

# PRESS RELEASE: ELEXON STRENGTHENS RELATIONSHIP WITH CGI

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## ELEXON strengthens relationship with CGI in a £20m, three-year Business Processing and Outsourcing agreement

- **Provides value for money to our customers with annual savings of over £1m on our fixed IT running costs**
- **Strengthens a long well-established relationship with CGI**
- **Provides a modern, scalable infrastructure as we migrate our core BSC systems to CGI's Cloud**

ELEXON is pleased to announce a three-year Business Processing and IT Outsourcing agreement with CGI, with an attached two-year extension option. CGI has been providing Business Process and Outsourcing services to us for nearly 15 years and under the terms of this new agreement, CGI will operate, maintain and manage all our core applications whilst migrating them to its Cloud in order to be prepared for industry changes.

As we are currently handling large amounts of data including settlement of over 5,700 daily wholesale electricity trades, 1.25 million daily meter readings and settlement of over £1.4 billion of customer funds annually, this new agreement means we can deliver flexibility, scalability and value for money to the electricity industry.

Plus, with potential changes in the electricity industry such as smart meters and new rules from European regulations, we need an adaptable IT infrastructure to support our core applications, which are at the heart of the Balancing and Settlement Code.

Mark Bygraves, CEO of ELEXON, said: 'The UK electricity market is undergoing critical changes that mean we, as a key partner to the wholesale industry, need to invest in our core IT infrastructure to continue delivering outstanding service. This outsourced agreement with CGI provides significant expertise, capability and a modern, scalable infrastructure at highly competitive rates. We will save over £1m annually in our fixed IT running costs, which is great news for our customers and demonstrates ELEXON's ability to continue to deliver value for money to the industry.'

As part of the agreement, CGI will deliver a wide range of outsourced IT and Business Process services including our customer service desk, central market industry processes and end-of-day settlement processes, infrastructure and network hosting and application management and development services.

Tara McGeehan, Vice President of UK Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications, CGI, said: 'We are delighted to have extended the scope of our work with ELEXON, which delivers absolutely critical services that keep the UK's electricity market moving. Our core competency in managing, maintaining and improving complex applications combined with the highly scalable nature of our Cloud offering together with our deep industry knowledge, means we are well placed to help ELEXON prepare for a period of significant change in the UK electricity sector.'

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## About ELEXON

ELEXON is vital to the operation of the wholesale electricity market. We compare how much electricity generators and suppliers said they would produce or consume with actual volumes. We work out a price for the difference and transfer funds accordingly. This involves taking 1.25 million meter readings every day and handling £1.4 billion of our customers' funds each year.

The rules are set out in the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC). We administer the Code and provide and procure the services needed to implement it. Our expertise and impartiality give our customers the confidence that the BSC operates efficiently and accurately.

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## About CGI

Founded in 1976, CGI Group Inc. is the fifth largest independent information technology and business process services firm in the world. Approximately 68,000 professionals serve thousands of global clients from offices and delivery centres across the Americas, Europe and Asia Pacific, leveraging a comprehensive portfolio of services, including high-end business and IT consulting, systems integration, application development and maintenance, and infrastructure management, as well as a wide range of proprietary solutions. With annual revenue in excess of C\$10 billion and an order backlog of approximately C\$20 billion, CGI shares are listed on the TSX (GIB.A) and the NYSE (GIB).