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Sovereign Nations of Treaty No. 8 First Nations [AB] Announces New Economic Development Chief Executive Officer

October 27, 2021 (Treaty No. 8 Territory) – The Treaty 8 Economic Development Corporation, being a representing entity of the Sovereign Nations of Treaty No. 8 Chiefs, are excited to announce Mr. Frank Meyer as its new Chief Executive Officer. The Treaty 8 Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) Board is comprised of our Nation's Leaders and Nation's business professionals with a mandate to pursue business opportunities for our Sovereign Nations, by our Sovereign Nations.

As an accomplished business professional, Mr. Meyer holds an MBA in Energy & Sustainability from the University of Cumbria, United Kingdom. An experienced business leader, Mr. Meyer has proven global expertise hiring, training, motivating and mentoring a network of highly successful manufacturer's representatives in over 100 countries. A well-respected industry leader, Mr. Meyer sits on several distinguished Board of Directors and has held prominent C-level positions to include the Global President and Board Member with Clean Energy Compression, Leadership Team Member with Clean Energy Fuels under the direction of oil icon T. Boone Pickens, Advisory Board Member with the British Columbia Institute of Technology Site Centre for Applied Research as well as the former General Manager of the Oil Sands with Finning (Caterpillar) Canada. Mr. Meyer is an active global voting member with ASTM International and serves on main committee D02 and subcommittee E (diesel and biodiesel fuels), J (Jet Fuels) & 07 (lubricants).

Mr. Meyer's volunteer activities included the United Way of Fort McMurray and the Sunshine Dreams for kids Foundation of Canada. With a passion for Indigenous rights, he is excited to pursue and promote economic interests, while bringing Treaty 8 to an international stage.

Grand Chief of Economic Development Isaac Laboucan-Avirom says "Our Treaty 8 Nations are excited to have Mr. Meyer on board. We sought out a CEO with business acumen and credentials that supports our Nations vision and mandate to build on Economic Development ensuring Treaty 8 will be world leaders in sustainable economic development based on our governance and self-determination. Mr. Meyer's work will be essential to are commitment to work united on behalf of our people and future generations."

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"With the continued expansion with Treaty 8 First Nation-owned businesses and the advancement of Trade and Commerce, we are looking beyond our backyards for economic development opportunities. With the addition of Mr. Meyer, we are now a step closer to fulfilling the dreams and wishes from our Elders; and that's to be self-reliant and to create a better future for our children's children" says Grand Chief of Trades and Commerce, Conroy Sewepagaham".

Grand Chief Arthur Noskey says "It has been a long time coming and Frank is an exceptional addition to Treaty 8 family. We look forward to his passion and expertise in advancing the opportunities for the Sovereign Nations of Treaty No. 8. Now is the time for First Nations to capitalize on our natural resources within our territory. Recent decisions in Fort McKay and Blueberry River First Nation confirm what our ancestors have told us, and affirms our sovereignty based on our Inherent Rights."

Mr. Meyer's detailed profile may be view here http://ca.linkedin.com/in/frankmeyer.

Treaty No. 8 is one of the most comprehensive International Treaty encompassing a land mass of approximately 840,000 kilometers squared and is home to 40 Sovereign Nations. Our territory encompasses Northern Alberta, Northwestern Saskatchewan, Northeastern British Columbia, and Southwest portion of Northwest Territories.

Our ancestors entered into Treaty on June 21, 1899. Nation members of Treaty No. 8 Territory are beneficiaries of guaranteed rights, responsibilities, promises, and obligations that are to be honored and upheld by the Crown.

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