



## News release

### **Government of Nunavut signs Eastern Arctic Sealift contract with N3 Alliance**

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 4, 2001)** - Public Works and Services Minister Manito Thompson participated in a ceremony this afternoon to mark the signing of the contract between the Government and the N3 Alliance.

For more than 30 years the Canadian Coast Guard held responsibility for administration of the Eastern Arctic Sealift. Following the creation of Nunavut, consultations began to devolve that responsibility to the Government. The N3 Alliance now has the contract to administer the Eastern Arctic Sealift on behalf of the Government of Nunavut.

“Overall, compared to previous government sealifts, costs have been reduced and opportunities for the protection of cargo have improved,” Minister Thompson said. “The new contract will also increase the involvement of the Arctic Co-ops, as they will act as the sealift agent in the communities.”

The contract includes marshalling and packaging at the docks in Montreal, marine transportation, local cartage from the high water mark and administration of the sealift in the communities. Under the contract, all government departments will use the services provided by the N3 Alliance. Individual citizens and suppliers may also access the services and rates established under the contract.

The N3 Alliance is comprised of Northern Transportation Company Limited (NTCL), NorTran Incorporated, and Nunavut Sealink and Supply Incorporated (NSSI). NSSI is a partnership of Transport Desgagnes Incorporated/Desgagnes Transarctik Incorporated and Arctic Co-operatives Limited (ACL).

For more information about sealift rates and services or to book cargo, calls may be directed to N3 Alliance at 1-866-SEALIFT.

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