



News Release

Moving Ahead with Hydroelectric Generation

IQALUIT, Nunavut (October 13, 2005) – Qulliq Energy Corporation (QEC) is moving forward with its initiative to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and find alternatives to diesel fuel for electricity generation in Nunavut.

“Nunavut offers many hydroelectric opportunities and we want to start the process to pinpoint the most promising sites,” said Simon Merkosak, Chair, Qulliq Energy Corporation Board of Directors.

Over the summer the corporation issued a request for proposals for hydroelectric generation site surveys in locations around Iqaluit, awarding the contract to Knights Piésold Ltd., based out of Vancouver, British Columbia. The company focuses on sustainable hydropower development and has extensive experience nationally and internationally in medium and small hydroelectric projects, with a particular focus on green energy projects.

“With this site study we are renewing our efforts to look at potential hydroelectric developments in Nunavut Power’s largest single market,” said Edward Picco, Minister of Energy. “Hydroelectric developments would enable us to help Canada meet its obligations under the Kyoto Protocol. Hydroelectricity is a renewable resource that would diversify our supply. It has the possibility for very positive environmental impacts, but it is still important to approach these opportunities with caution as there are always environmental and community impacts, depending on the sites selected.”

The hydro-electric generation site evaluation and ranking study is expected to be completed by mid January 2006.

QEC currently uses 13 million litres of diesel fuel to meet Iqaluit’s demand for electricity. Territory-wide Nunavut consumes 39 million litres of fuel for electricity generation. Hydroelectric generation has the potential in Iqaluit alone to displace millions of litres of diesel fuel annually.

The terms of reference for the study include items such as assessing the available hydrology at each site, hydro potential (peak capacity and monthly energy output), transmission distances, capital and energy production costs, environmental considerations, life cycle, cost and sensitivity analysis.

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