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## **First Steel Arrives at East Eagle Facility For Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre Construction, Jobs in Cape Breton**

**Monday, February 2, 2015** – Today, at the East Eagle Contracting and East Coast Metal Fabrication Facility in Edwardsville, Nova Scotia, the first weld was made in the steel for a new sport and wellness centre.

“Youth are our future,” said Chief Terry Paul of Membertou. “The Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre is designed to meet the needs of youth living in our community, as well as youth in all communities across Cape Breton. With this facility, we will create a strong and healthy future for our children.”

The Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre is an \$18 million multi-purpose facility promoting healthy living and strong communities. It will accommodate a variety of sporting events for Membertou and surrounding areas. Its construction represents a commitment from various organizations and community partners to the continuing growth and wellbeing of youth in many Cape Breton communities. Work on this project is underway in Membertou.

The successful bidder for the metal fabrication portion of the construction contract is East Eagle Contracting – a joint venture company between Memski Projects Inc. and East Coast Metal Fabrication.

“We are committed to providing a diverse, experienced and skilled workforce for all of our projects.” said Joe Hines, Chief Operating Officer at East Eagle Contracting. “The arrival of new steel at our site marks the end of the planning phase for this project and kicks off the implementation phase. It is an exciting time for all involved.”

Memski Project Inc., a partner in the East Eagle Contracting joint venture, is a partnership between the two communities of Membertou and Eskasoni. It provides a strategic response to the growing demand of industry and is committed to capacity building and economic development in the two communities.

“Memski Projects Inc. is working hard to improve employment rates and build capacity by identifying economic opportunities and gaps,” says Chief Leroy Denny of Eskasoni. “The construction of the Centre will support the community but also shine

a light on the capabilities of our workers and provide further opportunities for our skilled labour force to gain meaningful employment at home.”

The metal fabrication portion of the project is expected to provide 10 jobs for skilled trades people here in Cape Breton.

The Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre is expected to be completed in Spring 2016. Once complete, the Membertou Sport and Wellness Centre will provide a hub for sport and wellness activities for both Membertou and the greater Cape Breton area.

Community members from Membertou and Eskasoni, along with Chief Paul, Chief Denny, members of East Eagle Contracting, Memski Projects Inc. and members of the media were on hand for the event.

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