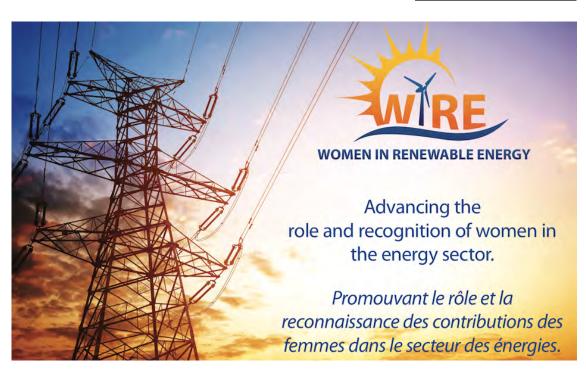
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2017 WiRE Wind PowerAward goes to Julie Belley Perron

WiRE is excited to announce Julie Belley Perron, Director Legal Affairs-Operations at Kruger Energy Inc, is the winner of the 3rd WiRE Woman of Distinction Award for Wind Power. Some of her more notable accomplishments include acting in all projects phases for Kruger Energy Port Alma, Chatham, and Montérégie which represent 300MW of wind energy in Canada. Julie is the first and only woman of Kruger's development and operations group holding the position of director, and is a mentor to other women within her organization.





Special congratulations also go to award finalists Viviane Maraghi, Development Manager at RES Canada and Marjolaine Castonguay, founder and CEO of PESCA Environnement. WiRE thanks the wind power industry for nominating many outstanding women working in the energy sector, and especially CanWEA for continuing to support our Women of

Distinction award series.

Exciting Announcement: Leadership Accord on Gender Diversity in the Canadian Electricity Industry



On International Women's Day in Ottawa, the Honourable MaryAm Monsef, Minister of Status of Women, and Electricity Human Resources Canada (EHRC) announced an exciting and timely development in the power sector: the Leadership Accord on Gender Diversity in the Canadian Electricity Industry.

For the first time, the energy sector has the means to make a public commitment by employers,

educators, unions and governments to promote the values of diversity and inclusion within their organizations. WiRE salutes the industry leaders have already signed on to the accord as founding partners, including Ontario Power Generation, Alectra Inc., Hydro Ottawa and a host of others, and congratulates the EHRC and Connected Women steering committee on this important milestone. Learn more...