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### **Novaporte Wind Canada LP Achieves Offshore Wind Prequalification Milestone**

#### **An Indigenous-led Partnership Between Sydney Harbour Investment Partners (SHIP) and Membertou First Nation**

**Sydney, Nova Scotia — Novaporte Wind Canada LP**, an Indigenous-led offshore wind development platform established by Sydney Harbour Investment Partners (SHIP) and Membertou First Nation and supported by experienced strategic, financial and technical partners, is pleased to announce that it has successfully achieved prequalified status under the Canada–Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator's (CNSOER) Offshore Wind Call for Bids NS25-1R.

Novaporte Wind Canada LP was established by SHIP and Membertou First Nation to advance long-term Indigenous participation in Nova Scotia's emerging offshore wind industry through shared ownership, strategic partnerships and responsible clean energy development. The partnership reflects a shared commitment to building one of Canada's pioneering Indigenous-led offshore wind platforms, founded on collaboration, long-term investment and meaningful Indigenous participation.

Prequalification confirms that Novaporte Wind Canada LP has met the requirements necessary to participate in Nova Scotia's inaugural offshore wind seabed licensing process.

*"This is an important milestone—not only for our partnership, but for the future of offshore wind development in Nova Scotia,"* said Albert Barbusci, Chief Executive Officer of Novaporte Wind Canada LP.

*"From the beginning, our vision has been to build an Indigenous-led offshore wind platform founded on genuine partnership, long-term investment and shared opportunity. Today's prequalification reflects years of preparation and collaboration and positions Novaporte Wind Canada LP to participate in Nova Scotia's emerging offshore wind industry. We look forward to working alongside governments, industry and our strategic partners as this exciting new chapter unfolds."*

Chief Terry Paul, Chief and CEO of Membertou First Nation, added:

*"This milestone reflects years of collaboration built on mutual respect, trust and a shared commitment to future generations. We believe Indigenous communities should participate not only through consultation, but through meaningful ownership and long-term partnership. The strongest partnerships are those that create lasting opportunity not only for our own communities, but for future generations across Nova Scotia. We look forward to continuing this journey together."*

Prequalification does not constitute the award of an offshore wind licence. It represents an important step in the CNSOER process and enables Novaporte Wind Canada LP to participate in the Province's upcoming offshore wind seabed licensing process.

**About Novaporte Wind Canada LP**

Novaporte Wind Canada LP is an Indigenous-led offshore wind development platform established by Sydney Harbour Investment Partners (SHIP) and Membertou First Nation to advance long-term Indigenous participation in Nova Scotia's offshore wind industry through strategic infrastructure development, responsible clean energy investment and enduring partnerships.