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Nisga'a Growth Corporation

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Nisga'a Growth Corporation Appoints Arthur Mercer as Inaugural CEO

Chris McNeil Jr., Board Chairperson of the Nisga'a Growth Corporation (NGC) Board of Directors, is pleased to announce that after an extensive search for an inaugural CEO for the NGC, the board has unanimously selected Arthur Mercer (*Simoogit Galga*) as CEO. Mr. Mercer will begin his term as CEO on May 15, 2023.

"I am pleased that the NGC is moving forward with both the speed and the thorough and careful steps necessary to achieve the unrealized economic potential of the Nation, as identified in the WSN Economic Strategic Prosperity Plan."

- Madame President Eva Clayton, Nisga'a Lisims Government

"Mr. Mercer exemplifies the skills and experience needed to move the NGC through the startup phase of growth and development as a new corporate entity to guide with experience, relationships, and cultural knowledge and respect."

- Chris McNeil Jr., Nisga'a Growth Corporation Board Chairperson

In this highly competitive market for talented and experienced employees, the NGC Board worked with recruitment firm Leaders International to cast a wide net across Canada for potential candidates for the role. The NGC received applications from very highly skilled individuals with experience working for Indigenous Nations or their economic enterprises. The recruitment process was thorough, professional, and objective, and the resulting successful candidate is the result of a process that brought together highly talented individuals to compete for the CEO role.

"I am excited and look forward to using my many years of experience to this new role, including developing ways of building relationships between industry, Nisga'a small businesses and entrepreneurs and Nisga'a village economic development Corporations to assist in procuring opportunities for economic well-being for Nisga'a."

- Arthur Mercer, Nisga'a Growth Corporation CEO

About Nisga'a Growth Corporation

The Nisga'a Growth Corporation is an economic entity wholly owned by the Nisga'a Nation. The NGC's mandate is to seek and develop economic opportunities for the prosperity and economic well-being of the Nisga'a Nation and all Nisga'a citizens, while separating business and the politics of governance. Its operational priorities and focus are guided by the WSN Economic Prosperity Strategic Plan.

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