

# Hydlo and FRIENDS unplugged



*Hydlo and Friends is a program broadcast by JBCCS. Its hosts, Luke and Réal, discuss various matters related to Hydro-Québec activities on Eeyou Istchee lands. Swapping their mike for a pen, they invite you to explore various aspects of the Eastmain-1-A/Sarcelle/Rupert project.*

## EM-1-A/Sarcelle/Rupert Project: Significant Economic Spinoffs for the Cree Communities

The Eastmain-1-A/Sarcelle/Rupert project has generated significant economic spinoffs for the Cree communities in the form of employment and contracts. From 2007 to 2011, close to 1,500 Crees participated in the project, be it for a day or a year! In the Boumhounan and Sarcelle powerhouse agreements, a total of \$290 million in contracts was earmarked for the Crees. By the end of 2011, the Crees had obtained contracts worth \$831 million, or 27% of the value of all contracts awarded for this project.



Most of the contracts awarded to Cree companies related to aviation, fuel supply, food services, freight and land clearing. Service agreements were also signed with the band councils of the six Cree communities affected by the project, mainly for the purpose of hiring of workers to carry out environmental monitoring.

Moreover, the 33 tallymen concerned with the project were called upon to implement a wide variety of mitigation measures, including trapping out beaver lodges, building camps and access roads, clearing land, rebuilding portage trails and planting and seeding affected areas.

### Cree manpower!

From 2007 to 2011, Crees represented an average of 10% of all workers on the project, with a peak of 433 Cree workers in July 2008. Most of them lived in one of the HQ/SEBJ construction camps and held jobs as loggers, janitors, clerks, heavy machinery operators, cook helpers and drivers, among others.

The various surveys of Cree workers conducted by HQ/SEBJ as of 2007 showed that the vast majority of them—almost 9 workers out of 10, in fact—described working at the jobsite as a positive or very positive experience. In addition, around 90% of Cree workers stated that they would do it again, if they had the opportunity. Lastly, most of the Cree workers surveyed said that their relationships with the other people at the jobsite were good.

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### Hydlo & Friends online

Log onto the Hydlo & Friends Web site to enjoy *Rupert Memories – I'm happy to live*, *Nemiscau Memories – Ehgoodeh! Meegwetch!* and *Family Album — Part 1!*, video clips in which of dozens of Crees who worked at Rupert, Nemiscau, Eastmain and Sarcelle workcamps share their experiences and memories.

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