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**Task Force on Tax Assistance for the Resource Regions
and the New Economy**

Meetings Begin in Abitibi-Témiscamingue

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Québec, September 7, 2007 - The Task Force on Tax Assistance for the Resource Regions and the New Economy will begin its series of meetings at the Hôtel Forestel in Val-d'Or, Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

The first part of the work will take place in private from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A period of public hearings will follow, beginning at 2 p.m.

The Québec government set up the Task Force on June 27, 2007. Its mandate is to assess the tax assistance for the resource regions and the new economy and their impact, as well as to propose new avenues for the development of the specific territories and activity sectors concerned. The Task Force will submit its recommendations to the government in December 2007. The Task Force is chaired by Robert Gagné; the other two members are Luc Godbout and Guy Lacroix.

The dates and locations of the consultations are given on the Task Force's website: www.gtaf.gouv.qc.ca.