

The Auditor General of Quebec Announces the Appointment of the Commissioner for Sustainable Development

QUEBEC, Thursday, December 14, 2006 – Quebec's Auditor General, Mr. Renaud Lachance, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Harvey L. Mead as Commissioner for Sustainable Development. This nomination is made subsequent to the approval, by the Office of the National Assembly, of his proposal. Hence, effective January 2007, Mr. Mead will assist him in his duties related to the enforcement of the Sustainable Development Act.

During the last forty years, Mr. Mead worked actively on environmental and sustainable development issues at the local, national and international levels. He was associated with the activities of several community and government organizations as a participant, a member of management or a senior public servant. He was President of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy, of the Quebec Union for the Conservation of Nature, and of the Quebec Action Plan for Sustainable Development. He was also Assistant Deputy Minister for Conservation and Sustainable Development for the Quebec Ministry of the Environment. At the same time as he occupied these functions, Mr. Mead, who has a Ph.D. in Science Philosophies, enjoyed a teaching career for more than thirty years.

As is known, the Auditor General's Act was modified last April and since then, it provides for the appointment, with the approval of the Office of the National Assembly, of an Assistant Auditor General who also acts as Commissioner for Sustainable Development. As soon as these legislative changes went into effect, Mr. Lachance set up an independent recruitment committee, who assisted him during the various stages of the process that led to this appointment.

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