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EDUCATION

September to present	Masters Eco-advice program, short version Québec University in Chicoutimi
1979 to 1983	Bachelor's degree in forestry engineering, forestry operations option Laval University
1977 to 1979	DCS in pure and applied sciences Cégep d'Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Rouyn-Noranda
1976 to 1977	DCS in forestry technique (first year) Cégep d'Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Rouyn-Noranda

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2006 to present **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**
Foresterie Kekeko Inc.

A consulting enterprise of second and third wood processing project development, including improvement projects aiming at validating the forest biomass and bio-energy. Foresterie KeKeKo inc. also offers management consulting and business valuation. It also offers various services related to development, sale and acquisition of wood fiber (round woods, woodchips, sawdust, shavings, etc.). Finally, with the growing importance of environmental issues related primarily to greenhouse gases, Foresteries KeKeKo Inc. will soon be able to offer a service in eco-advisory to forestry enterprises.

The main jobs realized, not including those realized for Lignico Développement Inc. are:

- Supporting a promoter who has developed a forest inventory system using satellite imaging.
- Conducting evaluations of the intangible value related in supplying the wood in the transformation industry.
- Analysis of the available supplies for the implementation of a particle-board factory in Kazakhstan.
- Supporting promoters aiming to establish and integrate a system validating the development of forest biomass in Quebec and Ontario.
- Exhausted research on the diverse possibility to use the forest biomass.
- Responsible for the development of an educational and promotional DVD on biomass development.
- At the request of the principal creditors, the supervision of the preparation and the implementation of a plan to relaunch a forest company facing financial difficulties.
- Qualification and quantification availability of the larch from both private and public forests, including the CvAF (Forest Management Convention) in Quebec.
- Supporting Algonquian communities in the development of business opportunities in Témiscamingue.
- Investigating the possibilities aiming to acquire, the transport by land and sea of fibers from Newfoundland to Quebec.
- Targeting, quantification, qualification and production of fiber from the recovery of trees destroyed by fire to supply a particle-board factory.

2002 to 2006

Shareholder and President-General director
Scierie Bionor Inc.

A factory producing second and third transformation of wood situated in the district of Granada in Rouyn-Noranda. Based on the use of the vacuum drying technique, this enterprise makes finishing products (floorboards, mouldings, stairs, wood for patio, etc.) from larch, poplar and other northern tree species.

January 2001

Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Foresterie Kekeko Inc

2000 to 2001

Chief Executive Officer
Lignico Développement

This enterprise, on top of making a reality the mandates of consultation in diverse forest engineering domains, developed projects of second and third wood industry transformation.

The main mandates realized within the frame of his functions were:

- The launching of Lignico Développement, including its organization design its financing and setting it up for marketing.
- The participation as an expert witness in a cause of arbitration in a dispute setting off two beneficiaries of common area.
- **The realization of the steps aiming to implement a factory making laminate flooring.**
- Supporting a promoter for the marketing of a new satellite imaging technology adapted to the needs of the forest industry.
- **The realization of an opportunity study to validate the sales potential of the vacuum dryer's technology developed by a promoter in Abitibi-Témiscamingue.**
- **Counter-expertise on the cost of the supply connected to the implementation of an OSB factory.**
- Participation in the organization of an economic mission in Germany aiming at the transformation of second and at third wood product , in association with the 48^e Nord International.
- Support of a promoter aiming the implementation of a **plastic- wood** project.
- **The feasibility study in obtaining a CAAF (forest management agreements) for a sawmill in Outaouais.**

1999 to 2000

Forest engineer

Group CAF (Consultant Firm)

The main mandates realized were:

- Analysis of the average sawing price from various logs qualities and the potential of recovery in a sawmill for hardwood situated in the Laurentides region. This study aimed to confirm the feasibility of investments in the second and third transformation;
- Drafting of plan in forest management;
- Expert witness in an arbitration cause. The dispute consisted of the controversial cancellation of a contract of shavings supply ;
- Realization of a study on the potential offered in the area of forest biotechnology ;
- Realization of expertise on the existing technology in a sawmill complex in New-Brunswick ;
- Participation in two commercial missions in Chilli and in Brazil;
- Contribution to the study of a forest fund implementation in Parana (Brazil);
- **Conclusion of an agreement on the harvesting of Canadian hemlock in Abitibi-Témiscamingue for the manufacturing of taxol;**

- Study to implement the cost of supply for building a factory in Gaspésie;
- Consulting specialist for Roche Ltée in diverse files study on fiber supply for factory implementation projects.

1991 to 1999

Successively Forest director and Forest chief

Tembec Inc., Forest products Group

Vice-president Supplies and Forestry

Tembec Inc.

My main responsibilities resume to being:

- In the development of short and long terms supplies of round woods and shavings of the various factories from companies situated in Quebec, Ontario, Nouveau-Brunswick and France
- In the forest **analysis** required during the acquisition of new factories;
- In the representations of the enterprise facing regional and provincial governmental authorities;
- To represent the enterprise in a Forum concerning the forestry;
- To sit on the Executive committee of the forestry products Group.

1987 to 1990

In charge of the regional office

Department of Natural Resources of Quebec in Rouyn-Noranda

The following files in the forestry sector:

- Laws and regulations ;
- **Usage control** ;
- Measurement ;
- Forest road network ;
- **Management of public and private forests.**

1984 to 1987

Assistant director

Local Office of Quebec **Department of Natural Resources** in

La Sarre Abitibi-West County.

1984

Contract employee for the Quebec **Department of Natural Resources** on the strips cuts file (COCOBA).

1983

Responsible of the forest management

Silvicultural Development Company in Rouyn-Noranda

Assisting manager of the mobile forest firefighting team
Société de Conservation du Nord-Ouest (SOPFEU) located
in McWatters near Rouyn-Noranda

OTHER INFORMATION

My career allowed me to visit several large forested countries including Sweden, Finland, southwest of France (massif Aquitaine), Germany, Chilli and Brazil. I also gave several conferences in the forum for Canadian forest operations, the Canadian Institute of Forestry, the Forestry Faculty of Laval University and diverse regional interest groups on the following main subjects:

- Transportation in the domain of forestry: challenges and opportunities.
- The relations between holders and representatives in common areas: Legal and operational constraints.
- The harmonious coexistence of the forest Industry and the other users of the forest environment: reality or utopia?
- The importance of protected areas and their socio-economic impacts.
- Chilli and Brazil forest centers.
- The forestry: its future, the role of the engineer and its professional perspectives.
- Vision according to the economic section during the public debate on the attribution of wood on public lands held by the Regional Forest Committee of Abitibi-Témiscamingue.
- Valuation of the forest biomass and residues at the time of transformation: perspectives of development in the production of energy.
- Bionor Inc.: Your larch specialist

ACCOMPLISHMENT OF TRAINING

- Training connected to the drying and finishing appearance of wood product (2006).
- Course on forest evaluation offered by the OIFQ (in April 2007).
- The forests of Abitibi-Témiscamingue seen from space (in June 2007).
- Diverse colloquiums organized by the CQVB (Biotechnologies Valuation Center of Quebec) 2008.
- Diverse colloquiums organized by the Forest Association of Abitibi-Témiscamingue and FPIInnovation (2006-2007-2008).
- Participation in commercial trade fairs like SIBO to follow the tendencies in the transformation of equipment on a small-scale and the use of the finish wood product.
- Management of the greenhouse gases emission (current).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Forest Engineers Order of Quebec (83-091).

Member of the Abitibi-Témiscamingue Forest Association.

Member of the Chamber of Commerce of Rouyn-Noranda.

Member of CanBio.

Member of the (Biotechnologies Valuation Center of Quebec (CQVB).

SOCIOECONOMIC INVOLVEMENT

- Municipal Mayor of Ste-Hélène-de-Mancebourg (Abitibi-West) in 1986-87.
- Honorary president for the fund-raising campaign 1999-2000 of the Heart Disease Foundation of Quebec in the sector of West Abitibi-Témiscamingue.

- Honorary president for a fund-raising activity in 1999-2000 for the handicapped, Les Intrépides de Rouyn-Noranda
- President of the board " Wood product" initiative Chantier Défi Emploi de la MRC de Rouyn-Noranda (expired mandate).
- Administrator of the Club Défi of Rouyn-Noranda (expired mandate).
- Administrator on the board of directors of the Cegep de Rouyn-Noranda (expired mandate).
- Municipal Councillor for the new city of Rouyn-Noranda district of Granada from October 2002 until November 2005 (expired mandate).
- Administrator of the Forest Association of Abitibi-Témiscamingue (2006-2007) and First Vice-president (2007 until now).

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