

### THE PLAN NORD IN A NUTSHELL...

#### Public and private investments

The implementation over the next 25 years of the Plan Nord will engender an estimated \$80 billion in private and public investments:

- \$47 billion for the development of renewable energy.
- \$33 billion for the development of the mining sector and public infrastructure such as roads and airports.

#### Employment and economic spinoff

- 20 000 jobs a year (500 000 over 25 years).
- \$14 billion in revenues for the gouvernement du Québec over 25 years.
- \$162 billion will be added to Québec's gross domestic product (GDP) during that time.
- \$1.4 billion in mining royalties over five years.

#### Maximize spinoff from and the profitability of projects

- Investissement Québec will manage a \$500-million allocation over five years to cover equity participations in projects under the Plan Nord.
- The objective is to ensure that the inhabitants of Northern Québec and all Quebecers benefit, in addition to spinoff stemming from investments, royalties and the taxes that the private sector pays, from the growth of businesses that invest in Québec to develop our natural resources.

#### Société du Plan Nord

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#### Fonds du Plan Nord

- A bill will be tabled in the coming weeks to establish the Fonds du Plan Nord, a special-purpose fund into which will be paid tax spinoff from new mining projects, new Hydro-Québec projects, and new infrastructure projects.
- Hydro-Québec will also contribute \$10 million a year to fund social projects.

### Environmental protection and safeguarding biodiversity

- Consultations will be conducted and a bill will be tabled to devote 50% of the territory that the Plan Nord covers to purposes other than industrial ones, environmental protection, and safeguarding biodiversity.
- The legislation will structure the mechanisms to withdraw public lands from industrial activities.
- The network of protected areas will be completed by 2015 to encompass 12% of the territory that the Plan Nord covers.
- New provincial parks will be set up.

### Green and renewable energies

- 3 500 additional MW of renewable energy:
  - 3 000 MW of hydroelectricity;
  - 300 MW of wind power;
  - 200 MW from other renewable energy sources (underwater generators).
- 75 000 jobs.
- \$25 billion in additional investments.

### Mines and mineral ore

- 11 new mining projects are under development in the territory that the Plan Nord covers.
- over \$8.24 billion in private mining investments.
- 11 000 jobs during the construction phase.
- 4 000 jobs a year during the mining phase.
- mining development geared to sustainable development.
- legislation will be tabled shortly to amend the *Mining Act*.

### Forests

- Certify forestry practices in the northern territory to broaden access for wood products on international markets.
- Develop expertise in northern architecture and make such expertise a trademark for northern communities and on international markets.
- Establish local forests.
- Engage in reforestation, and so on.

### Wildlife

- Consolidate and diversify services offered and activities to enable hunters and fishermen to engage in memorable experiences.
- Create jobs linked to the wildlife sector and spinoff for Northern Québec and the communities in the territory.

### Tourism

- Develop attractions likely to draw Québec and foreign tourists:
  - remarkable scenery (observation of the aurora borealis);
  - communities with vibrant, lively cultures (art, traditional production, costumes);
  - wilderness excursions;
  - visits to provincial parks;
  - ecotourism, and so on.

### Bio-food sector

- Facilitate the development of agricultural production, processing and distribution of food in order to offer local supplies, e.g. greenhouses in the northern environment.
- Develop a diversified, much sought-after bio-food industry (blueberries, cloudberries, northern marine species, and so on).
- Support a strategy aimed at marketing regional and rural products in restaurants, outfitting operation networks, and so on.

### Education

- Offer learning paths adapted to students in Nunavik.
- Ensure that the needs of businesses and specific training are better matched by developing links between the communities and the business world.
- Make occupational training more widely available, and so on.

### Manpower

- Some \$80 million over five years will be allocated to support manpower training and recruiting needs.
- For each project, a specific list will be elaborated of the worker skills sought.
- Businesses will be obliged to make provision for an adapted training plan, and so on.

## Housing

- Project promoters will have to incorporate a housing component in order to broaden the reception capacity of communities.
- Over five years, \$184.4 million for construction and renovation and \$80 million for operating and maintenance costs will be invested.
- Over the same period, 840 new housing units will be built in Nunavik, including 300 public housing units.
- Some 482 dwelling units will be renovated by 2014.

## Health

- Reduce travel outside the community by consolidating access to health and social services.
- Upgrade local infrastructure to better satisfy needs and population growth stemming from incoming workers.
- Involve all of the partners in decisions aimed at planning needs in the development of community and health infrastructure.
- Promote healthy lifestyles, and so on.

## Culture

- Renovate or build cultural and multi-purpose centres with the support of the partners in order to disseminate culture and the arts.
- Support permanent exhibitions devoted to Aboriginal culture.
- A documentary series on the Plan Nord will be produced by Télé-Québec, and so on.

## Transportation

- Develop a comprehensive, integrated perspective of different modes of transportation and means of communication to meet the challenges posed by access and transportation and communications infrastructure.
- Private investors will contribute financially to the opening up of new roads and their maintenance.
- Extend Route 167 to the Otish Mountains.
- Rebuild Route 389 between Baie-Comeau and Fermont.
- Extend Route 138 between Natashquan and Kégaska, then Blanc-Sablon, and so on.

## Telecommunications

- Facilitate distance training for residents in the territory that the Plan Nord covers.
- Facilitate high-speed Internet use in schools, communities, and businesses.
- Make cellular telephony available, and so on.