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Re: Statement from Lynne Innes, President & Chief Executive Officer

To all members of the WAHA Communities:

On Thursday, September 10th, 2020, we are welcoming announcements from the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Christine Elliott, and the Minister of Northern Development, Mines, and Indigenous Affairs, Greg Rickford. We are also pleased to welcome and thank Chief Abraham Hunter of Peawanuck, Chief David Nakogee of Attawapiskat, Chief Leo Friday of Kashechewan, Chief Robert Nakogee of Fort Albany, Chief Mervin Cheechoo of Moose Cree, Chief Allan Jolly of Moocreebec, Grand Chief Jonathan Solomon, Deputy Grand Chief Rebecca Friday, and Mayor Wayne Taipale of Moosonee.

This announcement will be regarding the future of our organization and the positive impacts for all of our communities.

As we move forward, I would like to thank the communities of Peawanuck, Attawapiskat, Kashechewan, Fort Albany, Moosonee, Moose Factory, and the people of Mocrebec. Your perseverance and vision for better community services has been the guiding force for our team and board as we strive to build a better health system. Without your continued dedication and commitment to positive change, this regional celebration would not be happening today.

Today's announcement held is just the beginning; the beginning of a renewed and stronger health system, skilled jobs for our communities, services and care closer to home, and the beginning of finally closing the gap in disparities experienced by our people.

Yours truly,

Lynne Innes,
President & Chief Executive Officer