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Future bylaw in Beaumont
Rabaska will contest

Lévis, December 6, 2005—Having learned this morning of the notice of motion presented at the Beaumont municipal council meeting last night, Rabaska has responded by informing mayor André Goulet by letter that its interpretation of section 555 of the municipal code differs from that of the municipality.

Although this section of the municipal code will be officially repealed on January 1, 2006, Rabaska plans to contest the bylaw, which could be adopted by the municipality of Beaumont in December. "Unfortunately, if such a bylaw is adopted, it will be a matter for the courts to decide," emphasized Rabaska community relations manager Stéphanie Trudeau.

It is important to note that the objective of the potential bylaw is to allow Beaumont to extend its reach beyond its boundaries into a neighboring municipality. Rabaska reiterated that both the municipal zoning as well as the land use plan which has been in effect since the late 1980s foresees this type of development and thus allows the construction of the Rabaska LNG project, planned for east-end Lévis.

Trudeau further noted that issues relative to safety raised by project opponents were unfounded. "We know our facilities will be safe, and it is important to recall that it is not Rabaska but rather competent government authorities that will determine this," she concluded.

About Rabaska

The Rabaska project involves the construction of a deepwater LNG import terminal—at a cost of approximately \$800 million—capable of accommodating ships carrying liquified natural gas (LNG). This LNG will be regasified for injection into the Quebec and Ontario natural gas pipeline network.

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