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## **NOMINATION OF CURTIS BOSUM TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOCIÉTÉ DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DE LA BAIE-JAMES (SDBJ)**

**Matagami, September 15, 2016** – On September 8, the Québec cabinet nominated Curtis Bosum as a new member of the SDBJ Board of Directors.

Mr. Bosum has served as Chief of the Cree Nation of Oujé-Bougoumou since 2015. Before that, he held a number of positions in the business and economic development sectors.

“We are confident that Mr. Bosum’s contribution will greatly enhance SDBJ’s success and benefit the region’s economic development and diverse populations,” said Gaston Bédard, Chairman of the SDBJ Board of Directors.

SDBJ Chief Executive Officer and Director Raymond Thibault said that he is very pleased with the nomination. He added that the entire SDBJ management team has pledged their full cooperation in helping Mr. Bosum execute his administrative mandate.

Mr. Bédard also stated that Mr. Bosum’s arrival completes the SDBJ Board of Directors, which is made up of members with a wide range of skills. He said that the nomination also stems from a commitment undertaken by the Gouvernement du Québec as part of the *Agreement on Governance in the Eeyou Istchee James Bay Territory*, under which three members were named following recommendations made the Cree Nation Government.

“I would like to acknowledge the important work carried out by the Société de développement de la Baie-James thus far. The addition of Curtis Bosum as a Board member strengthens the already vast experience and territorial knowledge of this expert team, which works to forge a partnership with stakeholders with a view to developing the territory,” added Pierre Arcand, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Minister responsible for the Northern Plan and Minister responsible for the Côte-Nord region.

**About SDBJ**

The *James Bay Region Development Act* was adopted by the National Assembly of Québec in 1971. SDBJ, which was created under the provisions of the Act, is now in its 45th year of operation. Its mission is to ensure sustainability by promoting economic development, the enhancement and use of natural resources in the Baie-James territory, other than the hydropower resources covered under Hydro-Québec's mandate. In particular, the corporation can promote, support and participate in sustainable development projects.

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