



Project partners :



PRESS RELEASE For immediate release

KRUGER ENERGY AND KAHNAWÀ:KE SUSTAINABLE ENERGIES KICK OFF CONSTRUCTION OF THE *DES CULTURES* WIND FARM

Saint-Rémi, Québec, August 31, 2020 – Kruger Energy and Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies (KSE) today announced the start of the construction of the Des Cultures Wind Farm, a 24-MW project representing investments of approximately \$70M, scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2021 in the municipalities of Saint-Rémi and Saint-Michel, in the Montérégie Region.

To mark the occasion, a sunrise blessing ceremony in keeping with Mohawk tradition was held at the break of day in the presence of **Ms. Sylvie Gagnon-Breton**, Mayor of Saint-Rémi; **Mr. Jean-Guy Hamelin**, Mayor of Saint-Michel; **Ms. Barbara McComber**, Interim CEO of Tewatohni'saktha, Kahnawà:ke's Economic Development Commission; **Mr. Bud Morris**, President of KSE; and **Mr. Jean Roy**, Senior Vice President and COO of Kruger Energy; as well as other representatives from these organizations and the communities involved.

Quotes:

"This project exemplifies the perseverance and fortitude of an entire community that was determined to succeed despite many obstacles over the years," said **Bud Morris**, President of Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies, which is an investing partner in the project. *"This is a proud moment for all of us, and a testament to the power of working together to achieve sustainable development for the benefit of future generations."*

"We thrive on building new projects so we couldn't be more excited to begin construction of our fourth wind farm," said **Jean Roy**, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Kruger Energy which is in charge of construction and will be responsible for operating the Wind Farm. *"On behalf of everyone at Kruger Energy, I would like to thank our partners at KSE, as well as the communities of Saint-Rémi and Saint-Michel who have once again welcomed us with open arms, thereby confirming the social acceptability of the project."*

Comprising six wind turbines to be erected on private farmland, the Des Cultures Wind Farm will provide significant economic benefits to local businesses, municipalities and landowners. These benefits could reach up to \$15M over twenty years, including direct contributions to the municipalities of Saint-Rémi and Saint-Michel (\$3.6M), lease payments to the landowners (\$3.3M) and increased economic activity for local businesses (estimated to reach \$5M to \$8M).

In total, 60% of the project cost will be spent in Quebec, with at least 30% of the cost of the turbines spent in the Gaspésie region. During the construction, which will be carried out over the next year, 40 to 50 jobs will be created.

Online Construction Updates

On the schedule for the first few weeks of the project are the construction of access roads, the stripping of work areas where the turbines will be located, and excavation of the sites. Each week, the Des Cultures project website (www.projeteoliendescultures.com) will be updated with the latest construction schedule so that local residents know what to expect.

About Kruger Energy

Kruger Energy, a business unit of Kruger Inc., specializes in the development and management of green and renewable energy power plants. Kruger Inc. and Kruger Energy own and manage 42 production sites, ranging from hydroelectric, wind and solar power plants to biomass cogeneration plants, and whose total installed capacity is 542 MW. (www.krugerenergy.com)

About KSE

Kahnawà:ke Sustainable Energies was founded in 2010 as a subsidiary of the Kahnawà:ke Economic Development Commission. Its mission is to help meet energy demands by developing renewable energy projects that are respectful of the natural world, reduce our collective energy footprint, and generate revenue, employment opportunities and other benefits for the host communities, Kahnawà:ke, and the surrounding regions.

INFORMATION:

Paule Veilleux-Turcotte
Manager, Communications
Kruger Inc.
Tel.: (514) 343-3100, ext. 12010
paule.veilleux-turcotte@kruger.com