



Québec, December 9, 2009

Mr. Matthew Coon Come
Grand Chief
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Subject: 2002-2008 Assessment of the forestry-related provisions of the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Gouvernement du Québec and the Crees of Québec

Dear Grand Chief,

In keeping with our mandate, the Cree-Québec Forestry Board has just completed a first assessment of the forestry-related provisions of the *Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between the Gouvernement du Québec and the Crees of Québec*. This assessment covers the period between the signing of the Agreement on February 7, 2002 and March 31, 2008.

On behalf of the members of the Board and on my own behalf, I am pleased to present you with the full report of the results of said assessment, as well as a summary version. This report is the result of a rigorous and intense exercise carried out in cooperation with the parties.

The report provides, in particular, a detailed analysis of the implementation of each of the sections of Chapter 3 of the Agreement, which reveals that the large majority of said sections have been implemented. The assessment also sets out the views expressed by the main stakeholders responsible for implementing the forest provisions of the Agreement, who say they are mainly satisfied with the efforts made up to now but who also wish that several improvements be brought to the processes.

In order to guide the parties in their subsequent actions with regard to the implementation of the adapted forestry regime of the Agreement, the report lists a series of priority issues that were brought to light when integrating the findings and proposes recommendations and possible ways of dealing with said issues.

I consider that the information gathered throughout this assessment can provide food for thought and a quite useful basis for the discussions the parties will be holding in order to ensure that the principles of the Agreement are complied with in the

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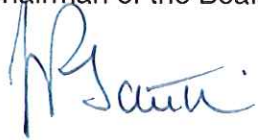
framework of the coming into force of the Act Respecting Sustainable Forest Development.

Incidentally, if you see fit to meet with us, we remain, my colleagues on the Board as well as myself, fully available to provide any additional information regarding the assessment.

Finally, the Cree-Québec Forestry Board expects to transmit the results of this assessment to the other stakeholders concerned by the implementation of Chapter 3 of the Agreement. To do so, we have published an abridged version and a summary intended for the different target audiences. These documents are available on the Board's Internet site.

Yours truly,

The Chairman of the Board,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JP Gauthier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "P".

Jean-Pierre Gauthier

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