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Up to 100 new jobs

Minister Claude Bécharde announces \$274,911 in funding for Dagua Inc.

Québec, August 25, 2005 – The Minister of Economic Development, Innovation and Export Trade, Mr. Claude Bécharde, announced funding of up to \$274,911 for the firm Dagua Inc., for a technology showcase project. “This project has great potential, since it could create some 100 jobs in addition to generating sales of \$44 million over a three-year period,” declared Mr. Bécharde.

Dagua Inc. has developed a new water treatment plant, DaguaFlo, designed specifically to convert surface water into drinking water. This turnkey plant is capable of directly connecting the source of the water to the municipal reservoir and uses ozone and membrane filtration for water treatment. This process eliminates the need for chemical treatment, significantly reducing operating costs for water treatment plants.

The Member for Shefford, Mr. Bernard Brodeur, is pleased that “this local firm can benefit from funding that will enable it to distinguish itself, while also contributing to economic development in another region.”

The community of Radisson (Baie-James Municipality) will be the firm’s partner in demonstrating the showcase project over a 24-month period. This community in the Nord-du-Québec region, located in a non-urban environment and subject to variable weather conditions, is typical of the clientele targeted by the DaguaFlo system. Potential clients are invited to attend an on-site demonstration of the system at the Radisson showcase and at the firm’s facilities in Granby for a firsthand look at the benefits of Dagua Inc.’s technological innovation.

“The Government of Québec is dedicated to supporting dynamic firms like Dagua Inc. in the development of innovative solutions that specifically address the needs of targeted communities in Québec. This contribution is part of the government’s effort to support technological innovation,” concluded Mr. Bécharde.

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