



## Press release

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### **Boralex and Walpole Island First Nation Celebrate the Inauguration of the Sanjgon Battery Energy Storage Facility, Initially Tilbury**

**Lakeshore (Canada), April 20, 2026** – Boralex inc. (« Boralex ») (TSX : BLX) and Walpole Island First Nation marked an important milestone on April 13<sup>th</sup> with the official inauguration of the Sanjgon Battery Energy Storage Facility, in Lakeshore, Ontario, bringing together community members, partners and key stakeholders to celebrate the successful delivery of this landmark project.

The ceremony highlighted the collective effort behind Sanjgon and the strength of the partnership between Boralex and Walpole Island First Nation. The event opened with a **drum circle**, followed by a **Treaty Moment** led by **Dean Jacobs**, Senior Advisor to Council for Walpole Island First Nation. An opening prayer and address were then shared by a **Walpole Island First Nation Elder**, grounding the ceremony in respect, tradition, and reflection.

Remarks were also delivered by **Leela Thomas**, Chief of Walpole Island First Nation, **Patrick Decostre**, President and Chief Executive Officer of Boralex, and **Robin Deveaux**, Executive Vice President and General Manager, North America, Boralex. The ceremony also included remarks from **Tracey Bailey**, Mayor of the Municipality of Lakeshore, who acknowledged the project's importance for the region.

The ceremony concluded with an **official ribbon-cutting**, symbolically marking the beginning of long-term operations at the Sanjgon facility. Guests were then invited to take part in a **guided site tour**, offering a closer look at the installations and a better understanding of the project's strategic role within Ontario's electricity system.

[Commissioned in December 2025](#), the 80 MW / 320 MWh Sanjgon facility was developed by Boralex in partnership with Walpole Island First Nation. The facility plays a key role in strengthening Ontario's electricity system by enhancing grid stability, supporting the integration of renewable energy and providing reliable power during periods of peak demand.

Throughout the development, construction, and now operation of the facility, health and safety remain a top priority, guiding all activities on site.

#### **Quotes**

"We came together to celebrate not only the opening of this new facility, which will help strengthen Ontario's electricity system, but also the strong partnership between Walpole Island First Nation and Boralex. Sanjgon reflects the hard work, collaboration, and shared commitment that brought us here, and today is an important moment to recognize what we have built together."

*Leela Thomas, Chief of Walpole Island First Nation.*

"It was a great day for Lakeshore and our communities. We are proud to celebrate the Sanjgon project and the collaboration that has made it possible. Thank you to Walpole Island First Nation and Boralex for their hard work and dedication in making this facility a reality."

*Tracey Bailey, Mayor, Municipality of Lakeshore*

"This partnership proves Ontario isn't just planning for the future, we're building it," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines. "Ontario's Integrated Energy Plan is advancing the largest storage expansion in Canada, delivering more power, faster to support families and businesses. Ontario approved this project in partnership with First Nations to ensure we squarely meet growing demand with reliable and clean power."

*Stephen Lecce, Minister of Energy and Mines*

"The Sanjgon Battery Energy Storage Facility demonstrates the Independent Electricity System Operator's commitment to competitively procuring cost-effective resources that keep Ontario's electricity system reliable and affordable. Developed through a partnership between Walpole Island First Nation and Boralex, this project demonstrates how collaboration among Indigenous communities, municipalities, private industry and government strengthens Ontario's grid and supports economic growth in the Province."

*Lesley Gallinger, President and CEO, Independent Electricity System Operator*

"Today's inauguration is a moment to recognize what Sanjgon represents beyond the asset itself. Energy storage will play an increasingly important role in supporting a reliable and resilient electricity system. Through this project and its leading role in Canadian storage, Boralex is actively shaping the energy infrastructure of tomorrow, translating its forwardlooking strategy into concrete solutions that strengthen Ontario's power system over the long term."

*Patrick Decostre, President and CEO of Boralex*

"Today is a moment to celebrate the people and partnerships that made Sanjgon possible. From development through operations, this project was built on trust, collaboration and a shared long-term vision with Walpole Island First Nation and the Municipality of Lakeshore. Being a partner of choice means staying committed well beyond construction, and that's exactly what this inauguration represents."

*Robin Deveaux, Executive Vice President and General Manager, North America, Boralex*

## About Walpole Island First Nation (Bkejwanong Territory)

Walpole Island First Nation, known as **Bkejwanong**, meaning "where the waters divide," is a vibrant Anishinaabe community located at the mouth of the St. Clair River in southwestern Ontario. Home to members of the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa Nations, Bkejwanong is rich in culture, language, and traditional knowledge. The community is deeply connected to the land and waters, maintaining some of the most ecologically significant wetlands in the Great Lakes region. Guided by the values traditional stewardship, Walpole Island First Nation continues to protect its natural environment, promote cultural revitalization, and build a strong, healthy, and sustainable future for generations to come.

## About Boralex

At Boralex, we have been providing affordable renewable energy accessible to everyone for over 35 years. As a leader in the Canadian market and France's largest independent producer of onshore wind power, we also have facilities in the United States and in the United Kingdom. Over the past five years, our installed capacity has increased by more than 50%, reaching 3,783 MW as at December 31, 2025. We are developing a portfolio of projects in development and construction of 8.2 GW in wind, solar and BESS projects, guided by our values and our corporate social responsibility (CSR) approach. Recognized as Best Corporate Citizen in Canada by Corporate Knights, Boralex is actively participating in the fight against global warming. Thanks to our fearlessness, our discipline, our expertise and our diversity, we continue to be an industry leader. Boralex's shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol BLX. For more information, visit [boralex.com](http://boralex.com) or [sedarplus.ca](http://sedarplus.ca). Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

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