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THE RIVERS AND LAKES FOUNDATION OF CANADA JOINS FORCES
WITH TQM PIPELINE
TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Magog Township, October 6, 2000 — Confident that it is entirely possible to reconcile economic development and protection of aquatic and riparian ecosystems, **Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline** (TQM Pipeline) concluded a partnership agreement with the **Rivers and Lakes Foundation of Canada** in 1998. This partnership enables the Foundation to pursue its objectives of protecting and restoring lakes and watercourses.

The Foundation is proud to present concrete results of this collaboration, particularly in regard to work done in the Memphremagog MRC along the Castlebrook. This presentation will take place at the Voyer site, located at 2383 Pascal (corner of Voyer Road), in the presence of Mr. Jean Charest, Leader of the Official Opposition and Member of National Assembly for Sherbrooke, of the mayors of Magog and Orford Townships and of representatives of the Foundation and TQM Pipeline.

The Castlebrook is a tributary of Lake Memphremagog. Originating in the Mount Orford massif, at an altitude of nearly 700 metres, it is about 9 km long. As part of a vast restoration program, the shores of the Castlebrook were the subject of stabilization and renaturalization work. This work realized by the Rivers and Lakes Foundation of Canada, consisted in re-shaping the banks of the stream, stabilizing them with rocks, cleaning the stream and seeding the banks. Some more specific work also had to be done : building a sediment trap capable of reducing the silting up

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of Lake Memphremagog and constructing two ledges above the Belanger dam so as to assist wildlife.

Work of this magnitude could not have been accomplished without the support of our partners, thanks to whom the Rivers and Lakes Foundation has been able to perform biostabilization work of exceptional quality : the Canton de Magog, the Canton d'Orford, ÉcoAction 2000 (Environment Canada), the Association pour la protection et l'aménagement du ruisseau Castle (APARC), Memphremagog Conservation inc. (MCI), the Association des propriétaires de Southière-sur-le-lac, Fondation EJLB, Power Corporation of Canada and TQM Pipeline.

The Foundation intends to continue its efforts to protect lakes and rivers in the Eastern Townships, the Montérégie and in all other locations where its expertise may prove useful.

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