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NEW FIRST NATION HELICOPTER PARTNERSHIP COMPLETED

May 18, 2011 — FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: *Wasaya Group Inc, Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation, Windigo Community Development Corporation, and V. Kelner Aviation confirm Helicopter Deal completed.*

Thunder Bay, Ontario – A deal has been completed forming a new partnership involved in providing Helicopter Operations. Based in Thunder Bay, the partnership is comprised of existing operator, V. Kelner Helicopters Inc. (49% Ownership) and 20 First Nation Communities (51% Ownership). V. Kelner Helicopters Inc. has been operating Helicopters for 2 ½ years and will continue to do so without interruption. The Partnership takes effect immediately. For over 30 years V. Kelner Aviation & related companies have maintained a strong and respected aviation industry presence based in Northern Ontario. Frank Kelner was also an original owner of what is now Wasaya Airways LP.

The **twenty (20) partner First Nations** are comprised of six (6) First Nation Communities from Rainy Lake Tribal Group, ****five (5) First Nation Communities from the Windigo Community Development Corporation, and ten (10) First Nation communities from the Wasaya Group. (**One community is both a member of Windigo and Wasaya Group)**

While the new venture was first announced in Dec 2010, it did take some time for all the partnership details to be worked out. Wasaya President & CEO, Tom S. Kamenawatamin, says that ***“This new Partnership is an agreement designed to adequately respect & accommodate each of the partners and the many First Nation Communities that they represent. There are 20 First Nation communities represented in this venture. Our new Helicopter business has plenty of support to help make it successful”.***

Chief Chuck McPherson, President of Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation says, ***“The Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation is very excited to work with such recognized and well respected partners. For us to be part of such a high quality service which is regionally owned to primarily serve North Western Ontario is a fantastic opportunity.”***

North Caribou Lake First Nation Chief, Pierre Morriseau, representing Windigo First Nations stated, ***“Our First Nations wish to encourage Companies that are looking to do business in our Territories to utilize and support our First Nation Businesses”.*** North Caribou First Nation is a member of Windigo and also is a signatory to the Musslewhite Mine Impact Benefits Agreement.

Frank Kelner, of V. Kelner Helicopters, says ***“We are very excited about the new venture that we have formed with our First Nation partners and we look forward to the many opportunities that present themselves daily in the region. Our newest venture V. Kelner Helicopters LP is poised to provide a much needed product in an under serviced market place.”***

The Partnership operates the Eurocopter AS350B3 series aircraft that is capable of lifting up to 2,800lbs and is well suited for missions that require high performance in rugged terrains and conditions that are common in Northern Ontario. Three helicopters are currently in service and a fourth is expected to join the fleet in late 2011. The company also has access to additional helicopters should the demand arise including AS350B2 and AS350FX2 models and are able to provide their services across Canada.

About our Helicopter venture partners:

About Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation: Rainy Lake Tribal Development Corporation is engaged in forming strategic partnerships or joint-ventures which provide services normally outsourced from First Nation communities. The Corporation is currently engaged in hospitality, transportation, general contracting, financial protection, and the health services sector primarily serving the North Western Ontario Canada market. The Corporation's operations are overseen by a board of directors, each of whom represents one of the six participating Shareholder communities. Each Director serves on the Board at the appointment of each Chief and Council of their respective community. The First Nation communities represented are Couchiching, Naicatchewenin, Nigigoonsiminikaaning, Rainy River, Seine River and Mitaanjugaming.

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About Windigo Community Development Corporation: The Corporation represents the Business arm of the Windigo First Nation Communities. Serving the remote northern communities of Bearskin Lake, Sachigo Lake, North Caribou Lake, Cat Lake, and Slate Falls Nation. the "Windigo First Nations Council" is comprised of the Chiefs of each of our seven (7) member First Nations, with the addition of Koocheching & Whitewater Lake First Nations and the Council Chair/CEO. Windigo First Nations Council works to deliver a number of programs and services (Health, Education, Resource Development, Economic Development, Financial Advisory Services, Musselwhite Program) on behalf of member communities. Specific services are also delivered by the Windigo Technical Services Unit, to assist our First Nations in their construction, maintenance and public works. www.windigo.on.ca

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About V. Kelner Helicopters: V. Kelner Helicopters is a privately owned and operated Canadian helicopter charter company. Although its main base is located in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, V. Kelner Helicopters provides charter services throughout all of Canada. We also have the only AS350B3 operating in Northwestern Ontario. V. Kelner Helicopters is part of the Kelner Group which was founded by Frank Kelner. The "Kelner" name has been synonymous with Canadian Aviation for nearly 30 years. We provide professional, safe and reliable charter services. At V. Kelner Helicopters, we pride ourselves on the high level of quality and service we give to our customers. We have expertise and knowledge working in various terrains across Canada, and are very familiar with working in remote areas, including mountain flying and working in the arctic. We can provide various services, including the following: Mining Drill Moves; Long Line Cargo Moves; Crew Set-Out; Construction Supplies Move; Equipment Moves; Water Bomb; Ground Geophysical Work; Bird Towing; Water Bucketing.

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About Wasaya Group Inc.: (WGI), is the parent company of the Wasaya Group of Companies.

Wasaya Group of Companies is 100% First Nations owned by 10 First Nations; Bearskin Lake First Nation; Kasabonika Lake First Nation; Keewaywin First Nation; Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug; Kingfisher Lake First Nation; Nibinamik First Nation; Wapekeka First Nation; Wunnumin Lake; Muskrat Dam First Nation and Pikangikum First Nation. Wasaya Group Inc. owns Wasaya Airways LP, Wasaya Prop Shop, & 51% of Wasaya Petroleum LP. WGI also provide support services through two non-profit entities Wasaya WeeCheeWayWin Inc. and Wasaya Community Economic Development Corporation. Our newest venture partnerships are Metal Ahnokeewin LP, & Wascan Terminal Inc. and the new V.Kelner Helicopters LP partnership. Wasaya Group Inc. 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.wasayagroup.com

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