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

In the Bas-Saint-Laurent Region

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

Québec, September 21, 2007 - The Task Force on Tax Assistance for the Resource Regions and the New Economy will visit the Bas-Saint-Laurent region on Tuesday, September 25, 2007. It will be in Rivière-du-Loup in the morning and Rimouski in the afternoon.

In Rivière-du-Loup, the Task Force will hold private consultations at the Hôtel Lévesque from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Public hearings will follow.

In Rimouski, the meetings will take place at the Hôtel Rimouski - Centre-des Congrès. Public hearings will take place from 1 p.m. A period of private consultations will follow, from 4 p.m. to 6 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.