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FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN, 2015–2020

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CONTEXT

The Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee (KEAC) was created pursuant to Section 23 of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement* (JBNQA) and is governed by the *Environment Quality Act* (R.S.Q., c. Q-2) and the *James Bay and Northern Québec Native Claims Settlement Act* (S.C. 1976-1979, c. 32). The KEAC is a consultative body to responsible governments in matters relating to environmental and social protection in Nunavik (JBNQA, para. 23.5.24 and 23.5.25). It is therefore the preferential and official forum for the Government of Canada, the Gouvernement du Québec, the Kativik Regional Government and the northern villages.

KEAC MANDATE

Act as a consultative body to responsible governments for legislation and regulations relating to the environmental and social protection regime, and the administration and management of the regime.

Make recommendations concerning legislation, regulations and other measures related to environmental and social protection.

Examine environmental and social impact assessment and review mechanisms and procedures.

Study major issues relating to the implementation of the environmental and social protection regime as well as the land use regime.

Serve as a link for the residents of Nunavik and provide support to local and regional authorities through the preparation of briefs and the delivery of technical assistance.

FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN, 2015–2020

This five-year action plan establishes orientations as well as short- and medium-term objectives to fulfil the mandate given to the KEAC by the signatories of the JBNQA. By targeting actions that are responsive to priority environmental and social protection issues in Nunavik, the KEAC strives to ensure compliance with the intentions and commitments of the parties under the JBNQA. Through its five-year action plan, the KEAC also aims to pursue, in accordance with the political context and available resources, actions related to its concerns in particular regarding sustainable development, the safeguarding of biodiversity, climate change and the quality of life of the residents of Nunavik.

Orientations	Objectives	Actions
<p>I – The KEAC is committed to following up on environmental and social issues specifically in relation to environmental assessments, mining development and residual materials management in Nunavik. While not being bound to it, the KEAC advocates a comprehensive, preventive and proactive approach.</p>	<p>1) Foster transparency and improvements to the environmental and social assessment procedures applicable in Nunavik, i.e. the procedures covering environmental and social impacts under Section 23 of the JBNQA, the procedure under the <i>Canadian Environmental Assessment Act</i>, and the procedure under the <i>Nunavik Inuit Land Claims Agreement</i>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote and support the enhanced participation of Inuit in environmental assessment procedures, including those under Section 23 of the JBNQA. - Contribute to the adequate revision of schedules 1 and 2 of Section 23 of the JBNQA. - Study the overlapping environmental assessment procedures applicable in Nunavik and identify solutions to mitigate the negative impacts on Inuit. - Promote among concerned authorities adequate consideration of social issues under the environmental assessment procedures applicable in Nunavik. - Conduct among concerned groups awareness campaigns on the environmental assessment procedures applicable in Nunavik.
	<p>2) Monitor and intervene in a relevant and effective manner in mining development files in Nunavik in order to ensure compliance with the rights of Inuit and Naskapi as well as sustainable environmental and social protection.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contribute to clarification of the regulations applicable to mineral exploration in Nunavik in order to minimize environmental and social impacts. - Document the impacts of mining development in Nunavik and submit as required briefs or recommendations to the parties. - Participate in the development of tools aimed at keeping Inuit informed of mining activities in the region.
	<p>3) Provide support to local and regional authorities regarding residual materials management and hazardous materials.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support and promote the implementation of environmental projects contained in the <i>Nunavik Residual Materials Management Plan</i>. - Ensure effective interventions with responsible authorities to ensure compliance

		with legislation and regulations.
II – The KEAC considers the regimes established under the JBNQA in a broad and inclusive manner, and therefore addresses with vigilance topics of concern to the residents of Nunavik, including: - land use planning and occupancy; - climate change; - drinking water; - biodiversity; - parks and protected areas.	1) Focus attention on the main issues likely to affect the quality of life of the residents of Nunavik, in the communities and on the land.	- Monitor the progress of activities related to these issues. - Invite to KEAC meetings specialists as well as representatives of local, regional and government authorities.
	2) Foster enhanced consideration of the environmental and social needs of the residents of Nunavik.	- Identify the priority needs of local and regional authorities. - Provide support for specific environmental projects in the region and cooperate with other organizations for this purpose.
III – To fulfil its mandate, the KEAC prioritizes collaboration with a view to strengthening its communications network, enhancing its visibility and increasing its influence.	1) Identify and consolidate means to improve the visibility of the KEAC and its mandate among northerners as well as local, regional and government authorities.	- Ensure the presence of the KEAC and promote its participation at events relating to environmental and social issues in Nunavik.
	2) Reinforce information sharing.	- Better identify partners on priority issues and develop attendant professional relations. - Provide support to local and regional authorities to ensure the transmission of adequate and adapted information to the residents of Nunavik. - Highlight local environmental actions as well as encourage public and private organizations and individuals to care for environmental quality in Nunavik.

Budget Forecast, 2015–2020

¹Annual budget: April 1 to March 31 (2015–2020)

Personnel, operations and administrative expenses (\$)

Salary, executive secretary (full-time including benefits)	62,400
RRSP contributions (employer contribution for the executive secretary)	3,300
Annual trips (executive secretary)	7,500
Housing (executive secretary)	36,000
Salary, environmental analyst (part-time)	38,000
RRSP contributions (employer contribution for the environmental analyst)	2,200
Government deductions at source	14,000
Accounting expenses	13,000
Fees and professional services (subcontracting and consultant travel costs)	25,000
Postage and shipping	1,000
Office rental (including premises and KRG support)	18,100
Insurance	3,100
Telecommunications (conference calls and videoconferences)	3,000
Advertising and promotion (website design, preparation of document resources, etc.)	10,000
Office supplies (stationery, computer equipment, etc.)	2,000
Subtotal	<u>238,600</u>

Meetings (\$)

Travel and accommodation expenses	
Executive secretary	15,000
Environmental analyst	12,000
KEAC members (appointed by the KRG: 3 members x 4 meetings)	33,000
COFEX-North members (appointed by the KRG: 2 members x 3 meetings)	8,000
Meeting expenses (audio-visual equipment, meeting room rental, etc.)	5,000
Subtotal	<u>73,000</u>

¹ The amounts indicated in this budget forecast are based on estimated amounts for the 2014–2015 fiscal year and current KEAC commitments.

Others (\$)

Annual report (design, printing and distribution)	8,500
Translation (annual report, meeting minutes, letters, reports, briefs)	26,000
Bank charges	800

Subtotal **35,300**

ANNUAL TOTAL **346,900**