

Little Miss Chief Gourmet Products Inc.

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Exporting: United States, Spain

Little Miss Chief Gourmet Products markets gourmet wild Pacific smoked salmon products. Products come in a retort pouch, contain no preservatives, require no refrigeration until opened, and are shelf stable for a minimum of five years. In 2001, Little Miss received a Mishtapew finalist award from the First Peoples Business Association in Montreal recognizing Aboriginal achievement, and was nominated for a Canada Export Award.

Makivik Corporation

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Exporting: Asia, Europe

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Exporting: Japan

Mahemigew Inc. specializes in shipping peat moss (2, 4, and 6 cubic foot bales) to nurseries and greenhouses. The company also has other soil conditioner mixtures, primarily derived from a mixture of peat moss and composted wood chips, fish waste and vegetable matter, available for export.

SUCCESS STORY

Makivik Corporation
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Makivik Corporation was created in 1978 with a mandate to protect the integrity of the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement while focussing on the political, social, and economic development of the Nunavik region. Owned by the Inuit of Nunavik, Makivik is headquartered in Kuujuaq, Quebec with offices in Inukjuak, Montreal, and Ottawa.

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With approximately 16 million dollars in total sales for 2000, this business is generating not only revenue for the company, but far-reaching benefits for the community. "Besides a share in the profits, our exporting activities create significant job and training opportunities," says Marc Allard of the Fisheries Division at Makivik. "At present there are some 40 Inuit fishermen from the Nunavik region who are employed in the fishery. Some have received advanced training required to act as factory bosses, fishing gear technicians and a few have become officers."