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### **Media Release: Kitsaki Management announces Ron Hyggen as new CEO**

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KITSAKI MANAGEMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP – Kitsaki Management Limited Partnership (“Kitsaki”) is pleased to announce Ron Hyggen as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Hyggen takes over the role of CEO effective July 4, 2022.

A member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, Hyggen joined Kitsaki as Chief Operating Officer (COO) in June 2021, after a decade as CEO of Athabasca Basin Security (ABS). He previously held roles as Director of HR & Business Planning for SIGA and gained international experience as a senior consultant for Deloitte.

“We are happy to welcome Ron to the role of CEO,” says Kitsaki president Tammy Cook-Searson. “For the past year, Ron has demonstrated leadership as COO. On behalf of Kitsaki’s board and staff, LLRIB leadership, and our community, we want to congratulate Ron.”

Hyggen holds the Professional Director Certificate from the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, certificates in Human Resources Management and Organizational Development from Queen’s University, and a Bachelor of Education with distinction from the University of Saskatchewan. Dedicated to community, Hyggen serves as member of the Board of Directors of the St. Paul’s Hospital Foundation. He, his wife, and two children are based in Saskatoon.

“Being named the CEO of Kitsaki is such an honour and something I have been working toward my whole career,” says Hyggen. “This past year as Kitsaki’s COO has been extremely valuable and I would like to thank the team for the warm welcome. I see so much opportunity for Kitsaki, a testament to all the hard work of Russell Roberts, the board of directors, and our past leaders. Over the next year, Kitsaki will complete several acquisitions that further diversify our portfolio of businesses. It’s exciting to be a part of the next chapter in an already impressive story.”

### **About Kitsaki**

Kitsaki Management Limited Partnership has managed the economic development activities of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band (LLRIB) since 1981. Dedicated to investing in long-term sustainable business that meet the appropriate profitability, risk and employment criteria, Kitsaki has built a diverse portfolio of investments that includes Northern Resource Trucking, Athabasca Catering, Kitsaki Vegetation, First Nations Insurance Services, CanNorth, and many more.

## **About LLRIB**

With a population of more than 11,000, Lac La Ronge Indian Band (LLRIB) is the largest First Nation in Saskatchewan, rich in Woodland Cree culture, language, and connection to the land. Located in north-central Saskatchewan in Treaty 6 territory, LLRIB includes six communities: Little Red River, Morin Lake (Hall Lake), La Ronge, Sucker River, Stanley Mission, and Grandmother's Bay. LLRIB is governed by an elected Chief and 12 Councillors. Chief Tammy Cook-Searson has served in her role since 2006.

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