Job Opportunities and Economic Growth by CCAB Members Creating Partnerships

Bee-Clean Building Maintenance and BNA First Nation join forces to provide economic growth and job opportunities in Northern Ontario

THUNDER BAY – Bee-Clean Building Maintenance and Papasay Management Corporation, the economic development arm of the Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (BNA) First Nation have partnered to launch a new industry-focused building maintenance company called "Papasay Bee-Clean."

The partnership, which will be officially signed at the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) - Aboriginal Business Luncheon event in Thunder Bay on September 14, will provide long-term financial and employment opportunities to BNA First Nation, while enabling Bee-Clean to expand their janitorial services business in the industrial sector in Northern Ontario.

"The Papasay Bee-Clean partnership represents a wonderful economic opportunity for the people of Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek," says Chief Laura Airns of the BNA First Nation. "Through Papasay we will be able to take advantage of Bee-Clean's industry expertise and economies of scale, and we will also have access to excellent career opportunities for our people both here in the community, the greater region, and right across the country where Bee-Clean has operations."

This is Bee-Clean's third partnership with Aboriginal communities and their first east of Alberta. Acden Bee-Clean, based in Fort McMurray, Alberta, was established in 2012 as a partnership between Bee-Clean and Acden, representing the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation. Acden Bee-Clean is the largest industrial janitorial service provider in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, providing cleaning services to Canada's oil sands operations and support companies. Iron Horse Janitorial, based in Cold Lake, Alberta, was established in 2013 as a partnership between Bee-Clean and the Primco Dene Group of Companies, representing the Cold Lake First Nation. Iron Horse Janitorial provides cleaning services to public and private sectors in the oil and gas industry in Northeast Alberta.

"Bee-Clean believes in creating lasting relationships with our partners in Aboriginal communities, and that together we can develop capacity in local communities, create long-term economic opportunities, and deliver the kind of quality and innovative solutions our clients are looking for," says Randy Moore, vice president, Bee-Clean Building Maintenance. "We see so much opportunity in the Thunder Bay and

surrounding regions, and we are very excited to launch this partnership with Papasay and BNA - our first outside of Alberta."

"On behalf of Bee-Clean's eastern Canada operations, I want to express our enthusiasm for the great possibilities that this partnership will bring to both companies," says Ron Lai, vice president, Bee-Clean Building Maintenance, Eastern Canada. "The emerging resource industries in Northern Ontario represents an exceptional business opportunity for us, and this partnership puts us in excellent position to realize this opportunity."

Bee-Clean was further recognized for its commitment to working with Aboriginal communities when the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB) formally awarded the company with the Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) Silver Certification during the CCAB's 13th Annual Gala on Thursday September 24th at the Fairmont Waterfront in Vancouver.

"The Papasay Bee-Clean partnership is a proud accomplishment and another significant step forward for the Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek (BNA) First Nation and Papasay in terms of developing sustainable economic capacity in the community," says JP Gladu, President & CEO of CCAB. "We are especially glad CCAB can participate in the partnership signing at our Evolving faces of Aboriginal Business luncheon, which is focused on how Aboriginal communities can increase wealth and employment growth within the resource sector. As an Anishinaabe from Thunder Bay and member of the BNA First Nation, this also holds special personal significance for me."