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**The Task Force on Tax Assistance for the Resource Regions
and the New Economy to Visit Mauricie Next October 12**

Québec, September 25, 2007 – The Task Force on Tax Assistance for the Resource Regions and the New Economy is adding a day of meetings in Maurice, specifically in Shawinigan, on October 12, 2007. In so doing, the Task Force is responding to many requests from players in the region.

The meetings will be held at the Auberge Gouverneur Shawinigan. The first part of the work will take place during the morning, in private. A period of public hearings will follow during the afternoon.

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.

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