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Takaya Tours First Nation Eco-Tourism Company Available to the Media

Takaya Tours Inc., the summer seasonal cultural tourism business owned by the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, will be available to the media from February 10, 2010 to February 28th, 2010

The Tsleil-Waututh Nation (TWN), (pronounced slay-wah-tuth) is a small, progressive community located along Dollarton Highway in North Vancouver, British Columbia. There are 445 members of this First Nation of which 240 live on reserve. The Tsleil-Waututh Nation has a rich and fascinating history, a vibrant current culture and promising future. As an urban First Nation, the community is actively engaged with government, local partners and its land and resources. The community, over the last 18 years, has been a national leader in First Nation economic development with a multitude of businesses and strategies to develop further economic activities.

Only 20 minutes from downtown Vancouver, Takaya Tours offers interpretive ocean-going canoe and kayak tours, including rentals, lessons and tours. Nature walks are also available. The goals of the business are to create a sustainable economic development initiative for the TWN community, educate community members and the public about First Nation culture and create youth employment opportunities. Takaya Tours is a well-known Aboriginal tourism operation in British Columbia and is admired for its positive reputation in the industry.

Last summer, the Tsleil-Waututh First Nation expanded its operations into Whey-Ah-Wichen/Cates Park in North Vancouver with the official opening of a kayak and ocean-going canoe centre. TWN Economic Development developed a co-management agreement with Deep Cove Kayak that allows for more resources to be allocated to Takaya Tours, creating the opportunity for further business success.

Takaya Tours is a market ready tourism business and a member of Aboriginal Tourism British Columbia www.aboriginalbc.com. Takaya Tours will be available to media for interviews, and will have a guide available for videos and photos. You can visit the website at www.takayatours.com

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