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Greater Sudbury Chamber calls on all Federal party leaders to focus on economy

Local MPs also asked to consider consequences of ignoring current pressures on the local economy

(Greater Sudbury, December 4, 2008) The Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce has sent a letter outlining its desire for a stable government and a more co-operative parliament working to overcome the economic challenges facing the community and country.

In the letter, Liberal leader Stéphane Dion, New Democratic Party leader Jack Layton, Conservative leader Stephen Harper, Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Duceppe and local MPs Claude Gravelle and Glenn Thibeault are asked to abandon their partisan agendas and immediately commit to the principles recently issued by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce that identify immediate steps to address the economic crisis.

The current economic crisis is by far the most serious in over half a century. Economists from the major Canadian banks readily acknowledge that Canada will experience a recession in the New Year which will directly threaten the progress and achievements Canadian businesses made over the last decade.

"Now is not the time for political theatre," said Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, Debbi Nicholson. "Today's announcement from Vale Inco is yet another example of how our members are experiencing the impact the economic contraction has had and need to know that the federal government is committed to the fundamentals of business, which include access to credit and open and free markets."

Last month, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development recommended that fiscal policy stimulus over and above those already in place have an important role to play in normalizing the economy and securing the markets.

"We will continue to lobby our local representatives in order to ensure our members are able to work, prosper and contribute to the overall progress of the community," concluded Nicholson.

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