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The Hydroelectric Complex Project of La Romaine River :

The AFNQL reminds that the project is situated on a territory
that the Innus never parted with

Wendake, September 17 2008 – « Beyond all the debates concerning the hydroelectric project of La Romaine River, it would be good to remind all the concerned parties that the titles and the rights of the First Nations on the territory which has never been the subject of a treaty, in no way have they been extinguished or given up. Unfortunately, the government of Quebec often acts as if all these rights did not exist. This way of doing things can no longer be tolerated. The First Nations are prepared to take all the necessary means to have their titles and their ancestral rights respected on this territory », indicated Ghislain Picard, the Chief of the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL).

The AFNQL wishes to warn the government of Quebec and its Crown Corporation, Hydro-Quebec, against any action which would go against the existing rights of the Innus and the other First Nations. The AFNQL wishes to remind especially that Quebec is not the sole owner of the territory, that it shares the property of a large portion, notably that of the Upper North Shore, with the First Nations. « Wherever, we have titles and ancestral rights, the development of the territory must be done with the consent of the First Nations », specified Chief Picard.

The project of La Romaine River, which was the object of an impact study, will have effects on a short and a long term, on one of the most beautiful rivers in Quebec.

About the AFNQL

The Assembly of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador is the regional organization that regroups the Chiefs of the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador.

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