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## MCK announces business study

## For immediate release

(19, Kentenhkó:wa/November 19, 2004) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawá:ke (MCK) has announced a pre-feasibility study on the subject of whether or not it is feasible for Kahnawake to pursue the concept of non-Native companies establishing partnerships and/or businesses within the Territory.

The *Open for Business Pre-Feasibility Project* is an MCK initiative aimed at identifying the political and business environment that could possibly encourage non-Kahnawá:ke investment. This would be done in the interest of increasing sustainable economic/business activities within the Territory.

Tewatohnhi'saktha has been contracted to conduct the research work, which has begun in September 2004.

"At this point, we need to make it clear that we are in the earliest stages of the exploratory phase," stated Grand Chief Michael Ahríhron Delisle, Jr. "We (the MCK) have an obligation to continue to work towards making Kahnawá:ke as self-reliant as possible. We need to find out if there is potential to create a business environment that could help meet the collective needs of the community."

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