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ESKASONI FIRST NATION FORMS CLEAN TECHNOLOGY COMPANY

Eskasoni First Nation, NS - Eskasoni First Nation is proud to announce the creation of Eskasoni Renewables, a clean technology renewable energy company. Eskasoni Renewables is a joint venture between Natural Forces Solar, a Halifax-based renewable energy contracting company.

The company, based out of Eskasoni First Nation in Cape Breton, is a full-service venture which provides development, engineering, procurement, construction, and commissioning services for renewable energy and clean technology projects. The company has already installed a 72 kW solar photovoltaic system at the Eskasoni Immersion School and is installing systems on various Housing Authority buildings in Cape Breton and mainland Nova Scotia.

Eskasoni Renewables is focussed on providing meaningful employment opportunities for Eskasoni Band Members and has already delivered a successful initial training program in the fall of 2021.

“Eskasoni Band Council has a long track record of investing in renewable energy, and with this new joint venture we are creating more employment and contracting opportunities for our community members to help build these important projects,” said Chief Leroy Denny from Eskasoni First Nation. “We will use these renewable energy projects help introduce our Band Members to this exciting and in-demand field, growing the capacity of our community.”

“We are proud to partner with Eskasoni First Nation, a leader in clean energy development in Cape Breton. This Joint Venture will allow us to build more reliable, cost-effective renewable energy projects while maximizing the economic benefits to local communities,” said Roby Douglas from Natural Forces Solar.

Eskasoni First Nation is a progressive Mi’kmaq First Nation in Cape Breton and the largest Mi’kmaq community in the world. The Corporate Division of Eskasoni First Nation provides investment, business, and employment opportunities, allowing Eskasoni to be open for business and seeks to create Economic Sustainability for the community and our members.

Natural Forces Solar is a turnkey engineering, procurement and construction contractor specializing in the deployment of renewable energy systems. Natural Forces Solar is a wholly owned subsidiary of Natural Forces, an independent power producer that develops renewable energy projects across Canada, Ireland, and the northeastern United States.