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WASAYA GROUP INC. (WGI) LAUNCHES 20th YEAR CAMPAIGN

Dec 3, 2008 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: *Wasaya Group Inc. today launched their "Celebrating 20th Years of Service Campaign" during their Annual Christmas and Fundraising Banquet held at the Ontario Metis Nation Hall in Thunder Bay. The Campaign is to promote awareness of the accomplishments of the ten (10) First Nations Communities' owned Business. "We want to encourage our youth to pursue their dreams and ambitions by knowing that they have the capacity to succeed in their endeavors. The Wasaya Group of Companies serves as such an example", says Tom Kamenawatamin Sr., President & CEO.*

Thunder Bay, Ont. – Wasaya Group Inc. (WGI) is pleased to announce that they have launched their 20th Anniversary Campaign. During the summer of 2009, a special 20th Anniversary Celebration will be held in Wunnumin Lake First Nation to commemorate our past visionaries: Our Elders, Our Leadership, and our Membership for their foresight in making the vision of the people come true. The Anniversary celebration will also pay tribute to the Shareholders communities for their continuing support for Wasaya's success.

WGI Chair Dean Cromarty says, "The 20th anniversary is the culmination of many people working towards the fulfillment of the founders' visions of achieving economic success and demonstrating First Nations capacity of self-determination. Our First Nation joint venture relationship is the key component for this historical achievement of economic success. The tremendous support of our customers, business partners, and the general public is highly valued and respected. Wasaya's mission is based on the values of sharing through monetary dividends and providing social support to our communities."

WGI represents ten First Nations communities in Northern Ontario and is committed to acquiring significant interest in viable businesses important to First Nation people for the purpose of generating economic benefits and returns while maintaining cultural principles and value. Wasaya Group of Companies consists of the following businesses/entities:

- Wasaya Airways LP
- Wasaya Prop Shop LP
- Wasaya Petroleum LP
- Wasaya WeeCheeWayWin Inc.
- Wasaya Community Economic Development Corporation
- Metal Ahnokeewin LP
- Buying Group Partnership
- Wascan Terminals Inc.
- Investments in Bamaji Air and the Landmark Inn

Wasaya Group Chronological Milestones:

- Wasaya Corporation which changed its name to Wasaya Group Inc in 2002 is the parent company of all Wasaya Business . Wasaya Group began its operations in 1989.
- Wasaya Airways, the largest of the Wasaya Group was the beginning of its businesses although it operated under the Kelner Airways name until 1994.
- In 1998, Wasaya WeeCheeWayWin Inc. was formed to provide economic returns to the communities by way of social based programs and project funding.



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- In 1999, Wasaya Airways started a subsidiary company, Wasaya Prop Shop Inc. to operate as a stand-alone operation.
- In 2000, Wasaya Corporation and Wasaya Airways Ltd. restructured resulting in the formation of Wasaya Airways Limited Partnership.
- In 2000, Wasaya Petroleum Limited Partnership, a new petroleum company was announced.
- 2001 the Wasaya Community Economic Development Corporation was formed to advance new business and project start ups.
- April 3, 2007, three local Stores from Nibinamik, KI, and Muskrat Dam signed an agreement with Pratt's Wholesale/TruSer/Triple4 Advertising, resulting in the formation of a strategic Buying Group.
- In 2008, Metal Ahnokeewin, an Industrial Metal Fabrication and Repair company was formed as a partnership with Great Lakes Marine/Lakehead Marine (bulk Fuel Tanks, etc)
- In 2008, Wasaya Group Inc became a shareholder of the Landmark Inn in Thunder Bay.
- In 2008, Wasaya Group Inc and CAN-OP formed a new venture called Wascan Terminals to facilitate the supply and distribution of petroleum products at a competitive level.
- In 2008, Wasaya Group Inc formed an agreement with Bamaji Air Inc that saw WGI purchase an interest in Bamaji. The new partnership will help Wasaya provide additional air services to tourists, and help community members access their traplines & traditional territories more readily, plus enhance capacity to attend cultural activities through increased intercommunity travel opportunities.

For information about WGI and the Launch of the "Celebrating 20 Years 1989 - 2009" Campaign please contact:
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About Wasaya Group Inc.: Wasaya Group Inc is owned by the ten First Nations of: Bearskin Lake First Nation; Kasabonika Lake First Nation; Kingfisher Lake First Nation; Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug; Nibinamik First Nation; Wapekeka First Nation; Wunnumin Lake First Nation; Muskrat Dam First Nation; Pikangikum First Nation; Keewaywin First Nation. Wasaya Group Inc. is in its 20th year of business and is actively pursuing new partnerships and viable economic opportunities that will generate economic benefits and returns while maintaining cultural principles and values.