



Wasaya Group Inc announces a Joint Venture with Dowland Contracting Ltd

A Native venture corporation joins forces with a premier Northern Construction Company

Thunder Bay, ON, October 28, 2011 Wasaya Group Inc and Dowland Contracting Ltd today announced a new joint venture to service the infrastructure needs of growing First Nation communities in Ontario. The companies stated that the joint venture "**Wasaya Dowland Contracting**" will provide construction capacity to communities in Northern Ontario as well as have the ability to serve clients throughout Ontario & Manitoba.

Wasaya Group President & Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Tom S. Kamenawatamin says that, "The new joint venture is good for the region's First Nations and brings us expertise and capacity that were previously beyond the scope of our remote communities. Project capability such as mine site construction, hydro transmission, and the building of infrastructure such as hospitals, hotels, ice-hockey arenas, and educational institutions are now a reality. Dowland's knowledge and first-hand experience working with Aboriginal groups for 30 years is an added benefit. This new venture gives our people the opportunity to participate in these exciting areas, by gaining valuable experience and industry specific training that will lead to certification, and provide lifelong careers in the heavy construction industry."

Dowland President & Chief Executive Officer Mr. Patrick McGuinness added that "The Wasaya-Dowland joint venture will provide construction expertise to the Wasaya Group. From the training opportunities and apprenticeship programs from this relationship will flow long-term and significant benefits to local First Nation communities. Wasaya Dowland Contracting will undertake large construction initiatives throughout industrial, institutional and commercial sectors. The company will be available to serve the 'Ring of Fire' region should they require our industrial capacity. McGuinness added that "Dowland has 20 years of experience completing large scale mining projects for best in class companies throughout Canada."

About Wasaya Group Inc: *About Wasaya Group Inc.: Wasaya Group of Companies comprises: Wasaya Group Inc, Wasaya Airways LP, Wasaya Prop Shop LP, WasCan Terminal Inc, Wasaya Petroleum LP, Metal Ahnokeewin LP, Wasaya Dowland Contracting, Bamaji Air Service Inc, Eastman Biofuels, First Nation Helicopters, Landmark Inn, and Wasaya "Ohteban" Trucking plus two not-for-profits: Wasaya Community Economic Development Corporation, and Wasaya Wee-Chee-Way-Win Inc. a charitable organization. Wasaya is owned the 11 First Nation Communities: Bearskin Lake First Nation, Fort Severn First Nation; Kasabonika Lake First Nation, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Muskrat Dam First Nation, Nibinamik First Nation, Pikangikum First Nation, Wapekeka First Nation, Wunnumin Lake First Nation and Keewaywin First Nation. Wasaya Group currently has over 400 employees, of which 35% are First Nations. Included in WGI's corporate mandate is the development of successful partnerships and business entities that*

promote self-sufficiency, new employment opportunities, and economic benefits for its First Nation ownership communities.

For additional information on Wasaya Group Inc. please refer to our corporate website www.wasyagroup.com

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About Dowland Contracting Ltd: Founded in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, Dowland is a Northern company that has grown whilst competing in market places throughout Canada; and Alaska. With almost 30 years' experience Dowland has the depth and breadth of construction, mining, and oil & gas project experience. Combining significant financial strength, bonding capacity, and professional project teams; enables the company to succeed in diverse sectors and projects. For further information please visit www.dowland.ca

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