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Neskantaga First Nation

Neskantaga First Nation is building a new economy in Northern Ontario

Thunder Bay, ON, (Tuesday July 29th, 2008) – The remote community of Neskantaga First Nation (formally know as Lansdowne House) has single-handedly developed a process to build positive working relationships with mining and exploration companies, it was revealed today. In a milestone announcement, Neskantaga First Nation today signed an Early Exploration Benefits Agreement (EEBA) with **Northern Superior Resources** (TSX: SUP) and began negotiations for a future EEBA with **International Nickel Ventures** (TSX: INV).

“Neskantaga First Nation has strategically developed a working process to promote mutually beneficial economic development within our territorial lands. The implementation of these agreements is possible as both parties have followed and respected the Neskantaga First Nation process of community consultation,” said Peter Moonias, Chief of Neskantaga First Nation. “It begins with the community’s consent. Our process is unique and defines the values and principles that unite the people of Neskantaga. It’s about negotiation not domination. The process establishes a framework of how we want to be accommodated and consulted with respect to economic activity on our traditional lands and it is now a proven model with the outcome of today’s signing ceremony.”

Under the terms of the Early Exploration Benefits Agreement (EEBA) between Neskantaga First Nation and North Superior Resources, the junior mining and exploration company will





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be allowed to explore on traditional lands for three years as part of the Ti-pa-haa-kaa-ning gold project.

Thomas Morris, President and CEO of Northern Superior Resources stated...*“Our relationship with Neskantaga First Nation is built on respect, understanding and appropriate consultation with the community. By signing the EEBA today, all parties have an understanding of what is expected from each other and we look forward to expanding our relationships with Neskantaga First Nation and its members.”*

International Nickel Ventures is in the early stages of developing a relationship with the First Nation that is similar to that of Northern Superior Resources as they have signed a “Letter of Comfort”. Negotiations continue to take place between the two parties and the signing of an EEBA is expected within the next few months.

Candace MacGibbon Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer of International Nickel Ventures said... *“We continue to make progress in establishing our relationship with the Neskantaga First Nation community as a result of our mutual respect and understanding during this process.”*

The consultation and accommodation process in use during these partnership negotiations is exclusive to Neskantaga First Nation. *“The people of Neskantaga have designed, modified and created a living, breathing, working process for consulting and accommodating our First Nation,”* continued Peter Moonias, Chief of Neskantaga First Nation. *“Perhaps the Ontario government can learn from this process,”* he said.





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Neskantaga First Nation is remotely located on Attawapiskat Lake, 425km north of Thunder Bay. The First Nation can be accessed fly-in or by winter roads.

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