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### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable development has been defined as “*development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*” (Brundtland Report, 1987) Sustainable development presupposes a concern for intergenerational social equity as well as the reconciliation of economic development, social development and environmental protection. Access to resources, distribution of costs and benefits, techniques used and the involvement of various actors are but some of the aspects that need to be considered to ensure the well-being of communities and the preservation of ecosystems.

### STRATECO AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**Strateco supports sustainable development that meets the needs of present and future generations. Decisions are taken and activities are carried out so as to combine health, environmental protection, economic prosperity and social acceptability:**

#### ■ PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS

The meteoric rise in global energy consumption encourages the exploitation of the planet’s natural resources. Environmental, economic and social considerations now compel the various authorities to make careful decisions regarding our energy future.

Through its uranium exploration program, Strateco seeks to meet present energy needs while providing for those of the future. Uranium is in fact the only affordable, safe, clean energy source with sufficient resources.

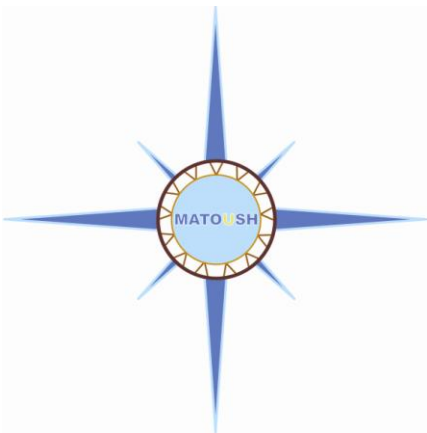
#### ■ HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Strateco takes the necessary measures to ensure that the Matoush project is developed with the utmost respect for the environment, to protect the health of workers and local populations. Strateco respects all of the extremely strict standards of the uranium industry for the protection of health and the environment.

The Matoush project is designed to minimize its impact on the biophysical and human environments and maximize its benefits. Strateco is putting appropriate, essential measures in place to protect wildlife, plants, water, air and the health of individuals, for all phases of exploration and production.

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### ■ ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Through its Matoush project, Strateco is contributing to the economic development of the region and the province. From exploration through to mine development, major economical benefits are being and will continue to be generated in the James Bay region. Creation of direct and indirect jobs, use of local products and services, and donations and sponsorships cannot help but contribute to the economic prosperity of the Cree community of Mistissini and of the towns of Chibougamau and Chapais. Once the Matoush project enters into production, Strateco will also participate in the economies of Quebec and Canada through the payment of taxes and mining duties.

Moreover, uranium exploration and the training provided contribute to the long-term development of the Quebec mineral industry, as well as generating new expertise that will benefit the province in the future. The Matoush project therefore has many economical benefits, for many industries.

### ■ SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY

Since the Matoush project began in 2006, Strateco has been planning and implementing ways for local communities to express their expectations and concerns and learn more about the issues surrounding uranium.

Several information methods and mechanisms have been used over the years. Through information sessions, open-house days, individual meetings, door-to-door programs, informative advertisements, media coverage, brochures and other means, Strateco is able to inform the public of the nature and features of the Matoush project, as well as the impact it is expected to have on the environment, health and safety. They also provide the public with the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns.

Strateco's communication initiatives are an indication of the importance it assigns to openness, transparency and social acceptance.

### Links

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency  
<http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/>

Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission  
<http://www.cnsccsn.gc.ca/>

Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs du Québec  
<http://www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/>

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