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Québec, September 9, 2009

Mr. Jean-Pierre Gauthier Chairman Cree-Québec Forestry Board 2875, Laurier Blvd, Le Delta Building 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 1180 Québec, Qc G1V 2M2

Dear Mr. Gauthier:

I have received the advice from the Cree-Québec Forestry Board recommending the approval of twelve general forest management plans for 2008-2013.

I wish to congratulate you, as well as all the members of the Board, for your work. The Ministry intends to follow up on all of your recommendations regarding the forest management units. In addition, it has initiated discussions with the Crees on the issue of access to the territory of the Agreement Concerning a New Relationship Between le Gouvernement du Québec and the Crees of Québec.

I also took note of the Cree's concerns mentioned in Appendix 1 attached to your letter and I would like the Cree-Québec Forestry Board to send me its thoughts on the questions raised.

Should you wish any additional information, please feel free to contact Mr. Guy Hétu, Director General Nord-du-Québec, who is in charge of the follow-up in this file. You can reach Mr. Hétu by phone at 819-755-4838, extension 283.

Yours sincerely,

*[signed]* Nathalie Normandeau

cc: Mr. Guy Hétu, Director General Nord-du-Québec