



**LNG QUEBEC ENGAGES COMMUNITY ABOUT DEVELOPING A MAJOR
NATURAL GAS EXPORT TERMINAL AT THE PORT OF SAGUENAY**

Saguenay, Quebec. Thursday, June 19, 2014 – Senior executives of LNG Quebec Inc., a new company formed to build and operate a world-class energy project in Quebec, are in Saguenay this week to begin a series of introductory meetings with community and regional stakeholders concerning the development of a \$7 billion (CAD) liquefied natural gas (LNG) export project. Known as Énergie Saguenay, this project would be one of the largest investments in Quebec's history.

According to the Chairman of LNG Quebec, Jim Ilich, it is important that this project take into account the aspirations and region-specific needs of Saguenay and its neighbouring communities. "Today, we begin a conversation and share an exciting idea that we hope will be a socio-economic catalyst for the entire region," Ilich states. "Experience has taught me that by being attentive to community stakeholders, it is possible to convert a simple concept into a remarkable project that provides significant long-term opportunities for local businesses and residents," he added.

The LNG export terminal, to be built at the Port of Saguenay, will be designed to cool natural gas until it turns into a liquid (at -162°C). The facility would include large refrigeration units, storage tanks, and a jetty to load the LNG on specially built ships for delivery to global markets. As a gas or a liquid, natural gas is neither toxic, nor corrosive and emits less GHG as an energy source than oil and coal. Once cooled, LNG remains in a liquid state without the need to maintain it under pressure.

The project will bring a variety of compelling benefits to the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean region, Quebec, and Canada. It is anticipated that more than 1,500 jobs will be created during construction of the LNG terminal, and more than 100 permanent jobs will be required during operations. Additional jobs would be created to build a new 650-km natural gas pipeline to bring the needed natural gas to the facility and to construct the necessary electrical transmission lines and facilities to power the LNG plant.

Saguenay, a Prime Location

While several international companies are developing large LNG projects on the West Coast of Canada and in the United States, LNG Quebec believes that the Saguenay region is ideal for exporting North American energy to global markets for many reasons. "Saguenay has a well-equipped, remote deep water port open year-round, highly skilled workforce, excellent existing infrastructure, access to clean hydro-electricity to run our facility, and a cold climate that helps the natural gas cooling process", remarked Michel G. Gagnon, President of LNG Quebec.

Global LNG demand is expected to double over the next 20 years. "We are in a great location to serve the European and South American markets as they strive to diversify their sources of

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natural gas and we are also well positioned to deliver LNG to meet the growing natural gas demand in Asia,” remarked Illich. “This location advantage combined with the fact that it would be the only major LNG supply project in the world that is continuously powered by clean, renewable hydro-electricity makes Énergie Saguenay a truly innovative and differentiated project,” he added.

LNG Quebec is currently completing several studies to determine the technical, environmental, and commercial feasibility of the project, and has retained both Quebec-based and worldwide experts to support its effort. Pending positive results of these studies, LNG Quebec would submit a Project Description of the facility to the Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency to begin the permitting process and eventually file for an LNG export licence from the National Energy Board (NEB).

Building a Strong Team

Énergie Saguenay has already assembled a strong team to carry out the project, including the environmental assessment process, the design of the facility and the port, and the assessment of social impacts. Several team members have been involved in the successful development, design, financing and construction of large, complex LNG and energy-related infrastructure projects around the world. The Quebec team is led by Michel G. Gagnon, a versatile executive, who most recently served as Vice President, Finance and Business Development for Aluminerie Alouette in Sept-Îles. He is supported by a highly qualified local professional with significant project management expertise, Mrs. Lise Castonguay, who has over thirty years of experience in the mining and metals industry, having recently worked for Rio Tinto Alcan in the Saguenay – Lac-Saint-Jean region.

The entire team will participate in meetings planned this week with local residents, public officials, First Nations, environmental groups, business groups, and tourism organizations. Following these preliminary meetings, Énergie Saguenay will begin a voluntary series of public consultations over the next 6 months to better identify local issues of concern and develop plans to address them.

“There are several dozen proposed LNG supply projects around the world that are aggressively competing to capture the future LNG market,” concluded Mr. Illich. “If we listen to and work collaboratively with all the people and government authorities who have a stake in this unique development, we potentially have a great shot at being selected by LNG customers to meet their natural gas needs. And if we are selected, then there is no doubt the project will deliver significant local and regional benefits.”

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