

## Denis Hamel

Mr. Denis Hamel graduated from Ottawa University with an Honours B.A. in Economics in 1980, and a M.A. from Laval University, in Quebec City, in Regional and Urban Development in 1984.

Mr. Hamel worked for the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNRQ) and was responsible for the asbestos dossier from 1985 to 1994. While at the MNRQ, he participated in the discussions for the adoption of the ILO Convention 162 on Safe Use of Asbestos at the provincial level, and in the preparation of Quebec's submission to the US Court of Appeals overturning EPA's proposed rule to phase-out and ban asbestos. From 1994 to 96, he was senior Economic Advisor for the Canadian Federal and Provincial relations at the Secretariat of Intergovernmental Relations for Quebec.

He joined the Chrysotile Institute in 1996 and was named Director in January 1998. He conducted several missions to various countries to promote the safe use principle among industries, governments and trade unions, supporting efforts to adopt and enforce regulations based on the principles of the International Labour Organization Convention 162. He returned to the Quebec government in December 2003 as adviser to the Minister of Natural Resources for the implementation of the governmental policy to increase the use of chrysotile.

In March 2005, Mr. Hamel was appointed Director of Government relations at HEC Montréal, Canada's first management school, founded in 1907, and rated in 2004 as one of the top 100 in the world by the *Wall Street Journal*. He continues to work closely with the Chrysotile Institute as technical and policy adviser.

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