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**Tax Assistance for the Resource Regions and the New Economy:
the Task Force Chaired by Robert Gagné
Begins Its Consultations**

Québec, July 13, 2007 – The Task Force on Tax Assistance for the Resource Regions and the New Economy is initiating consultations with individuals and representatives of organizations and companies interested by these issues. In this regard, it released its discussion paper and launched its website today. The government set up the Task Force to study the impact of the fiscal measures intended for businesses in the resource regions and the new economy. The Task Force will submit its recommendations to the Minister of Finance in December 2007.

The discussion paper brings together a quantity of factual information concerning the Task Force's mandate and the tax assistance measures that will be studied. A number of questions are raised at the end of the paper to stimulate reflection. The paper is available on the Task Force's website at: www.gtaf.gouv.qc.ca. Complete information on the work of the Task Force will also be available on the website as it progresses.

The consultations will have two forms. First, interested stakeholders are invited to send their brief, opinion or comment no later than September 21, 2007 to the website mentioned above or by mail to the following postal address:

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The task force also plans to hold consultations during September, by invitation, in Montréal, Québec City and various other regions of Québec. The dates of these consultations will be specified over the coming weeks.

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