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Veridian reaches 750,000 hours without a lost-time injury

Ajax, ON – Veridian Connections (“Veridian”) is proud to announce that its employees have amassed more than 750,000 hours without a lost-time injury. This milestone required almost two years of work among its 225-plus employees without a single work related lost-time injury.

The announcement was made by Veridian President and CEO Michael Angemeer, who praised all employees for establishing and maintaining a culture where safety is a core value, and everyone equally shares the responsibility of creating and ensuring a healthy and safe work environment.

“The milestone is a true testament to our entire team and the efforts put forth for safety every day,” said Angemeer. “Given the number and types of tasks our employees are required to perform to build and maintain our system, while providing world class service levels – it is a great accomplishment. We know that a healthy and safe work environment leads to higher productivity, supporting more innovation among our employees which in-turn provides better value for our customers and shareholders. It really is all connected.”

Veridian’s safety performance is the result of strong leadership and support of the utility’s Board of Directors and management, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Veridian’s Joint Health and Safety Committees and its employees. “It is a commitment by everyone when it comes to ensuring a healthy and safe workplace at Veridian,” commented Angemeer. “They have all been very supportive of our efforts to maintain a workplace environment that emphasizes reaching your personal best by providing coaching, ongoing training, skills development and personal responsibility.”

Michael Matthew, the utility’s Manager of Health, Safety & Environment, echoed Angemeer’s congratulatory message. “This is a remarkable achievement that is the direct result of Veridian’s ongoing commitment to safety, and the dedication and efforts made by each employee.”

Veridian’s safety numbers have not gone unnoticed. In December 2013, the utility was honoured by the Infrastructure Health & Safety Association (IHSA) by being presented with the IHSA President’s Award for achieving 250,000 and 500,000 hours worked without a lost-time injury. Also, during the period of 2002 to 2010, Veridian achieved more than 2.5 million hours without a lost time injury and 10 President’s Awards.

Veridian Connections Inc. safely and reliably delivers electricity to more than 117,000 customers in the Cities of Pickering and Belleville, the Towns of Ajax and Gravenhurst, the Municipality of Port Hope, and the communities of Uxbridge, Bowmanville, Newcastle, Orono, Port Perry, Beaverton, Sunderland and Cannington. Since its formation in 1999, the utility has grown through two mergers and five acquisitions, and has delivered many benefits to the communities that it serves. Veridian Connections Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Veridian Corporation. The City of Pickering, the Town of Ajax, the Municipality of Clarington and the City of Belleville jointly own Veridian Corporation.

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