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PERSONNEL SHORTAGE FORCES KM 381 SERVICE AREA TO ADJUST SERVICES

Matagami, July 16, 2021 – Due to a lack of personnel, the Société de développement de la Baie-James (SDBJ) must temporarily adjust the services provided at the Km 381 service area on the Billy-Diamond highway. The measures taken will make it possible to maintain essential services such as food and fuel for users of the Billy-Diamond highway and workers.

As of today, and until further notice, it will no longer be possible to reserve rooms at the site as the facility is currently at full capacity. In addition, the kitchen will now operate at reduced hours (5 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and will offer a simplified menu. Prepared food items are still available at the self-service counters (pre-prepared meals, sandwiches, submarines, etc.) at any hour of the day or night.

The Km 381 service area will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Although it is no longer possible to book rooms as of today, reservations that have already been confirmed will be honoured. Despite our best efforts, further reductions in the services provided at the Km 381 service area may be required. However, essential services will be maintained and the population will be kept informed of developments.

“Our priority is still to provide the best possible service to our customers. We have had to make certain organizational changes to be able to maintain this level of service. These changes are temporary and we are working hard to resolve the situation as soon as possible. I would like to thank the members of our team at the Km 381 service area for the tireless work they do every day and for their dedication under these circumstances.”

Alain Coulombe, President and Chief Executive Officer, SDBJ

About SDBJ

[SDBJ](#) was created under the *James Bay Region Development Act* adopted by the Québec National Assembly in 1971. Its mission is to promote, from a sustainable development perspective, the economic development, improvement and exploitation of natural resources other than hydroelectric resources falling within Hydro-Québec’s mandate in the Baie-James territory. SDBJ can also foster, support and participate in the implementation of projects having these objectives.

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