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Meeting of the Board of Directors

November 6, 2007
Sears Canada Inc. Boardroom
222 Jarvis Street
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Guest at the Board Meeting

Emmy Shiffman, Legal Counsel
Sears Canada Inc.

Main discussion of the Meeting centered on:

- Report by the Executive Director
- Remarks by the President
- Mingma Norbu Scholarships
- Report by the Medical Committee
- Financial Report
- Other Business

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Tribute to **SIR EDMUND PERCIVAL HILLARY**

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July 20, 1919 – January 11, 2008

The Board of Directors of The Sir Edmund Hillary Foundation mourns the loss of our close friend and co-founder of our Foundation. Sir Ed, a renowned explorer, adventurer, worldwide lecturer, conservationist and humanitarian will be sadly missed but never forgotten. A special tribute will be issued and mailed to our constituents across Canada and the United States.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

November 2007

The year 2007 has been full of many important changes and improvements in Canada as well as Nepal. Although there is still confusion as to the form of government to run the country, the insurrection in Nepal has ceased.

Kate Cole has resigned from the Board after serving the Foundation for 19 years. We thank her for all her input over the years. We welcome three new Board members – **Peter Hillary**, **Herbert Paterson** and **Byron Smith**. I see these new additions as strengthening our Board in our continued commitment to the Sherpa people of Nepal.

Dr. Joan Ford has resigned as **Senior Medical Officer** but we are pleased she will continue to serve on the Board. We thank Dr. Ford for her many years of contribution in the medical area. **Dr. Bob Zimmerman** has been appointed to the position of **Senior Medical Officer**.

The scholarships we have in place continue to add to the depth of our **Mingma Norbu Scholarship Program**. **Dr. Mingmar Chirring Sherpa** finalized his internship and has been practicing at a small hospital in Nepal awaiting a call from **Dr. Kami Temba Sherpa** to help service the **Kunde Hospital**. **Dr. Tshering Wangdi Sherpa** graduated from medical school and is interning at **Kathmandu Hospital**. **Lisa Rai** is in her fourth year in medical school in China. **Mingma Tsering** is going into his third year at **Kathmandu University Medical School**. We continue to see the incredible value

to the Sherpa people in offering these scholarships. We are very pleased that we can help encourage the recipients to work in Nepal and whenever possible the Solu Khumbu.

I am planning to visit Nepal in May 2008, and at that time, I hope to meet with the many Sherpa people who are running our initiatives to make sure we align our mandates and objectives. **The Literacy Committee** has reviewed the Program proposed by **Nima McElhinney**, a Board member, to appoint someone in Nepal interested in assisting us to run this Program. We have approved this proposal. Several Board members will set up a meeting so that we can implement the **Literacy Program** for 2008.

During my first SEHF board meeting in June 2007, I spoke about the subject of sustainability. We agreed to establish a **Green Committee** to work alongside the existing **Pollution Control Committee** in Nepal, with the idea we may be able to increase our focus in this important area. I have been working to see if we can get the **Sagarmatha Reforestation Project** approved under the carbon credit protocol in order to sell the benefit of the work as carbon credit donations to the Foundation. This would help to reinforce the suggested mandate: **"To continue the focus of the environmental work in the Solu Khumbu region including the Sagarmatha National Park."**

Karen O'Connor

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Everest summiteers with (left) Zeke O'Connor, Founder-Executive Director



(left to right) Wendy McLelland, Ron and Francesca Stephan



(left to right) Danaru Sherpa, Apa Sherpa, Mingma Sherpa, award winning Mount Everest summiteers



(left to right) Bob Sartor, C.E.O., The Forzani Group; Everest summiteers Apa Sherpa, Byron Smith and Ed Biestur

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Peter Hillary presented Awards to Sharon Wood, first North American woman to summit Mount Everest and Jim Elzinga (centre) leader of the 1986 successful expedition



Sears Canada Inc. table hosted by Dene Rogers, President and C.E.O. (standing right)



Ashley, Dinner Chairman and Director and Daphne Whicher, (standing left) with friends of the Foundation



Directors and friends of the Foundation



Table hosted by Peter Hillary and Sharon Wood

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1973-2007

DOCTORS	Dr. Kami Temba Sherpa, Chief of Medicine, Kunde Hospital Mingma Temba Sherpa, Chief Paramedic and Chief Financial Officer, Kunde Hospital Nepali Medical Doctor Assisting Dr. Kami	
MINGA NORBU SHERPA MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS	2005 Dr. Mingmar Chirring Sherpa 2007 Dr. Tshering Wangdi Sherpa Dr. Kami Temba Sherpa, University of Fiji Medical School 1 Student at Kathmandu University Medical School 1 Student at Medical School in China 1 Community Medical Assistant	
HOSPITAL STAFF	Sherpa Hospital Assistants Village Health Workers in each Medical Clinic	
HOSPITAL	Kunde Hospital – Fully funded from 1976 Kunde Hospital Children’s Wing – 1981	<i>Renovated Addition</i>
13 VILLAGE MEDICAL CLINICS	Khumjung Thami – 2 Chaurikarka Gumila Jumbesi Kharikola Solu Khumbu Villages	
16 SCHOOLS (Khumbu area)	Balanje School Beni School Chaurikarka - 2 Gumila School Gypsoa School Kharikola School - 2 Khumjung High School – Middle School - Adult Education Building and Teacher’s Hostel Manedingma School Namche Bazaar Phorste School Tengboche School Thami School - 2 Thamo School <i>Rex Hillary was head builder of all building projects</i>	<i>Repairs Addition Expansion Repairs Addition Built Addition Rebuilt Extension Built Built Built Built</i>
EDUCATION	Community-Based Health Education Public Health Education	
LITERACY	Adult Women’s Program	
FORESTRY	Sagarmatha Forestry Project 1979 – 2007	<i>Planted over two million seedlings</i>
SCHOLARSHIP	The late Mingma Norbu Sherpa – Masters Degree in National Resources Management, University of Manitoba	
MONASTERY	Tengboche – Thami	<i>Rebuilt</i>
TEMPLE	Taksindu Gompa	<i>Rebuilt</i>
BRIDGE	Phakding	<i>Rebuilt</i>
WATER SYSTEM	Solu Khumbu area	

VOLUNTEER CANADIAN DOCTORS 1980 – 2008 (Canadian funding started in 1976)

Dr. Karishma Mehta and Dr. Jasminder Soin	Dr. Laara Banner and Dr. Jean Rawling
Dr. Katie Morgenstern and Dr. Simon Pulfrey	Dr. Heather Cuthbert and Dr. Rod Leighton
Dr. Sally MacDonald and Dr. Bob Zimmerman	Dr. Catherine Hagan and Dr. Ian Schokking
Dr. Bruce Kokernot and Dr. Wendy Gilchrist	Dr. Penny Dawson and Dr. Jamie Ulrig
Dr. Joan Ford (Locum), Senior Medical Advisor	Dr. Jim Heslin, past Medical Advisor