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**The Task Force on Tax Assistance for the Resource Regions
and the New Economy to Visit the Côte-Nord on September 28**

Québec, September 11, 2007 - The Task Force on Tax Assistance for the Resource Regions and the New Economy will travel to Baie-Comeau and Sept-Îles Friday, September 28, 2007.

The day's events will proceed as follows:

Baie-Comeau

- The first part of the work will take place in Baie-Comeau in private.
- A period of public hearings will follow, beginning around 9:30 a.m.

The Task Force will then travel to Sept-Îles:

- Private meetings will begin at 2:30 p.m.
- Public hearings will start around 4 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 its 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.