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FORMER NADF PRESIDENT/CEO ELECTED NAN GRAND CHIEF

Thunder Bay, ON: Harvey Yesno, former President/CEO of Nishnawbe Aski Development Fund (“NADF”) has successfully won his bid for Grand Chief of Nishnawbe Aski Nation (“NAN”).

On Wednesday, August 15, 2012, NAN Chiefs and proxies cast their ballots at the XXXI Keewaywin Chiefs Conference in Kashechewan First Nation and elected Harvey Yesno of Eabametoong First Nation as their Grand Chief.

Prior to taking a one-year leave of absence in August 2011, Harvey served as NADF’s President/CEO. In this capacity Harvey’s primary objectives were to create a sustainable business and economic environment for the betterment of all First Nation’s people in northern Ontario – the same objectives that will guide him in his new role as NAN Grand Chief.

NADF’s Board of Directors congratulates Harvey on his successful campaign for Grand Chief and acknowledges his hard work and dedication over his 17 year career with NADF. NADF looks forward to working with Harvey in his new capacity to carry on the work he started - to create a sustainable business and economic environment for the Nishnawbe Aski Nation people.

Congratulations are extended to Deputy Grand Chiefs Alvin Fiddler (Muskrat Dam), Goyce Kakegamic (Keewaywin) and Les Louttit (Fort Albany) who also join Harvey on the NAN Executive Council.

Harvey replaces former Grand Chief Stan Beardy who stepped down in June 2012 after being elected as Ontario’s Regional Chief.

Incorporated in 1985, Nishnawbe Aski Development (“NADF”) is an Aboriginal-owned financial organization dedicated to supporting northern Ontario’s growing Aboriginal business community by providing access to financing, business support, and resource advisory services.