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Mister President,

We would like to highlight the interest of the Ministry of Economy, Science and Innovation for the development of your project for the production of pig iron that would be located in Saguenay. This project, at the estimated cost of \$515 million, provides for the creation of 117 direct jobs.

In this context, we confirm the intention of the Government of Québec to participate in the financing of your project through its agent Investissement Québec. The proposed financing would represent an amount equivalent to almost 22% of the estimated cost of your project at \$515 million, or \$115 million.

As part of the fundraising required by the project, the financing would take the form of a minority equity investment in Pure Fonte Ltée for a maximum amount of \$55 million.

With regard to the financing of preconstruction costs in the order of \$25 million, the Government of Québec is ready to grant a loan of \$4 million under the same conditions as Marathon Asset Management L.P.

Government funding would also include a loan to Pure Fonte Ltée of up to \$60 million, including the \$4 million mentioned above.

Full funding arrangements will be finalized by the Ministry of Economy, Science and Innovation, in collaboration with the Québec investment, all conditional on obtaining the government approvals required.

Please accept, Mr. President, the expression of our best wishes.

The Deputy Minister of Economy, Science and Innovation

Jocelin Dumas