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**ORPC Subsidiary Prepares for Growth and New Opportunities**  
*Hires President & CEO to Guide Canadian Expansion*

**Montréal, Québec, and Portland, Maine, March 8, 2018** - ORPC, Inc., in the business of improving people's lives and their environment through sustainable energy solutions, is pleased to announce it has hired Alexandre Paris to be President and Chief Executive Officer of its Québec subsidiary, Énergies Marines Renouvelables Québécoises Inc., or EMARQ. Formed in 2015, EMARQ expands ORPC's marine renewable energy (MRE) business into Canada, providing solutions to lower the cost and increase the availability of electricity in remote communities in northern Quebec's Nunavik region and elsewhere, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and bringing much-needed local economic benefits.

Mr. Paris was most recently Senior Manager, Growth and Innovation at Hydro-Québec's research institute, IREQ. He joins EMARQ with over 20 years' experience as an entrepreneur and executive for private and public-sector companies in Canada, the U.S., Europe, and Asia. His background in early stage companies, research and development, business development, engineering management, product development and product release, make him ideally suited to lead EMARQ as it pursues new opportunities in Canada.

Backed by ORPC technology and know-how, EMARQ's mission is to become the preferred supplier of sustainable energy solutions involving MRE power systems in Canada. Under the guidance of EMARQ's Vice President and General Manager, Marcel Boridy, EMARQ has established key business relationships with priority Canadian companies, government agencies and research groups. Notably, EMARQ has collaborated with the Makivik Corporation, Hydro-Québec's research institute (IREQ) and the National Recherche Council Canada (NRC), the last 3 years to evaluate the potential for MRE in the Inuit region of Nunavik, Québec.

Mr. Paris joins ORPC's now 7-member executive management team. In making the announcement to investors, major partners, and staff, ORPC Chairman, Co-founder & CEO, Chris Sauer noted, "To accomplish our ambitious goals in Canada and tackle new opportunities in 2018 and beyond, we are thrilled to have Alex on board. His integrity and commitment to team are a perfect match for ORPC's strong ethic of collaboration and empowerment."

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Currently ORPC is executing projects in Maine, Alaska, Canada, and Ireland totaling over \$16 million USD. The company is actively pursuing exciting new opportunities to provide affordable and environmentally sustainable electricity for remote communities in high cost power markets, notably in northern Québec, combined with local and regional economic development benefits. Similar market dynamics exist in Alaska and throughout northern Canada. “Our near-term future growth and, ultimately, our profitability depend on excellence in execution of our business plan in North America,” Sauer remarked.

Underscoring ORPC and EMARQ’s growth, Ben Winn has recently been hired as Mechanical Engineer at ORPC headquarters in Portland, Maine, and the company is anticipating bringing another engineer on board soon. In addition, EMARQ is actively seeking a Project Manager to oversee its planned projects in Québec.

When these positions are filled, ORPC will have twenty-eight employees working in three countries on two continents. In addition to company headquarters in Portland and EMARQ office in Montréal, ORPC has an operations center in Eastport, Maine; personnel in Seattle, Washington, and Anchorage, Alaska; and wholly-owned subsidiary ORPC Ireland with a Dublin office.

Worldwide, ORPC is the only company to have built, operated and delivered power to a utility grid from a hydrokinetic tidal project (in Maine), and to a remote community grid from a hydrokinetic river project (in Alaska). ORPC remains firmly committed to its founding principle of working collaboratively with all stakeholders and local contractors to create economic development opportunities. For more information visit [www.orpc.co](http://www.orpc.co) or [www.emarq.ca](http://www.emarq.ca).



*Newly appointed President & CEO  
of EMARQ, Alexandre Paris*

This image may also be found at:

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