



Joint news release



Governments to review Workers Compensation Board

IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 15, 2001) – Ministers Responsible for the Workers' Compensation Board in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, Joe Handley and Kelvin Ng, announce a review of the *Workers' Compensation Act* and the *Safety Act* will begin this month.

“Both *Acts* are fairly dated and we have heard from WCB stakeholders, the public and Legislative Assembly Standing Committees the need to go forward with this review,” Minister Ng said.

Ms. Louise Vertes will chair a review panel appointed with members recommended by both employer and labour organizations.

“I am extremely pleased that Ms. Vertes has agreed to take on this position,” Minister Handley said. “With her past experience with the Workers' Compensation Board and heading up other projects of this magnitude, I am confident with this panel's ability to provide sound recommendations on all issues presented by stakeholder groups.”

Other members of the Panel appointed to date by the Ministers include Mr. Steve Peterson, Mr. Alex Stuit, Ms. Shona Barkley, Mr. Dan Halldorson, and Mr. Don Yamkowy.

The Panel will begin scheduling public consultations later this month. The Panel's Report will be completed by December, 2001.

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