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NEW GOVERNMENT ACTION LOOKING TO BRING NEW HOUSING SUPPLY TO MARKET

(Toronto) September 26, 2017 – The Ontario Home Builders' Association (OHBA) has been calling for government-led action to increase new housing supply by streamlining the approvals system. OHBA is pleased that the provincial government is taking the significant challenges that our industry faces in bringing new housing supply to the market seriously, and has initiated a new, dedicated team to alleviate some of these barriers. In order to help tackle these challenges, OHBA has been requesting that the government engage the industry and stakeholders in an evidence-based discussion with all parties at the table, and the Housing Delivery Group is a step forward in this direction. The Housing Delivery Group will be led by Paula Dill, the current Provincial Development Facilitator and expert experienced urban planner who has successfully delivered new communities across Ontario.

“If the Housing Delivery Group can help bring new housing to market faster, this will be good news for new home buyers. For years, OHBA has been telling the government that the red tape involved in getting new communities to market is contributing to Ontario’s housing supply issues and impacting the price of housing,” said Joe Vaccaro, CEO of the OHBA.

While the Housing Delivery Group could help bring more new housing to families across Ontario, it’s important to note that the government continues to push forward other legislative initiatives that will put local politics ahead of good planning and actually make our housing supply problem even worse.

OHBA represents the industry that delivers 95 per cent of all new housing supply in Ontario. OHBA will continue to engage with the government and monitor the effects of the Housing Delivery Group, along with the other initiatives from the Fair Housing Plan, in order to advocate for more housing supply, choice and affordability for Ontarians.

About OHBA: The Ontario Home Builders' Association is the voice of the building, land development and professional renovation industry in Ontario representing 4,000 member companies organized into 29 local associations across the province. Our members have built over 700,000 homes in the last ten years in over 500 Ontario communities. In 2016, the industry contributes over \$56 billion to Ontario’s economy, generating \$19.8 billion in wages and employing more than 336,000 people across the province.

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