maintaining a high degree of safety and operating standards.



Forrec

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