



Two Cape Breton Communities sign Memorandum of Agreement Connecting their
Skilled Workforce with Industry

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Tuesday, January 13, 2014. Sydney, N.S. – Today at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre, Chief Terrance Paul of Membertou and Chief Leroy Denny of Eskasoni signed a Memorandum of Agreement officially launching Memski Project Inc.

The newly formed company is under the direction of the communities' corporate divisions and is mandated to identify and actively pursue opportunities emerging from major projects in Atlantic Canada.

“This timely collaboration demonstrates our communities’ dedication to building on the capacity of our talented and diversely trained workforce,” said Chief Terrance Paul. “It also supports Membertou’s efforts to build stronger relationships with industry while respecting our commitment to sustainability, conservation and innovation.”

“By combining our resources, our communities are ready to meet the needs of major projects by providing companies with access to a diverse and capable Aboriginal workforce,” said Chief Leroy Denny. “The community of Eskasoni believes in a culture of shared responsibility and this important partnership will benefit both communities for the long-term. “

Memski Project Inc. is working to raise the profile of the labour force and to promote the benefits of working with aboriginal communities on major projects. Its priority is to support community residents and address industry needs by providing a strategic, efficient and timely response to construction schedules and project demands.

By working together for the betterment of the communities, Memski Projects Inc. is dedicated to increasing employment rates, identifying opportunities with new and emerging industry and identifying gaps in the labour force.

In the coming weeks, Memski Projects Inc. will host community sessions in Membertou and Eskasoni to provide additional information and prepare for upcoming work.

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Community Sessions:

Membertou:

Date – January 21st, 2014

Time - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Place - Membertou Trade and Convention Centre

Eskasoni:

Date - January 22nd, 2014

Time - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Place - Sarah Denny Cultural Centre